

Village Rovers Meeting Minutes

October 31, 2023

Members of the board in attendance: Sharon Grin, President; Paul Flick, Vice President; Laurie Anderson, Treasurer; and Joann Peek, Acting Secretary.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

-Special guest speaker Kelly Anderson from K9 Buddies Rescue.

This is a rescue service that Kelly started thirteen (13) years ago. She runs a 501(c)3 no-kill shelter working with several animal control centers. She has saved approximately 9,000 dogs and 200 cats. Also accepted at the shelter are birds and goats. Kelly is a certified Vet Tech. She is located near Power and Brown, the address is 1545 N. Rowan, Mesa 85270, phone: 480-217-9930. She does not have a web site but does maintain a Facebook page. Before adopting out any pet Kelly does a meet and greet, poses some questions, and does a home check to be sure the adoption is good. Her shelter holds a maximum of up to eighteen (18) animals. She most recently received seven (7) puppies, we weeks old, Mini Pit-bull and Bull Mastiff mix. They are ready for adoption. Kelly does not foster pets as she wants to settle them in a real home. All pets are spayed/neutered (if age appropriate) and disease free before adoption. The shelter is Donation Based. If interested in helping this great cause the shelter can use: Money, food (Pedigree brand, no chicken please), blankets, towels, etc. For a complete list visit her Facebook page.

-The October minutes were unavailable for reading. Jan Ballentine made a motion to accept the October minutes, the motion was seconded by Barb Reinsch, voted on and passed to approve.

-Treasurer's Report given by Laurie Anderson.

Bank balance as of Oct. 31 -- \$14,967.21 Income in October--\$1,199 (\$340 dues, \$679 golf tournament, \$160 shirts, and \$20 donation) Expenses in October--\$296 (\$192 shirts, \$104 web hosting and 1-year email subscription)

-Dog Park update given by Jim Varner.

The budget was submitted on September 30th and a presentation for the dog park presented. As of now the presentation is for an ADA approved ramp, a pad, and gates. The board had some questions;

1. Carmella Mongold asked about the Mesa City requirements for concrete. Demian Thomas, a Civil Engineer for Mesa City Development responded that they have no preferences for the type of concrete used. Pervious concrete is preferred but not required.

2. Gary Nault asked if ADA railing was more expensive. According the to contractor ADA railing is not more expensive. The railing is constructed on site and must meet ADA requirements.

3. There was a question about the number of concrete work submissions. One, who had originally submitted two proposals withdrew shortly before Sept. 30th. This was not whom we chose to recommend.

4. There was a question about creating a small subcommittee to oversee the project. Jim spoke with Ted Boehm who agreed to serve on the committee. He suggested that Jim also serve.

5. There was a question of why are there so many waste stations included in the proposal. The existing ones are old and in disrepair. Dog Club members have installed new hinges on several of the bins. The current stations do not provide waste bags. Our proposal would replace all the current waste bins with new ones that include appropriate signage and waste bags.

6. Ted Boehm asked if we could “sweeten the pot” in our proposal, suggesting that we include a statement that the Dog Club would include a contingency fund for overages. The Dog Club Board will discuss this issue. Jim reminded Ted that there would be additional charges such as electric, FOB

access, water, etc. which the club wants to be to assist with those costs. Fundraisers are ongoing!

-Volunteers need for Nominating Committee. Sign-up sheet was passed around but no additional volunteers signed up. Elections need to be held for Vice President and Secretary at the January meeting. If you're willing to serve in either capacity, please speak up.

-Farmers Market by Jo-Ann Flick.

There is a possibility of 57 vendors. Jo-Ann spoke with Eric of Steadfast Farms who will try to get some farmers to come, but he feels like we'll have to get established first. If you know of any farmers please contact Jo-Ann.

We will be able to sell our citrus without a license as citrus is in a different category.

There are 20 volunteers signed up who will be broken up into various teams, such as parking, loading and unloading zones, set up zones, clean up crew, restroom crew, etc.

Dates are January 10th, February 28th, March 13th, and April 10th from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. Set up time will be 6:30 am – 7:45 am. Volunteers will need to be available at 6:15 am.

These events will be advertised here and sent to other communities. Banners will be placed at the entrances.

We have found out that booth charges are taxable. Donations are not taxable, which is a consideration.

-Pictures for the 2024 calendar are still being accepted, but only for a few more days. Also pictures for the Memorial page. The actual price is still unknown as negotiations are still underway.

-People have been putting regular trash into the dog waste stations, which can make changing bags difficult. If you see anyone doing this please say something to them. We are considering asking the HOA to put out some regular trash cans or signage in the dog areas.

-The next meeting will be Wednesday December 6, 2023 in the Rosewood Room. We may turn it into a small Christmas party, more information will be forthcoming.