

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Best Friends Dog Club of Sun City  
October 16, 2007

The monthly meeting of the Best Friends Dog Club was held on October 16, 2007 in the AZ Room at the Fairway Recreation Center.

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Bruce Grounds at 9:35 AM.

There were 45 members, including 12 guests, present. Eight new members were welcomed and told us about themselves and their dogs. One was a member of the Sun City Fire Department and said they give Pet Vials of Life to home owners for their pets when they do home inspections and installation of key boxes. He thanked the club for making them.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the September 2007 meeting were approved as read.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Co-President Skelli Dedmon gave the Treasurer's report in Shari Bibler's absence:

Beginning Balance 1/2007	\$	5,430.80
Income		<u>4,117.11</u>
		9,547.91
Expenses	-	<u>2,616.54</u>
Ending Balance 9/30/07	\$	6.931/37

Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Bruce stated that Best Friends Dog Club made a donation of \$100.00 to the Rec Center this month.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Caryl Jo Dago reported that a candidate for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President is still needed.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Skelli is asking for volunteers for the following committees:

Membership	Meet & Greet
Database	Class Registration & Training (to help with registration and Classes)

We will also need a Social Committee Chair if no 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President candidate is found. Responsibilities would be to obtain 5 guest speakers for meetings without registration, plan the annual Christmas party and April picnic.

DOG-A-THON: Skelli discussed the Dog-A-Thon to be held November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 AM through 1 PM in the Dollar General Store parking lot at 107<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Peoria. Sign-up sheets are at the sign-in table. Contact Linda Smith if you have new items to donate to the raffle. Volunteers are needed to:

- Sell raffle tickets & boutique items
- Distribute Flyers
- Make home made dog treats to sell
- Dogs for Agility Demo at 1:30 PM in the Arena
- Chair for the Best Trick and Fashion Show...line up contestants and send them on stage.

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DOG-A-THON Continued...

Events include:

9:30	Maricopa County K9 Unit demonstration
10:00	Maricopa County Mash Unit
10:00 - 1 PM	Drawings Hourly for Raffle Prizes
11:00	Fashion Show Contest
12:00	Best Trick Contest
1:30	Agility Demo in the Dog Arena

Betty Marotti volunteered RAZZ to give kisses again this year since this was a good money maker last year.

We are trying to make arrangements to have a Pet Psychic come for donations plus a small fee.

Sun Valley Animal Shelter will be micro-chipping this year for a \$25.00 fee.

Several Fairway clubs will take part by showcasing their wares on RCSC Property in the Golf Car Area, Club Rooms, etc., from 8 AM - 3 PM. Skelli will co-chair organizing this part of the event.

HISTORY BOOK: Sam & Judy Baldwin were thanked for getting our club history into beautiful, up-to-date 'order' and showcased in albums. Judy also thanked Caryl Jo for helping. They are now ready for next year's chair.

MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> SPRING EVENT AT FAIRWAY: Our club has been asked to chair and organize the event. After discussion it was decided to table the decision until the November Meeting.

PET VIAL OF LIFE: Ada Jane Cowper passed out vials for distribution before the meeting. A red & white cooler is available across from the dog arena for empty bottle donations.

Website:

WEBSITE: Bruce asked Lou Sniderman to place the approved minutes on the website.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Skelli passed around the Fairway Center Petition for members to sign. She stated that we needed to show presence if we want a new facility for the Dog Club.

Skelli asked for volunteers for the Audit Committee. Mary Jean Bertek, Linda Smith, and Pat Linke will serve and perform the audit after the November meeting.

Calendars from the Sun City Visitor Center are on sale for \$20. each. Our club will receive \$4. for each one sold.

Skelli discussed the status of emergency pet sitters and stray dogs. Because of the liability to our members and pets, we cannot take these dogs into our homes. 4 Paws will provide foster homes for small dogs only. All pet owners need to have the history of their pets with updated shot records, vet information, etc., readily available in the pet Vial for Life so that relatives/friends can be called to pick up the pets in an emergency situation. Our only solution is to call Maricopa County Animal Control.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** continued:

Linda Smith stated that we need to be vigilante about watching our dogs when they are outside because of not only coyotes but owls, hawks and foxes. Whistles and cans with stones can be used to scare them away. New member from the Fire Department said the department will have whistles to give away at our Dog-A-Thon. Linda added that phone calls to the Game & Fish Department will also bring attention to the problem.

Skelli announced that the agility classed were full...they are limited to 8 dogs per class. Betty has offered to have another class to accommodate the overflow.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jan Sniderman asked if anyone would be interested in doing "walks" in the community since it is better to walk our pets in numbers. Several people responded. Bruce said that used golf clubs are available for 25¢ - 50¢ at the thrift shops behind Walgreens on Peoria & 107<sup>th</sup> Ave. They are good to use as walking sticks for protection against predators.

Rick Manley's classes will begin on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. He will also begin a Therapeutic Training Class if enough people are interested.

Phyllis Davis said that Sun Health has a training program for Therapeutic Training and can do certification.

On November 10<sup>th</sup> CABRA Coalition at 41<sup>st</sup> Street & Broadway will offer \$7. vaccine-tions for micro-chipped animals. Micro-chipping will be done for \$15. Cabra Coalition is listed on our website.

Business portion of the meeting adjourned at 10:25.

Program was a CD made by Ada Jan Cowper which featured our dogs and the many activities through the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Estok, Secretary pro-tem