

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Best Friends Dog Club of Sun City
January 15, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Best Friends Dog Club was held on January 15, 2008, in the AZ Room at the Fairway Recreation Center. Board Members present were: Co-Presidents Sam & Judy Baldwin, 1st VP Jean Buck, 2nd VP Skelli Dedmond, Secretary Pat Estok, Treasurer Shari Bibler, Members-At-Large Juanita Braemer & Diana Barnum.

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Judy Baldwin at 9:25 AM.

There were 47 members and 1 guest present. Eleven new members were welcomed and told us about themselves and their dogs. Judy welcomed Opal Hentke, COC, our liaison with the RCSC Board.

MINUTES: The minutes from the December 2007 meeting were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance 1/2007	\$	5,430.80
Income		<u>6,539.63</u>
		11,970.43
Expenses	-	<u>4,952.35</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/07	\$	7,018.08

Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Equipment replacement: Judy announced that the teeter and dog walk have been replaced for a cost of \$400.00. She thanked Bruce Grounds & Lou Sniderman for building the equipment. Bruce said they are in the process of building an adjustable A-Frame which will be ready for use by January 21st. Judy announced that we have also purchased new removable speakers that will be attached to the dog shed and an amplifier for a total cost of \$178.00. This will be ready for use by January 21.

NEW BUSINESS:

RCSC New Member Orientation for people who have recently moved to Sun City will be February 6th at Sundial Auditorium. We will display items that portray what the Dog Club is about. Lou & Jan Sniderman volunteered to work our table from 9 - 11 AM; Diana Barnum & Linda Smith will work the 7 - 9 PM slot.

There is a form on the sign-in table for feedback and suggestions our membership might want to have addressed. They were asked fill out the form; the Board will address them in a timely manner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Events: Jean Buck reported the following:

There will be no speakers at class registration meetings.

February Meeting speaker will be Myra Judd. She will discuss and demonstrate training therapy, hearing therapy, and basic training techniques for safety.

The April Picnic Meeting will be held at Rio Vista Park on Thunderbird. She will be assisted by Mary Ann Coleman. If we have a cook to volunteer we will have hamburgers, hotdogs, etc. otherwise everyone will bring a picnic lunch. Lodeen Frisinger volunteered to help with games. There will also be a costume contest.

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November Meeting we will have the Pet Psychic who did pet readings at the Dog-A-Thon as the guest speaker.

Bus Trip: Jean checked into renting buses to travel to the Saturday March 1st and Sunday November 2nd Dog Shows at West World. Maximum seating is 48; cost for the bus is \$473.00 per round trip, leave Bell Rec Center at 10 AM and leave West World at 2 PM. No dogs are permitted on the bus. It is not limited to BFDC members. An "Interest" sheet was passed for sign-up with literature on the bus and dog shows attached.

Training: Skelli Dedmon reported that there were still slots available for most classes. Sign up after the meeting. Agility is limited to 8 per class. Classes begin on January 16th.

Skelli reviewed plans for our new dog area at Fairway. Possible completion date is late 2009.

Website: Jan Sniderman, co-webmaster, asked members to send their dog's picture with its name and owner's name to her for the website... jsniderman@yahoo.com

An unfortunate incident has happened so Jan wanted to remind all owners to remove loose collars from their pets when they are ~~left alone~~ **in a crate that had the door closed.** (corrected @ 2/19/08 meeting)

Pet Vials: Ada Jane Cowper spoke about the Pet Vials which are for all pets. She asked for volunteers to keep vials supplied to distribution centers. All centers were covered by our members.

Fund Raisers: Suggestions offered for fund raisers were lanyards for name tags, dog quilts & neck scarves, mobile dog photos, rent tables at the Sun Bowl. Judy & Sam will work on putting a committee together for Fund Raising. Volunteers see Judy after the meeting.

Misc: Opal Hentke gave us a brief description of her role as COC for the RCSC.

Sam Baldwin reminded members that, according to the insurance company dogs are not permitted on RCSC property other than for training or dog events. He also reminded members that we need volunteers for committees.

Judy has received a thank you card for the Christmas trays Skelli delivered to the RCSC Board office, club office, and Fairway staff.

Dog Parks in the area are listed on our website and updated each month.

Jean gave the background of the Crafts Clubs' ability to have craft fairs and Skelli answered questions regarding the Dog Club's ability to participate in the Arts & Crafts Festival. Opal will check with the RCSC regarding having "garage" sales on RCSC property.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Estok, Secretary