

## **Village Rovers Meeting Minutes April 3, 2024**

Officers in Attendance: Sharon Grin, President; Jo-Ann Flick, Vice-President, Laurie Anderson, Treasurer; Joann Peek, Secretary The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joann read the minutes of the March meeting. Motion to pass by Barb Reinsch, seconded by Judi Morak, motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report - Laurie Anderson**

Bank balance as of March 31st \$10,468.10. Income for February was \$993.45 - \$964.62 for Farmer's Market and \$28.83 in donations.

Expenses for February were \$182.14 - \$158.57 for Farmer's Market, \$20.57 for web hosting, and \$3.00 for checks.

Final report on Farmer's Market finances will be given at the May meeting.

Motion to pass the report made by Judi Morak, seconded by Maggie King, motion passed.

### **More Benches - Sharon Grin**

Sharon reported that the Bocce Ball club is giving us two more benches for the dog park which we will receive a little later this year since they are buying new ones.

### **Volunteer Hours -Sharon Grin**

The lady who is recording volunteer hours informed Sharon she didn't think we were reporting all of hours considering all of the fund raising we are doing. Instead of the 650 hours that we reported she was reporting 1200, especially since some of the clubs that do nothing in the community report thousands of hours.

### **Dog Noses -Jim Varner**

Jim gave a very interesting presentation from a television show on PBS regarding dog noses and how powerful they are. It covered the way they breathe, how strong their sense of smell, and how they can detect some diseases in humans. The link to the article is on our website, please check it out.

### **Dog Park Update -Jim Varner**

The HOA has submitted the plans to the city which usually takes about 30 days for a response, so we should hear in the next couple of weeks. Let's hope for no surprises! Once we get the go-ahead work can get started. Currently the work is slated to begin April 29<sup>th</sup>. A berm will be created for the sidewalk ramp, forms will be created and finally concrete will be poured. The sidewalk will be about six feet wide and will a 1:20 slope. Once the sidewalk completed, the fencing will go up, hopefully by mid-May. At the Study Session tomorrow (April 4th) we will be presenting final signage for the park.

A board member has an issue concerning the park, suggesting the requirement that once the park is established all dogs should go there, and only there. Dog Club members have suggested that some owners simply take their dogs to the nearest basin, others have dogs that are too aggressive or too young (not complete shots). Jim suggested that we create a Dog Park that attracts dog owners instead of demanding participation.

The board is also discussing how to secure the area. A keypad was suggested, the board would prefer to use our FOB system, which would require electricity. They have also suggested locking the park for no entry at night, having it open from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. After some discussion among dog club members we agree those hours are not especially reasonable due to the summer heat and many dogs being taken out earlier or later than those specific hours. Jim will discuss this with Katie. 4:30-11PM was suggested as an alternative timeframe.

We are wondering about better lawn maintenance in the park such as keeping the grass mowed and removing the burs. Jim will also discuss this with Katie.

## **Bingo**

Note from Linda Cerf – Bingo has \$10,000.00 set aside for the dog park. She will hold on the money to see if it will be needed to install electricity. Thank you, Linda!

It was suggested the dog club sponsor another month of Bingo in June. There are five Sundays in June with four door prizes each night. A vote was taken for \$400.00 for prizes. Motion to pass by Maggie King, seconded by Al King, motion passed.

## **Farmer's Market -Jo-Ann Flick**

Thank you to everyone for their time at the March Market. The vendors said we were very well organized but could do a little better directing for setting up, so a new system is worked out. They were all very impressed with the Break Team and said this is the first time there has been one. We are making our own restroom signs but will still need to borrow a few things from tennis. Parking and Traffic volunteers need to be there at 7:00 am, all others at 8:30 am.

At the March Market two club members, Sharon and Mike, adopted dogs from Rachel's Rescue. Kim will be bringing another twelve dogs to the April Market.

We will have more vendors for April, 10th. A couple of vendors will not return from March, but others are coming in.

There were no complaints received from the March Market.

We will have music again, and we will be selling water.

If you haven't seen the Farmer's Market video on our website, please check it out!

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 1, 2024, in the Rosewood Room from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**