



ORANGE DOG PARK ASSOCIATION

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2008

## Board Members

Margaret Prima-Verbeck  
President

Cindy Reed  
Past President  
Member

Nancee Randall  
Vice President

Rosie Cash  
Treasurer

Jeannine Lawrie  
Member

## Mission Statement

To support the City of Orange Department of Parks & Recreation by raising funds and providing volunteer support to improve and better maintain the Orange Dog Park, in which pet dogs can be exercised without leash restraint in a clean, healthy and safe environment.

**Call to Order**.....Margaret Prima-Verbeck

**The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.**

**Introduction of Board Members**.....Margaret Prima-Verbeck

**Board members in attendance were introduced: Margaret Prima-Verbeck & Nancee Randall.**

**Secretary's Report**.....Margaret Prima-Verbeck

**Once written and approved, minutes will be posted to the website. Members will be notified via email of the posting.**

**Treasurer's Report**..... Margaret Prima-Verbeck

**Approximately \$4,800 in checking. Invoices for the enhancements (benches, cement pads, decomposed granite, improved large dog water station), and the 4<sup>th</sup> of 5 payments owed to the City are paid. \$5,000 in a CD earmarked for some type of service dog tribute--the board is considering the purchase of a police dog for the Orange Police Department.**

**New Business**..... Margaret Prima-Verbeck

- 2008-2009 Membership Renewal: **115 renewals as of June**
- Food 4 Less Community Rewards Program: **the ODPa is now a qualified organization. Register and receive your card at the Information Table. Up to 4% (5% if spend \$500 or more) of your purchase total will be credited to ODPa when you swipe your card at the store.**
- Website Redesign: **Unfortunately, the redesign has been delayed. Our webmaster has been out of the country. However, PayPal for donations is available on the website. The redesign will include easier navigation and more current data.**

**Old Business**..... Margaret Prima-Verbeck

- Fundraisers-Ralph's: **last quarter check was \$946.61**
- Park Rules: **several concerns received regarding children not being well supervised while in the park. I have advised the City and suggested an additional sign. City's response--they don't think additional language on the signs will help. Also, they don't know they can effectively require a particular level of supervision. The board will consider seeking approval from the City for the posting of a sign specific to the supervision of children at each entry at the ODPa's expense.**



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- Park Rules continued: **Please realize signage will not eradicate rule violations. The rules have been clearly posted since the park opened in 2005. Patrons violate some of the rules on a daily basis, as evidenced by the dog waste found throughout each park. The board suggests educating patrons about the rules, kindly explain the safety issue behind the rules and direct them to the posted rules. Further, there is a phone number posted at the bottom of the rules board which can be called to report particularly egregious violations.**
- Volunteers and Board Members needed: **we have received volunteers for the filling of the waste bag dispensers...THANK YOU. We also need volunteers for the Information Table. We would like more board members. We currently have 5, which is the minimum the by-laws allow. If anyone is interested in volunteering or being a board member, please complete our brief application obtained at the Information Table or email [president@orangedogpark.com](mailto:president@orangedogpark.com) stating your interest.**

## Comments & Questions

*Patron Suggestions:* **Stater Brothers and Von's may have a rewards program similar to Ralph's. Member, Susan B. will check into Stater Bros. Member, April C. will see if Von's has a program.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next General Membership Meeting  
October 18, 2008 @ 10:30 a.m.

Location  
Orange Dog Park, Orange  
(corner of Chapman & Yorba)