



## West County D.O.G.S.

Dogparks of Greater St. Louis—  
West County Chapter

### Mission

Our mission is to contribute to the health and well-being of people and domestic dogs by advocating for the inclusion, design, construction, maintenance, and safe operation of legal, enclosed, off-leash recreation areas in West County St. Louis.

### Vision

We envision a system of dog parks, with a range of sizes and features, serving the needs of a diverse population.

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 2, 2005, 7-9 PM

### Thornhill Branch of the St. Louis County Public Library

#### I. Opening business

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. Those present included Diane Thomas (chair, recorder), Lisa Becker, and Amy Lile. The agenda for the meeting was approved, and the minutes of last month's meeting were approved.

#### II. Various reports

##### A. Chairperson report

- Diane Thomas reported on a couple of new policies that the board was considering: startup grants for new groups and fiscal sponsorship of groups without nonprofit registration.
- Diane also reported that board elections are coming soon.

##### B. Community reports

Diane Thomas reported on all communities:

- Swim events have been scheduled for Chesterfield on September 6, 2005 and Manchester on September 11, 2005. She also relayed that Ellisville may conduct a swim event if DOGS can support it with volunteers.

#### III. Peer-to-peer training time on "Responding to Opposition" was postponed until next month to focus on fundraising.

#### IV. Old business

- A. Diane Thomas submitted a new member welcome letter that included links to the DOGS website.
- B. Diane Thomas submitted an updated strategic plan logic model
- C. Amy Lile reported on her research into merchandise for fundraising. She showed samples of various possible products, including a collapsible water dish, a cloth mitt for paw cleaning (called Tidy Paws), travel dog dish, weighted dog dish.
- D. Diane Thomas reported on her experiment with a display board and a poster for use at events.

#### V. New business

- A. The members present discussed components required for effective plans for fundraising, member recruitment, and communication programs.
- B. Lisa Becker offered information about Pedigree Dog Food possibly entertaining a grant proposal for a dog park.
- C. Discussion of our participation in Bark in the Park and Petropolis Pet Carnival.
- D. Discussed proposal for dog park for a day in Gumbo Flats.

#### VI. Closing business

- A. Date and time of next meeting was announced: April 6 at the Thornhill Library.
- B. The meeting adjourned early at 8:15 P.M. due to prior commitments of those present

Minutes submitted by Diane M. Thomas