

Five Cities Dog Park Association

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Meeting Minutes April 2, 2006 6:30 p.m

Board Members Present: Cynthia Eklund, Mary Heathco Mary Ricker, Ray Quintana, Christina Rauch, Mike Snellen, Valerie Breon, Elizabeth Folb, Dede Dizney, Christina Allen

Board Members Absent: Karen Converse, Greg Perry

Attendees: Steve White, Don Boggess, Karen Boggess, Maureen Sharon, Jared Sharon, Joan Ponza, Roger Baker, Kristy Kulbeth, Liz Kocimski, Jeff Poel, Richie Lopez

Meeting Location: Round Table Pizza, Spencers shopping center, Arroyo Grande, CA

- 1) Welcomed new members.
- 2) Read and approved meeting minutes from March 19th.
- 3) Reviewed status of upcoming closed meeting with Supervisor Achadjian. Meeting scheduled on April 19th @ 11:00 a.m.
- 4) Asked Christina Rauch to check on getting free voice-mail phone number for this group.
- 5) Reviewed SLOPOST status. We are now an official project of this group and have our 501c3 nonprofit status under the SLOPOST umbrella. Donations to our group are tax deductible since we are a charitable organization.
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- 6) Reviewed status of Bumper Stickers. Liz reports that they have been ordered and will be here in a few days.
- 7) Reviewed recent activity with the media. We had some press on KSBY on Friday 3/24 at 11 p.m. We also had some press on Newstalk radio 1240 AM. Christina Rauch, Liz Kocimski, and Karen Converse were interviewed. The radio program will be posted on the web site in the future. Several people volunteered to write new letters to the editor to keep our name in the spotlight.
- 8) New membership flyers will be distributed at local dog related businesses (vets, pet stores, etc.) Volunteers for this effort are Liz, Christina and Steve.
- 9) Introduced and discussed a possible temporary dog park location:
Assembly of God church off of Orchard street in Arroyo Grande. This site is an existing piece of land with an abandoned baseball field. The use of this land is unknown at this time. If it looks like a good prospect, many things will have to happen first (church exemption paperwork, presentation to the church, terms of use, hold harmless agreement, city involvement, etc...).
- 10) We decided not to participate in the Strawberry Festival for various reasons. We will, however still pursue local farmer's markets and the Halcyon Fair.
- 11) We decided to purchase a small number of T-shirts that say "where's the dog park"
- 12) Next meeting: Sunday April 23rd.