

Fido's Friends Annual Membership Meeting

When: Thursday, 1-19-23

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Location: Catalina Vista

Board members present: Mary Murck, Allan Keller, Bertha Medina and Marion Olson

Number of members in attendance: 37

Mary opened the meeting at 1:05pm by welcoming new members and others attending that might want to join the dog club. A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of our last meeting. Mary introduced current board members in attendance, Allan (VP), Bertha (co-secretary), and Marion (Membership/Treasure).

Mary recognized and Allan thanked Ron & Elaine Brown and Cheyenne for their generous donation of a shade structure.

No further Old Business

New Business

Treasurer and Membership Report:

	Income	Expense	Funds Available
1/1/2022 Beginning Balance			7,821
2022 Membership Fees	670		
2023 Membership Fees	390		
Donations/Fundraising	559	(120)	
Give aways		(513)	Car Magnets
Shade Structure	2,846	(4,846)	Note: 2k donation in 2021
Other Park Improvements		(369)	Lockbox, chairs and parking lot
Park Maintenance		(409)	Primarily vandalism repair
Total	4,465	(6,257)	
12/31/2022 Ending Balance			6,029
<i>Year over Year Change</i>			<i>1,792</i> Note: 2k donation in 2021

Marion reported the audit on the club's books for 2022 was completed and everything was good.

Marion informed the members there was confusion on the dog park application form for the club regarding the dates for the necessary shots required, which clarified. (Dates should state when the next vaccination is due.) Marion advised the members she will have available in her front porch a container with a lid for anyone that wants to deliver their dues and/or application. She also advised the code to the dog park gates would be changed on February 1, 2023, dues must be paid for 2023 to obtain the entry code.

Nominating committee member, Meg Taylor, submitted the following names for the board positions on behalf of the committee. Kris Sigford, Vice President, Margaret Taylor, Secretary, and Reed Goldsmith, Treasurer. There were no other nominees from the floor. The election for new board members will be on 4/1/2023. These three will begin their term April 1. The nominations committee was recognized and thanked - Karen Roche, Harriet Diss, and Meg Taylor.

Mary explained the program - group discussions for the meeting. The members would break up into groups of 5-6 people. The groups would introduce themselves and their dogs followed by discussion on ideas/suggestions for improvements to the dog park and the club. This exercise was to get members involved in what the club should consider in the future. The following is a list of the ideas submitted.

1. Animal First Aid Kits
2. Ask the Views to allow dogs
3. More Valley Fever info on the Web site
4. Snake/Sonoran (Colorado River) Toad aversion training
5. Agility Equipment (Bill Bable volunteered to help with this)
6. Training for barking dogs and other training
7. Dog calendar (Liz Mattingly volunteered to help with this)
8. There was a question if the chairs should be moved around in the large dog park to allow more space for ball throwing
9. Email list with owner's name, dog's name and email address so if you need a dog sitter, for example, you can contact someone. (Debbie Gretzky volunteered to help with this)
10. Parking at the dog park was identified as a problem
11. Lack of Emergency Vet services resources
12. Javalina, bob cat, mountain lion and coyote awareness
13. The left over poop problem in the parks
14. Socializing with other dog owners

After the group exercise, Allan updated the dog park parking situation. He is currently working on having metal strips installed in the ground. There will be approximately 12 golf cart spaces, 8-10 car spaces and 1 handicap space. He will be following up with another update next month.

He also advised the gate code would be changed on 2/1/23.

Mary reminded members owners need to take responsibility for their barking dogs at the park entryway and when dog play gets too aggressive. It was suggested a bark collar for training using the vibration mode can be effective. Members were reminded of the club rule that while using the dog park, they must be aware and responsible for dog behaviors. That means, if their dog rushes the gate barking they need to go control their dog so as not to threaten new or shyer dogs. It was also pointed out people walking by with their dogs might be less interested in joining the club if the dogs are barking at them. Although that may be more difficult to control.

Mary thanked all members for attending the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm

Respectfully submitted by Bertha Medina, Co-Secretary