

Kennebunk Dog Park Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday May 7, 2008, 6pm, Boston House at AWS

Present: Debbie Kerr-Chair, Gail Crowell, Sue Flynn, Carol Bowes, Barbara and Sam Clark, Randee Perkins, Carol Santora, Bob and Lynne Norton

Guests: Astrid and Beth from MAT (Mobile Adoption Team)

I. Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Debbie at 6:05pm.

II. Letter of complaint:

Debbie read a letter of complaint received from a dog park user which alleged that another dog had attacked her dog. She further noted that this dog is a regular user of the park and has frequently exhibited aggressive behavior toward other dogs and their owners.

A number of suggestions were entertained but members agreed to request Steve's recommendation regarding this issue.

Postscript: Steve has recommended that the letter of complaint be forwarded to Matt Harrington, Kennebunk ACO, as aggressive animals are addressed by Maine animal welfare law and it is appropriate that this be handled through that route.

III. Park condition/concerns:

The park continues to be well used and the new wood chips have enhanced the environment. Sue's landscaping and flowers look wonderful too.

IV. Upcomg events:

May 18th at 1pm: **Dog park clean up.** Sam volunteered to take photos for inclusion on our website.

June 8th at 12noon: **Dedication of small dog park:** Ron Pelletier will be invited. Ann Frank was not in attendance to give the committee a further report.

June 15th: Deadline for **photo submission for 2009 calendar.** Randee submitted a press release to our local papers, which was published. Mary Pulieo of the AWS Development office has received some submissions. All members were encouraged to publicize the calendar with request that interested persons submit a hard copy of a digital photo with a \$5 entry fee to Mary Pulieo at AWS.

August 23rd 10am til 12 noon: **2nd Annual Best dog-gone Dog Show.** Astrid and Beth described the Doggie Olympics activities which could be offered. A subcommittee chaired by Debbie was formed to include Carol Bowes, Sam or Barbara Clark, Sue Flynn, MAT members Astrid and Beth with Carol Santora in charge of press releases. Judges for the dog show will be the same as last year: Barbara Clark, Dave Santora and Bob Norton.

Debbie will call a meeting of the subcommittee.

NOTE: It was suggested and agreed that the dog park be closed for its usual use during the dog show and that this be publicized in advance.

V. Updates:

Suggestion box: No submissions

T-shirts and stickers: These are being sold again at Reigning Cats and Dogs. Since we are nearly out of our yellow T-shirts, more will be ordered. The color selected for this years's shirts was called Texas Orange and looks like a deep maroon.

Sue's sewn goods: Sue is hard at work creating new sewn treats for people and their 4 legged kids.

Paving with saleable pavers of front entrance to park: deferred pending Steve

VI. Financial Report:

Our current balance is \$3464.11 with \$49 received in donations since our last meeting. We have received no suggestions on prioritization of next dog park project, which include:

- Paving the parking lot
- Piping in water
- Enlarging the park
- Gazebo
- Creation of a walking trail inside the perimeter of the park

VII. Other business:

Debbie reported that Brenda Robinson's dog, Sadie, had died suddenly. A sympathy card was signed by all present to send to Brenda.

Kennebunk has a new Animal Control Officer whose name is Matt Harrington. Although none of our members have met him, Lynne has added him to our email group and will send him a note of welcome and invitation to join our group.

VIII. Adjournment and Next meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm and our next meeting was scheduled for June 18th (Wednesday) at 6pm at the Boston House at AWS.

NOTE: Save the dates attached.

Recorded by: Lynne Norton

Save the dates

ALL ARE WELCOME

May 18th, 2008 (Sunday) 1pm: Dog Park Clean up

June 8th, 2008 (Sunday) 12noon: Small dog park dedication to Bandit

June 15th: DEADLINE for submission of dog photo to be included in 2009 Doggie calendar; please submit hard copy of digital photo with a \$5 entry fee to:

***Mary Pulieo
AWS Development Office
PO Box 43, Holland Road
West Kennebunk ME 04094***

June 18th, 2008 (Wednesday) 6pm: Dog Park meeting, Boston House, AWS

August 23rd (Saturday) 10am til 12 noon: 2nd Annual Best Dog-Gone Dog Fair including Dog Olympics

NOTE: The Dog Park will be closed during the two hours of this special event