

Dog Park Executive Board Meeting
April 3, 2017
7:00-8:00pm
Town of Hartford Building

Attendees

Scott Hausler, Town of Hartford Parks & Rec, in lieu of Tad Nunez. Shausler@hartford-TV.org
Gaylord Newcity, President
Erin Beattie, Vice President
Addi Faerber, Membership & Pidi Sniffenwoofer, dog representative
Jerry Pendleton, Operations
Wendy Smith, & Auri, dog representative

Notes

Membership - Here's the status of our membership and donations as of March 23, 2017.

- We have 14 members: 5 are new, 9 are renewals. In March, we had 3 member sign ups using the new online form (myself included...) I sent Thank You letters to these new members and added their emails to our email list.

- We received a donation of \$350 for the pet photo fundraiser back in December from West Lebanon Feed and Supply. It was sent directly to the Town offices and deposited.

- People are starting to use the new online membership form.

Addi will link from the website into the new page after a few more people have used it.

Addi will generate a walk through video on how to register. Share with Town of Hartford and post to website.

After opening day (May 6) Toni will post notices to Facebook, the Upper Valley Mailing List and the dog park membership email list.

Park Operations- Need for signs to remind people to be mindful of their dogs? Jerry P will explore. Jerry P is hoping to put a game camera out at the park to take a count of how many people come and go at the park.

Yes, we need to order poop bags. We ordered 1500 cases in 2015. Jerry and Tad will talk.

Tasks to reopen the park for the season:

- Turn the water back on? Waiting on the Town of Hartford.

- Resume Trash Service. Town of Hartford will need to restart our service for May 6. We have our bins

- We need to contact Teddy to resume lawn service.

- The poop bins for the park have significant rust. Gaylord or Jerry will talk to someone at the Hartford school about sandblasting the bins to remove the rust, then repainting them. Our aim will be to have them repainted and ready for this season. If they can't be repaired, we will make a plan to replace them.

Spring clean up day and park re-opening

April 29, 9am.

Gaylord is in touch with Hartford superintendent to get student volunteers for the dog park clean up day Saturday.

Toni will need to send a note to the membership about clean up day on April 29. And also post to the Upper Valley mailing list.

Board members should bring tools: rakes, tarps, shovels.

Addi will bring grass seed, fertilizer and a spreader to put down some seeds.

Checklist to do during clean up day:

Throw out all old tennis balls and put out new ones.

rake leaves

Spread piles of rocks

Cut vines off outside of fence, clear 2' path.

Re-attach signs to park fences.

Put up the garbage cans, bag dispensers

Saw up some large branches. Talk with Tom Ostler about help with cutting up branches and chainsaws.

Town pickup the barriers before April 29th clean up day.

Stickers

We want to give out car stickers for dog park members. They are black and white ovals, 4"x6" and say UVDP on them.

100 4"x6" stickers \$75.40

250 4"x6" stickers \$139.00

UVDP on the stickers.

Wendy will order the stickers and the dog park will reimburse her for them.

Dog Park Opening Day

Dog Park Opening Day activities. May 6. 12p-4p.

Toni will need to send out the notice to the membership in the weeks before. Also post to upper valley mailing list. Post event to Facebook. Town of Hartford share the event through Facebook.

Gaylord will see if there are tents in the shed. If not, we will borrow tents from Hartford.

Addi will make sure to provide Wifi hotspot to register new members electronic payment.

Jerry Pendleton will get dog biscuits & candy.

Erin will get coffee, doughnut holes

Gaylord will buy Bottled water.

Give out stickers to new members.

Plant trees?

The park is going to have to take down a few trees this spring that aren't growing straight. We would like to talk with the tree board about planning for some plantings for the park. Brad Goodcoope is Tree Warden for Hartford. Parks & Rec can discuss some ideas with the board and setup a tour of the park with Gaylord and Brad to determine needs.