

Friends of the Dog Parks Lincoln, NE



Annual Public Meeting – Minutes  
8<sup>th</sup>, March 2016 at 6:30 p.m.  
Jordan Brasch Law Office

The meeting was **called to order** by President Jordan Brasch at 6:30 p.m.

**In Attendance: (6)**

Brasch, J  
Brambila, K  
Hansen, K  
Hansen, L  
Wensel, M  
Witte, C

**Absent (0)**

**Approval of the Minutes**

*\*\*If any corrections/addendums to the previous minutes; it was agreed to email Kelly & CC the rest of the board to have the minutes updated for the record. \*\**

**Election of the 2016 Board of Directors:**

Clay Witte – **President**  
Lyle Hansen – **Vice President**  
Kelly Hansen – **Secretary**  
Mike Wensel – **Treasurer**

**Vote to add new Board Member:**

Ashton Engel, Jill Engel and Leon Kilmer were voted to the board.

**Ashton and Jill Engel** – Both Expressed that they were interested in becoming board members. They have 2 German short haired pointers from same litter as Clays. He works at Verizon and Jill works at Metabolic Research. They are both constantly at both dog parks with their dogs. They got the opportunity to help build the fence with Clay at Oak Creek. They both bring high value and asset of social networking to the group as well as being very hands on.

**Leon** – Expressed that he was interested in becoming a members. He is currently working on a business model to create an indoor dog park. He would like to help out as much as possible with his knowledge of dog parks, his influence on the community, his hand ons experience with working with the city council.

**The current seats are the following:**

**Seat 1** expires 2017 – Jordan Brasch  
**Seat 2** expires 2017 - Mike Wensel  
**Seat 3** expires 2017 – Clay Witte  
**Seat 4** expires 2018 – Kelly Hansen  
**Seat 5** expires 2018 – Lyle Hansen

**Seat 6** expires 2018 – Kris Brambila  
**Seat 7** expires 2019 – Ashton Engel  
**Seat 8** expires 2019 – Jill Engel  
**Seat 9** expires 2018 – Leon Kilmer

### **President's Report (Brasch)**

Master Plan with Parks & Rec and Lincoln Parks Foundation is moving smoothly. With the response received on the surveys, meetings with Jordan and the Parks advisory meetings have been successful. The Parks Advisory Board approved to move forward with the Master Plan. Jordan is very happy with what the board has accomplished over the last year. He stated he feels very fortunate and happy with how the group has continued to grow. Excited to see the turnout of people coming to the meeting and how many people have joined as members to help the organization grow.

### **Vice President's Report (Hansen, L)**

Nothing to report at this time

### **Treasurer's Report (Wensel)**

Mike gave a brief review of the financials. Advised that if anyone is interested he would email the report to them if they requested for it. Send an email request to [LNKdpmike@gmail.com](mailto:LNKdpmike@gmail.com). He also advised of the radio spot the group has purchased to promote Friends of the Dog Parks on KZUM.

### **Secretary's Report (Hansen)**

Advised that there was a total of 51 members since January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Kelly motioned to have a PO Box put in place for all of the new flow of incoming mail. Lyle 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all of the board was in agreement.

### **Reports from Ambassadors:**

**Clay (Oak Creek)** – Clay advised on how successful the “I Love My Dog Expo” turned out. Clay was also going to send an email to Eagle Services regarding the cost for a porta potty for Oak Creek for 2016. Clay brought up Paws & Pals 4H Club as a group to provide fundraising support to the group. Jordan motioned to approve them to provide fundraising events for the group, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all board members were in agreement.

**Lyle (Rickman's)** – Nothing to report at this time

**Social Media Director (Brambila)** – Nothing to report at this time

**Ashton** – Expressed that he was interested in becoming a member and if not more. He has 2 German short haired pointers from same litter as Clays. He works at Verizon and is constantly at both dog parks with his dogs. He got the opportunity to help build the fence with Clay at Oak Creek. He brings a high value and asset of social networking to the group as well as being very hands on.

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## **Open floor Questions or Comments:**

### **Michelle K -**

1. Have we done any publicizing of the work P&R is currently doing at Rickman's?
  - a. Kelly advised it is on our website, Facebook, press release email went out to the FOTDP database and P&R have signs hanging both gates at the park.

### **Stephanie W-**

1. Paws & Pals 4H Dog Club is the only pet club in the city, county and state.
2. They teach their 4-H'ers about dogs, their fitness and nutrition, grooming, and training. Club members have also worked hard to give back to the community.
3. Looking to donate volunteer time and dog treats to help raise funds for FOTDP. Would like to put tents at the current dog runs to sell treats.

### **Andie R –**

1. Nature's Variety has program called a "Purpose Day" where all facilities shut down and all 200 employees go to the organized work day planned for them. This year we will have our Purpose Day Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>. She is offering a majority of the employees to help with the cleanup day at Rickman's.

### **Future Calendar Projects:**

1. **Cleanup Days**
  - a. **April 16<sup>th</sup> at Oak Creek (Rain date set for April 23<sup>rd</sup>)**
    - i. Clay volunteered to run event
  - b. **May 6<sup>th</sup> at Rickman's Run with Nature's Variety (Rain date set for May 14<sup>th</sup>)**
    - i. Lyle and Kelly volunteer to run event
2. **May 21<sup>st</sup> Tails and Trails with Capital Humane Society**
3. **May 26<sup>th</sup> Give to Lincoln Day**
4. **June 11<sup>th</sup> Wine and Howl Expo**
5. **August Garage Sale**

## **Action Items**

### **Kelly –**

1. Send out a Thank you letter to Stephens & Smith Construction Company to commend them on a job well done at Rickman's Run.
2. Get a PO Box for the Friends of the Dog Group at the downtown location.
3. Research the Tails & Trails Expo as a Vendor
4. Get contact info for person at P&R to find out about fundraising events at the dog runs.

### **Jordan and Clay –**

1. Will work together in contacting P&R and advise them of the change in Presidency.

### **Mike and Clay –**

1. Will work together on getting Clay added as a signer on the bank account.

**Adjournment** at 8:00 p.m.

**Next FOTDP Board meeting** TBD, **Next Public Meeting** April 12<sup>th</sup> at Bess Walt Library

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Hansen, Secretary  
Board Member*