

Village Rovers Dog Club Meeting Minutes February 1, 2023

The Village Rovers Dog Club met at 5PM in the Rosewood room at SVE. Sixteen people attended the meeting. Sharon, the club president, called the meeting to order and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our speaker this month, Linda, from Follow your Heart dog rescue in Gilbert, told us how the rescue group got started and about the Follow your Heart facility and services of rescuing, fostering, and adopting dogs—10 to 30 adoptions each month. Most of these fosters and adoptions are the result of groups holding events to introduce eligible dogs to interested people. It was noted that we could host an event here at SVE where we bring together dogs and interested people. Sharon has the details for such an event, including the contacts for agencies which would bring us the dogs. There are many ways in which people can volunteer to help with the care and placement of rescued dogs. If you would like more information, view the website: followyourheartanimalrescue.org.

Minutes from the January 5 meeting were read by Secretary Bertie Wehr. Lisa Brudvik moved to approve the minutes; Jo-Ann Flick seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Treasurer Laurie Anderson presented the report for January. The ending balance was \$996.00. There were no expenses in January. Barb Reinsch moved to accept the report; Judi Morack seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Examples of locally provided, lightweight jackets and shirts with our logo embroidered on them were presented for viewing. The teal logo looks especially nice on black! Jackets are \$40 and shirts are \$25 as a fundraiser for the club.

Jim Varner reminded us that we are on the February SVE Ballot for “permission to build in the Southwest basin for the purpose of creating a Dog Park”. Sharon will be at the pancake breakfast on February 4 to answer questions. Paper Ballots will arrive on February 4th or shortly thereafter, with voting possible until March 14. For passage, we need a majority of those who vote. Results will be posted March 16. The election manager reminds us that if you are voting electronically, you need to re-register each year to vote this way. Funds for the dog park could come from the Project Fund; however the Project Fund has a current balance of \$0.

Jim also reminded us that we should model good behavior when using our green spaces for dog exercise. In general:

- 1) Use at your own risk, dog owners are legally responsible for their dog's actions
- 2) Dog waste must be picked up immediately
- 3) Owners must monitor their dogs at all times
- 4) Aggressive dogs must be removed immediately
- 5) Dogs not permitted are: aggressive, in heat, sick, or puppies under 4 months.

Hosting a dog placement event at SVE was discussed, to be held in March, complete with the sale of dog cookies. However, no definite plans were made at this time.

Sharon stated that we have donated some items from our "dog library" since items have been accumulating faster than diminishing. She also announced that, if you are interested in joining the dog club, dues are \$20 per household per year and can be paid to the treasurer at the meeting. Please bring correct change. To pay remotely (cost of \$20.90), please go to the website www.villagerovers.com.

Sharon also talked about our meeting time. In a past meeting we voted on meeting from 5:00 – 7:00 pm; however, as an exception, it is necessary to change our meeting time in March to coincide with the availability of our March speaker from Pets Mart. Therefore, our March meeting will be Wednesday, March 1, from 2:00 – 4:00 in the Rosewood Room.

Respectfully Submitted

Bertie Wehr, Village Rovers Secretary