

KDAC minutes
4-10-19

Present: the Chair A. Ferran, ACO Parker, C. Connors; E. Fagan, S. Hennessey; P. Hoffman, R. Levangie; L. Miller-Cleary

Absent: C. Lederer, G. Rodriguez, D. Trachimowizz

Minutes

The Chair followed up on October minutes, prepared by L. Miller-Cleary, which had not yet been approved. The Chair read them out loud; E. Fagan moved to accept them; L. Miller-Cleary seconded; all present approved.

The minutes noted a suggestion by G. Rodriguez to change the time for the meeting from 6:30 to 6 pm. L. Miller-Cleary indicated that would make it more difficult for her to attend. The consensus was to wait for G. Rodriguez to attend to discuss further.

C. Connors noted that it was unclear whether more than five of ten members attended in October to accept the September minutes. Given this lack of clarity, she moved to ratify the acceptance of those minutes; E. Fagan seconded; all present approved.

ACO Report

ACO Parker reported that the winter was quite regarding beach incidents. There were no written complaints, a few dogs-at-large complaints, and a few dog biting dog incidents. There were relatively few complaints about dog waste on the beach, and others agreed people seemed to have picked up their dog's waste this off-season, better than last year.

S. Hennessey noted that the dog bag dispenser for which KDAC is not responsible is periodically empty. She also sees some dog waste there from time to time. C. Connors noted that the Parsons Beach, for which KDAC is not responsible, has no bags. The garbage can is also located past the bridge, which is not optimal.

Old business

Dog monitors

The Chair noted that C. Lederer could not attend, but sent her a report noting 20 returning monitors and three new monitors, and that C. Lederer will coordinate with them and this years' training. ACO Parker indicated that renewal training would be one hour, versus the three hours for new monitors.

The Chair asked whether some information or training should be communicated regarding public safety vet care, and the availability of that information generally. C. Connors indicated she would check with The Animal Welfare Society.

Brochure distribution

Because many existing printed brochures remained, the consensus was not to re-visit whether any different information should be included this year until numbers are reduced. S. Hennessey volunteered once again to distribute them to dog friendly hotels and inns.

Dog bag dispensers

All thanks R. Levangie for her steadfast work keeping the dispensers on the beaches filled. P. Hoffman has also been taking care of Kennebunk Beach [a/k/a Mother's Beach. L. Miller-Cleary volunteered to help.

New business

Members/officers

The Chair noted that June is the month to pick new officers. The Chair and D. Trachimowizz had expressed a willingness to continue in their positions as Chair and Secretary, and C. Lederer to continue to lead the monitors. All expressed appreciation for C. Lederer's past and future leadership of the monitors. There is a position for Vice-Chair that has not been filled, established to facilitate transition of leadership or to indicate who should lead the meeting if the Chair cannot attend. In the absence of filling this position, should the Chair be unable to attend, the consensus was that the Secretary would run the meeting.

S. Hennessey mentioned that someone had expressed an interest to her of joining the Committee. The Chair indicated that he should attend the next board meeting, listen, and introduce himself. (Because there are currently ten members, there is space for one more under the bylaws.)

Pooches on Gooches Breakfast

E. Fagan was willing to spearhead the breakfast per usual and indicated she would check to see if S. Stewart would again assist. The date this year will be June 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm