

Off-Leash Dog Area Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

Place Minnow Lake Place
Community Meeting Room
1127 Bancroft Drive, Sudbury
October 19, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Present: Pierre Perreault (Chair), Carmen Birtwistle, Peter Seto, Samantha Hunter, Anne McBain & Tamara Warriner

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at: 7:05 pm.

AGENDA

1. Update - G8/G20 fencing & Ceasar Milan
2. Survey for all of Greater Sudbury
3. Marketing Material
4. Vet Campaign/Awareness
5. Municipal Elections & candidates positions
6. Committee Roles & Responsibilities

Carried

Information was presented by Louise Antonioni on behalf of Fur-Bearer Defenders. This is a Canadian non-profit wildlife society, working passionately to stop trapping cruelty and more recently a strong voice in the growing movement to ban dog and cat fur in Canada. There are currently no laws to stop the import or sale of dog or cat fur in Canada, it can be sold legally without any identifying label and can easily be mistaken for fake fur. For further information go to www.DogCatFur.com or speak with Louise at 920-7805.

1. Update on G8/G20 fencing & Ceasar Milan

Several calls & messages were made & left regarding the probability of acquiring some of the used fencing from the G8/G20 conferences, with no response.

Attempts to make contact with and get information on the Ceasar Milan tour through North America have not been returned.

2. Survey for all of Greater Sudbury

The Committee discussed the feasibility of posting a small revised survey on our website that would be open to all residents of Greater Sudbury. This would be a way to raise awareness for the cause, would provide information & statistics from the other wards, identify potential new members, as well as donors. A link would be posted on our website and a news release would alert interested residents. If needed, this information could be used for the presentation to Council.

Generally those in attendance agreed that we should proceed with this.

3. Marketing Material

The Chair presented/provided to the members business cards which provide basic contact information for the D.O.G.S. Committee, to be given out as needed.

In addition it was discussed that a 2 sided rack card should be developed and printed in order to be used as promotional material at events and placed at various supportive businesses. A draft card will be developed and presented to the Committee for input and approval – initial inquiries indicate costs at approximately \$180.00 for 750 cards.

4. Vet Campaign/Awareness

The Chair is attempting to contact the President of the local chapter of the Veterinary Association, as it would be beneficial to have their support.

5. Municipal Elections & candidates positions

Approximately 10 days ago a letter was sent to all candidates on behalf of the D.O.G.S. Committee, asking for their thoughts, comments and support in our project. At this point not all have responded, and a few did not have published email addresses. Of those who have responded, the majority indicate they are in favour of the project but that budget constraints may be an issue.

6. Committee Roles & Responsibilities

The Chair shared a detailed Committee Structure and Roles document, in order to address questions and clarify the roles of the individual committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 8:00 p.m. and our next meeting is Nov. 10.

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