

## **Meeting Minutes October 30th**

Dog Club Meeting minutes

Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022

**Next meeting is Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in the Rosewood room.** We are working with the office to get a regular time/place for the meetings—with first choice being the first Tuesday of every month. We will not meet June through September. Discussion of dog parade, Christmas party for the December meeting—dog club officers will discuss details further.

**Bios** -We are encouraging members to submit a bio of you and your dog (along with a picture of you both!) We would like to use these in the Outlook where we might highlight a different story each month. We can also use these other methods of outreach to get the word out about our Club!

**Dog Library** - Sharon mentioned the ‘Dog Library’ of miscellaneous leashes, collars, and other paraphernalia. Please feel free to take or contribute!

Laurie Anderson and Jim Varner had a Village Rovers table at the recent volunteer event. They presented a slideshow of dog photos to generate interest in the club and answered many questions. Signed up a couple new interested people and collected one membership fee. Good opportunity to ‘market’ to a new audience.

**Financial status** – Treasurer Laurie reported that 34 member households have paid dues (\$680) plus we have had \$45 in donations. Expenses for the past month were \$140.92 reimbursement to Jim Varner for 6 months of web hosting and copies for HOA BOD meetings. Bank balance is \$543.08

### **Jim V – Dog Park Update**

Working with Doug Spencer to create language for the ballot item. Since the meeting, I have received word from the office of several options going forward. Details will be posted on the website. [VillageRovers.com](http://VillageRovers.com)

Jim V is working with a Mesa City engineer to develop a site plan for the dog park that will meet city requirements. A modified plan was re-submitted to the engineer and will next go to Planning and Zoning.

**Dog Park ideas** -Lots of discussion regarding the Dog Park , fundraising ideas, etc. Jim emphasized the need for everyone to solicit comments regarding the dog park. We especially want everyone to understand the possible objections and some clear-headed responses where appropriate.

**Ambassador Program** – Currently 2 of our members (Sharon Grin and Paul Flick) are doing the Poop Patrol twice a week of eight waste stations around the neighborhood. Four members have volunteered to be on the list to receive training and take over soon—Maggie Palmer, Dee Power, Nancy McCorty and Barb Reinsch.

**The Dog Costume event** was a great success. Jim V took lots of pictures and will post them on the website. There were dogs of all sizes and shapes in the courtyard outside the Mesa Verde room. Everyone behaved!