

Minutes of Annual Meeting of MGDPOA
May 25, 2009

AGENDA

1. General Update
2. Voting in the Board
3. Voting on Membership Fee
4. Priorities identified by membership for new board

UPDATE

- * farm gate has been moved to in front of chain link fence
- *a volunteer with a bobcat will help spread chips
- *both the city and Frisbee folks (MODS) are concerned about the speed of cars. The city will have the park police monitor this
- *Frisbee -most games are Monday to Thursday. There is a weekend tournament scheduled for late August. Members will be notified of any events affecting the park traffic volume (if advance warning is received by board)
- *a port a potty has been installed by MODS. If our membership agrees we will contribute by supplying toilet paper. Kelly looked into getting one for dog park users - too difficult to insure.
- *Road Work from first farm gate to Mustangs clubhouse will be ongoing over the summer. The city is responsible for one section and the Parks for another section
- *Membership is asked to abide by the off leash park boundaries-the City does not want dogs off leash on the Frisbee fields at any time or anywhere outside of the designated off leash park.
- *Dog owners can use the road to park or the Frisbee association's parking lot.
- * the city will mow the grass twice a year or as needed, including the area just north of "poop hill" where most people play fetch with their dogs.

VOTING IN THE BOARD

Bea Cherniack nominated Chris Jackson and Kelly Merkeley as co-chairs. Roy Chapman seconded the motion. The membership voted Chris and Kelly in for a term of 2 years according to the by-laws. To correspond to the October annual date they will serve a one and a half years term initially. The board will meet monthly for the first three months then bi monthly. There will be an annual meeting-Oct. date

TREASURER; Eileen Fagan was voted in as treasurer. She will be responsible for the bank deposits and will be one of three signing authorities.

SECRETARY: Richard Manley-Tannis was voted in .

MEMBERS AT LARGE; Tom Lillyman

Frank Machovec

Evelyn Lenchuk

John Matthews

Tina Paradis

Lance Pucknell

Kathleen Clear

POSSIBLE COMMITTEES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

*Maintenance

*Fundraising

*Social

*Membership

*Grounds

*Message Board maintenance

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The fiscal year is Nov.1 to October 31 st.

Susan Bilyk made a motion that the membership fee remain at five dollars. that it be renewable on Oct. 31st and the fees paid tonight-May 25th be valid until Oct.2010. The motion was seconded by L Olanoric. This motion was defeated and an amendment was made by Yvan Blondin and seconded by Susan Bilyk the five dollar fee be valid until Oct. 2009. This motion passed. Future receipts will indicate this end date of membership.

PRIORITIES/SUGGESTIONS;

*** top priorities

***Speeding cars

*Fence between poop hill and road-new fences will take into consideration wide range of dog sizes-will be built to accommodate all sizes

*Large signage to outline dog park area. Kelly has asked for a laminated sign form the city

*City Dog Park sign up by the football field needs to be removed-Chris Jackson will check this out.

*A Garden wagon is needed to transport the poop bags

*Board to inform membership of big projects like the wood chips

- *Informing membership: flyers will be put up, e-mails sent and phone calls for those without e-mail
- *Message Board to be used and hopefully improved
- *Inform membership if a safety issue arises: assault in park etc.
- ***Board pursue getting Fields for Fido designation from city in writing
- *Lighting-a major cost-but a safety issue
- *Hold Fundraisers
- *Dog Tags for membership-John Matthews will research
- *Social Events
- *PR campaign for our association-advance pro-dog attitude ie. article in Lance-RE: seniors being active walking their dogs etc.
- *Agility Course
- *Outdoor Hose
- *Mosquito Spraying?-Health hazard for dogs
- *Can we get the drainage area designated as dog park?

Motion to adjourn by Chris Jackson seconded by Julie Couture



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Attendance (Board Members)		Quorum	Yes
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Fagan, Eileen (Treasurer)		Merkeley, Kelly (Co-Chair)	
Machovec, Frank (Treasurer)		Pucknell, Lance (Member-at-Large)	
Call to Order			
The Co-Chair Kelly Merkeley called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.			
Procedural Motions			
Motion			
Moved	Shane Nestruck	Seconded	Colin Lang
			Carried
"That the Minutes Annual General Meeting of the Maple Grove Dark Park Owners' Association of October 27, 2010 be approved as circulated."			
Old Business			
City of Winnipeg Representative (Jonina Ewart): Q&A			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reason for the MOU is to standardise the Dog Parks within the Municipality (i.e. boundaries, expectations). Reality is that the Association currently does not generate enough income to pay for insurance costs. • Observation: The future of the city must include considerations of 'active living.' Edmonton and Calgary used as examples. Response: Calgary and Edmonton have a different model of funding through membership for green spaces such as dog parks. Winnipeg, as a municipality, seems to have a certain degree of access that is different than other municipalities. • Association is considering Charitable Status in order to open up other funding possibilities. • Question: With respect to the insurance, do we have contact with other dog parks? Has anyone explored blanket coverage? Answer: Yes, we have communication with the other dog parks. MGDPOA the most organised at the moment within the Municipality. All of the current dog parks are, to a certain extent, in conflict with other neighbours. Blanket coverage, therefore, is a challenge owing to less developed governance models for the other dog parks. • Question: Are there guarantees for donated benches to remain in place after a donation? Answer: The bench will be replaced if damaged. There is no guarantee, however, that the same funding will be in place. • Question: What kind of coverage does the city have, in respect to liability? Answer: Previously, piggy-backing occurred. An MOU no longer is sufficient and insurance is required. • Question: The park is heavily used and yet there is no infrastructure in place for security (i.e. lights, bathrooms), is there any possibility to have this provided? Answer: Parks within the Municipality are technically only designated as open from dusk until dawn. In respect to lighting, such infrastructure is cost prohibitive. In respect to bathroom facilities, no existing parks have that infrastructure in place. MGDPOA has also dreamed big about lighting and has met with an architect that might be possible once Association has more funding opportunities (i.e. if Charitable Status is realised). • Observation: Most of the existing infrastructure (i.e. roads, parking lots) is owned by other user groups in the area (i.e. Rugby, Mustangs). • Question: What is the landscaping to the west of the Rugby fields? Answer: New ultimate fields are being put in. 			



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- Question: Shoes hanging from live wire have been reported to indicate a place to sell drugs, is this the case?
Answer: Police do make the rounds and there is a lot of activity there during the evening. Mustangs do check the property during the evening. There is some indication that the shoes do indicate that is the case.
- Question: Last Christmas there was a lot of Municipal presence, was that to enforce that other user areas are not open to dogs (i.e. Ultimate Fields, Rugby Fields)?
Observation: People choose to ignore existing signage. In respect to Animal Services presence at the parks, Leland Gordon (Representative of Animal Services) is the person who enforces infractions of Municipal by-laws and was present to educate (i.e. boundaries, licensing).
- Question: If someone who live outside of the Municipality makes use of the park, should they not have a license?
Answer: Uncertain – though there seems to approval that it makes sense!

Treasurer's Report

Financial Report for the Annual General Meeting
November 4, 2010

Bank Balance as of October 18, 2010	\$4613.69
Petty Cash	\$50.00
Total	\$4663.69

Since the last AGM on October 27, 2009, the Association has received \$2409.50 from membership fees and donations, and we have spent \$784.41 on expenses such as post office box rental, postage, office supplies, bank charges, Internet Domain registration, fees, hall rental for AGM, and incidental expenses for fundraising events.

Frank Machovec, Treasurer

Motion

Moved	Shane Nestruck	Seconded	Colin Lang	Carried
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"That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as submitted."

Co-Chair's Report

- Membership now numbers 448.
- Transfer from old Association now complete.
- BBQ was a great success and useful to connect with membership.
- Picnic tables now returned.
- 311 useful means of advocating for park (i.e. picnic tables).
- Sponsors this year: Aardvark Pets, Dakota Veterinary Hospital, Harvest Bakery & Deli, Local Meats & Frozen Treats, M&M, Pet Valu, Safeway, Sobey's, South End Vet Clinic, South Glen Vet Clinic, St. Vital Market, Tim Horton's, the Preferred Perch, Wal-Mart.
- Charitable Status in process.

New Business

By-Law Changes

Motion

Preamble



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The intent of this change is to facilitate the approval of larger expenditures between Annual General Meetings.				
Moved	Colin Lang	Seconded	Alan Pilkington	Carried
"That the present by-law #50: 'The Board of Directors may authorize the expenditure of up to \$500.00 for Association projects without the approval of the General Membership,' be modified to include 'Approval for these expenditures over \$500.00 may come at the Annual General Meeting, at an extraordinary meeting or by an email vote among members in good standing provided at least twenty-one (21) days notice is given for voting.'"				
Motion				
Preamble				
The intent of this new by-law is to formalise a process for filling vacancies on the Board until the next formal election at an Annual General Meeting.				
Moved	Shane Nestruck	Seconded	Heather Hartry	Carried
"That in the event that there is a vacancy on the Board, the remaining Board members may nominate a replacement from member in good standing and that the term of office for this candidate shall end at the next Annual General Meeting."				
Motion				
Preamble				
The intent of this is to simplify our Board structure and add efficiency since there is an overlap in Secretary and Treasurer duties. The option is acknowledged in existing by-law #14.				
Moved	Hubert Vandevorst	Seconded	Richard Goran	Carried
"That the roles of Treasurer and Secretary be merged, in order to improve operational efficiency."				
Election (Board Members)				
Motion				
Moved	Kelly Merkeley	Seconded	Shane Nestruck	Carried
"That Richard Manley-Tannis be elected as Co-Chair."				
Motion				
Moved	Kathleen Clear	Seconded	Susan Midford	Carried
"That Lance Pucknell be elected as Co-Chair."				
Acclamations				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "That Frank Machovec, by acclamation, fill the role as Treasurer & Secretary." • "That Kelly Merkeley, by acclamation, fill the role as a Member-at-Large." • "That Kathleen Clear, by acclamation, fill the role as a Member-at-Large." • "That Colin Lang, by acclamation, fill the role as a Member-at-Large." • "That Rosalyn Jones-Smith, by acclamation, fill the role as a Member-at-Large." • "That Jacquie Machovec, by acclamation, fill the role as a Member-at-Large." • "That Peter Theyer, by acclamation, fill the role as a Member-at-Large." 				
Volunteer Recognition				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roy Pownell 				
Group Discussion				
Priorities for the Next Year				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charitable Status 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branded Swag: Mugs, Scarves, T-shirts, 		



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue MOU • Pursue further relationship with other Dog Parks • Speed control • Further explore enclosed area for puppies • Advocate for completion of fence with MODS, in order to show neighbourliness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • leashes • Social • Consider compost faeces • Protect trees planted for erosion • Improve signage (i.e. enclosed area, actual length of various trails) • Maintain effective communication (i.e. email upcoming events) 					
Use of Existing Funds						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Porta-potty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter trail grooming 					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More explicit signage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 					
Corporate Sponsorship						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City approval would be required • Pamphlets have been sponsored • Any sponsorship would have to be consistent and conservative 						
Motion						
Moved	Heather Hartry	Seconded	Christie Boaler	Against	2	Carried
"That any possible sponsorship offered to the MGDPOA be 'consistent' and 'conservative,' in order to assure fairness for sponsors and limit excessive advertising."						
Adjournment						
Moved	Colin Lang					
Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.						

AGENDA

Maple grove park dog owners association

Annual general meeting

November 23th 2017 @ 7PM

St. Vital Mustangs Clubhouse on Frobisher Road

- 1. Welcome and call to order**
- 2. Discussion and motion to approve minutes of December 1st, 2016 AGM**
- 3. Reports:**
 - a. President (Represented by Vice President Sharon Wiens)**
 - b. Financial (Cathy Swiderek, Treasurer)**
- 4. Nomination and election of officers for 2017/18**
 - a. Slate of nominees**
 - b. Nominations from the floor**
 - c. Election of officers**
- 5. New business, announcements and general discussion**
 - a. Objectives for 2017 and 2018**
 - b. Discussion and motion to approve changes to MGPDOA by-laws**
 - c. Discussion and motion to approve Porta Potty**
 - d. New business from the Board**
 - e. New business from the floor**
- 6. Door prize draw**
- 7. Adjournment**

Maple Grove Dog Park Owner's Association (MGDPOA)

Annual General Meeting, November 23, 2017

Mustang's Football Club, 100 Frobisher Road, Winnipeg

NOTE: 29 participants were in attendance at the meeting.

****the only board members who were not in attendance were Heather Hartry and Peter Bohonos (both provided their regrets)**

1. Welcome and call to order.

- Sharon Wiens, Vice President (Acting President) welcomed group and called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.
- Sharon spoke briefly on the purpose of the association and of the difference we can make as a group.

2. Discussion and motion to approve minutes of December 1, 2016 AGM.

- Motioned by Michelle and seconded by Leah T. - carried unanimously.

3. Reports:

- President (represented by VP, Sharon Wiens) - summarized the current initiatives underway by the Association including development of the by-laws, providing poop-bag dispensers for the park, and the provision of a porta-potty for the park.
- Financial Report presented by Cathy Swiderek, Treasurer. (see Appendix A). Motioned by Bryan to approve, seconded by Michelle - carried unanimously.

4. Nomination and election of officers for 2017/18.

- Bev S led discussion and election process.
- For President - Bryan B nominated Kirsten Bishop as president - no other nominees were presented. Kirsten Bishop nominated by acclamation.
- For Special Events - (Heather requested to step down to "member-at-large") - Pat Bradics nominated herself for the position - no other nominees were presented. Pat Bradics nominated by acclamation (was decided that Heather would overlap the position for a training period before stepping down).
- For Past-President - Roz Jones-Smith was nominated by acclamation (no other nominees).
- For Members-at-Large - nominees included Heather Hartry, Heather Stubbs, Leah Thompson, Andre Wanlin. All nominated by acclamation.
- Other positions where no other nominees were presented include:
 - Vice President - will remain Sharon Wiens
 - Treasurer - will remain Cathy Swiderek
 - Marketing - will remain Bryan Bishop
 - Communication - will remain Bev Shafrika

- Secretary - will remain Kathy Boyanisky
- Membership - will remain Don Lowrie
- Members-at-Large - will remain Peter Bohonos, Catherine Kelly, Michelle Lagadi (that will be 7 in total).

5. New Business, announcements and general discussion.

- Objectives - Sharon W, VP reviewed the statement of purpose - to add value to our park.
 - Restated the projects that include completing by-laws, poop-bag dispenser, porta-potty and bulletin board.
- Bev S presented and led discussion on by-law development and scope of package. While this is a living document that may have to be edited moving forward, there was discussion that this could be put forward to the group for a vote.
- Heather S put forward a motion to approve the changes to the MGPDOA by-laws as they have been completed to date, recognizing that there will be further developments.
- Don B seconded the motion, carried unanimously.
- Don L. made a motion to amend the by-laws by removing the word "or" as follows:
 - Under section D) i) d) "members in good standing must approve any expenditures that are more than 50% of the current funds, **OR** up to \$2000.00 for projects."
 - Kirsten seconded the motion. All in favour.
- Don L also pointed out that the bylaws do not include the annual membership date changes discussed at previous Board meetings.
 - Cathy S (formerly G) made a motion to have the membership director grand annual membership for every member from the date of purchase to expire in one year from that date. Kathy B seconded the motion. All in favour.
- Marketing Report - Bryan B presented a motion..."that we move forward with the City of Winnipeg to obtain one port-a-potty on location at Maple Grove Dog Park. The location to be determined by Jessica Mutimer, Parks Technician - East Area Public Works.
 - The City of Winnipeg will bill MGPDOA each month for this service being obtained from King's Septic Services (SEE Appendix 2 for full details)
 - Motion discussed. Michelle seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.
- New Business from the floor:
 - Heather S brought forward an issue with the broken latch of the fenced in puppy run area - that it needs to be fixed as a security issue. This will be carried forward to the next board meeting to arrange fixing. (Ros noted that this has been replaced and broken several times, needs a more appropriate latch.
 - Wendy - suggested that a "windsock" be installed - perhaps a Canadian flag - to give members information on wind direction. This will be carried forward to next Board meeting.
 - Wendy also suggested we designate "dog marshalls" to help identify and manage disruptive and aggressive dog interactions. It was suggested that this could be put in the City survey as the members do not have powers of enforcement.
 - Brenda suggested that the meeting agendas are handed out well in advance so that attendees can have notice in order to better prepare discussion. All agreed this is a great idea.

- Prize winners drawn.
- VP Sharon adjourned the meeting at 9:05PM

**Appendix attachments:

Updated Board Member list

MGPDOA Financial Statement for 2016-2017

Marketing Director submission for motion re: Port-a-Potty

**MAPLE GROVE DOG PARK OWNER'S ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, DECEMBER 1, 2016
LOUIS RIEL LIBRARY, 1680 DAKOTA STREET**

1. Call to order:

- Frank Machovec, former Board Member who had been asked to chair the meeting welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

2. Minutes of the November 17, 2015 AGM:

- Minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting were made available on line and were also distributed at the meeting. Motion made by Roy Chapman to accept the minutes as circulated, seconded by Susan Paul. Carried.

3. Business arising from the minutes:

- At the 2015 AGM then board member, Suz Wiens gave a presentation on research she was doing on finding a water source for the park. Unfortunately further review appears to indicate that any options considered so far are too expensive. From discussion with the City of Winnipeg officials it was determined that the water in the area is not potable and therefore a well is not a good idea. The MODS use their system for watering but have also had to use a specialized system to do this. The Board will continue to look into other possible solutions.

4. Co-Chair's report

- Rosalyn Jones-Smith, co-chair regrettably reported that Colin Lang, the other co-chair has recently resigned from his position and from the Board. He was thanked for his years of service.
- Rosalyn reported that she and Colin met with other stakeholders of the Park (MODS, the Mustangs and the Rugby group) in the spring to discuss with the City such things as road upgrades and signage. The MODS want a new sign at the entrance off of St. Mary's and they are looking into it. Our sign may become part of this project but it is expected that the City will cover our sign cost.
- New signs indicating where the off leash area actually is located were put up after a request was made to the City. More are needed.
- Many truck loads of wood chips have been brought in by the City and Parkland Tree Service (with the okay of the City). When more chipping is done in January more will be received.
- Question from the floor about using gravel. This is still a consideration especially where the paths have been worn down from the machines emptying the waste bins.
- Rosalyn has also been involved in discussions about future off leash sites in the south end that would cut down on the over use of Maple Grove. Apparently one is being considered near St. Vital Park and also in the Sage Creek area.
- The Board plans to have a new bulletin board for the park and in fact Mr. Lang had drawn up some plans. We still need find someone willing and able to build the structure at a reasonable cost.

- The Board also wants to look into building another parking lot, possibly on the other side of the hill at the front. It would include putting up a fence.
- Rosalyn moved that her co-chair report be accepted as read and this was seconded by Bev Shafirka. Carried

4. Finance Report

- The attached financial statement was circulated for review. Cathy Guttek, Treasurer reported that we had one less BBQ event this year as we had decided to do 2 weekday membership evenings instead in order to reach a different demographic. These were both successful.
- The Fall BBQ was also successful despite poor weather. Prizes were awarded at both events.
- Cathy reported that a “Square” was used to allow people to donate or buy memberships but it causes problems as it doesn’t allow you to see what the person donated for and we will have to look into this further.
- Also need to find a way to track information from people who randomly give donations to board members the park.
- Motion to accept Financial report Roy Chapman, seconded by Susan Paul. Carried

5. MGDPOA Bylaws amendments

- The amendments have been available on line, at the park and were circulated at the meeting. Bev Shafirka gave an overview of the changes and the reasons for them.
- It was mentioned from the floor that we should attempt have the actual officer job descriptions separate from the Bylaws. Bev indicated that this is in fact the plan as we move forward with the revisions.
- Jeff Henry moved that the bylaw changes be accepted, seconded by Roy Chapman, carried.

6. Nomination and Election of Board Members for 2016-17

Fran Machovec oversaw the election of officers and asked for nominations from the floor for all positions three times.

Positions & Slate of Officers

- **Executive Vice President** Frank Machovec (ex officio)
- Running for **President** were Don Rose and Shalin Hustad
As Ms Hustad is not currently a member in good standing she was deemed unable to stand for this position. Mr. Rose was elected by acclamation. Ms Hustad is welcome to become a member at large once she becomes a member of the association and could also be eligible for other positions.
- **Vice President:** Vacant
- **Treasure:** Cathy Guttek remained in this position
- **Secretary:** Kathy Boyanisky, a current member in good standing, replaced Heather Hartry who resigned from the position. Elected by acclamation.
- **Director of Membership:** Don Lowrie remained in this position
- **Director of Communications:** Bev Shafirka remained in this position
- **Director of Marketing and Promotion:** Vacant

- **Members at large:** Continuing: Peter Bohonos, Cathy Kelly & Heather Hartry.
New members: Sharon Wiens, Susan Paul & Michelle Lagadi.

7. Board Objectives for 2017

- Suggestion from floor to have City mow a diagonal path across large field from river as it would be an additional place to walk away from the river.
- Continuation of bylaw, procedures and job description development.
- Revisit removal of the large hill at front of park, by road to provide for more parking spaces.
- Putting up a fence along the road
- Looking into porta potties
- Revisit potable water issue
- Continue with plans to build a new bulletin Board

8. Attendance Prizes

- Five attendance prizes were drawn
 - \$100 gift certificate at Global Pet Foods on St. Mary's Road
 - \$100 Gift Certificate at Pet Valu on *Meadowood*
 - \$50 Gift Certificate at Aardvark Pets
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 - Gift Basket from Global Pet Foods on St. Mary's Road

Motion to adjourn made by Roy Chapman, Seconded Susan Midford, carried

Meeting adjourned at: 8:45 PM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

MAPLE GROVE PARK DOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 17TH @ 7PM

ST. VITAL MUSTANGS CLUBHOUSE ON FROBISHER ROAD

1. Welcome and call to order
 - In appreciation of Frank's contributions to Maple Grove Dog Park
2. Minutes of the meeting held November 18th, 2014
3. Presentation by Manitoba Mutts
4. Reports
 - a) Co-chair (Colin Lang)
 - b) Financial (Cathy Guttek)
5. Nomination and election of officers for 2015/2016
 - a) Present slate of nominees
 - b) Take nominations from the floor
 - c) Elect officers for coming term
6. New business, announcements and general discussion
 - a) New business from the Board
 - i) Potential changes to the Board positions
 - b) Objectives for 2016
 - ii) Plan and hold events: Spring and fall BB; spring and fall park cleanup
 - iii) Discuss water, potential sources and use at the park
 - iv) Review MGPDOA by-laws

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

MAPLE GROVE PARK DOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION

- v) Maintain and update website, Facebook and Twitter
 - (a) Improve the website
 - Let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions
 - Send us pictures of your dogs so we can post them on the site
 - Submit an article of interest to other dog owners
- vi) Maintaining the park
 - (a) Discuss methods to fix the park entrance making it cleaner and more easily maintainable
 - (b) Keep more gravel or wood chips on the paths
 - (c) Source out companies who may supply doggie bags or other goods and services
- vii) Raise awareness of the need for volunteers and how important they are, whether the job is big or small
- c) New business from the floor

7. Door prize draw

8. Adjournment

For related information, check linked documents on the website
(www.maplegrovedogpark.ca).

Maple Grove Dog Park Dog Owner's Association (MGDPOA)
Annual General Meeting, November 17, 2015
Mustang's Football Club, 100 Frobisher Road, Winnipeg

1. Call To Order

- Colin Lang, Co-Chair welcomed the group and as there was a quorum called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.

2. Minutes of the 2014 AGM

- Motion that the minutes of the Annual General Membership Meeting from November 18, 2014 be accepted as circulated. Moved by Suz Wiens and seconded by Clay Wach-carried unanimously.

3. Presentation by Manitoba Mutts.

- Nancy Schneider, Volunteer Team Manager for Manitoba Mutts explained the purpose of Manitoba Mutts that is a non profit organization serving Manitoba dogs. She explained their need for volunteers to assist animals at risk. They serve close to 450 animals a year, including some cats. They are holding a Volunteer Hire-athon on November 22/15. Also mention the ResQ Walk App that donates money to animal charities and Bark Box purchases also help out.

4. Co-Chair Report.

- Colin explained that Frank Machovec has stepped down as one of the Board Co-Chairs. The Board plans to give him a gift card from Tim Horton's to thank him for his years of service to the MGDPOA.
- Colin Lang reported that there appears to be increased use of the dog park over the past year.
- The Board is concerned about the area directly in front of the parking lot. Due to some very wet weather this fall, the area has become extremely muddy and will be hard to bring back in the spring. Discussion about how to deal with this including what could be spread over the area. Colin has discussed this with

the City's Manager of Maple Grove Park and they will work with the Board to come up with a solution, possibly gravel.

- Colin reported that we have a good relationship with the Park's Management and we will also work with them to come up with solutions for improving the pathways, look into more park benches, and other amenities.
- The MGDPOA continues to be part of the WINDOG, an advocacy group made up of local dog parks including Kilcona, Maple Grove and Little Mountain Park. WINDOG has made a presentation to the City on off leash park needs and a response is still expected from them.
- Colin explained that the Board is still trying to clean up its membership list and bring it up to date. Don Lowrie has taken over this task and should have it up to date shortly.
- Also want to make the MGDPOA Website more accessible and Bev Shafirka is working on this.
- Suz Wiens attended Liability for Non Profits training through Volunteer Manitoba.
- Two successful Membership BBQs were held.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Cathy Guttek reported that we continued to keep membership and donation dollars separate this year from BBQ funds in order to keep better track of the membership.
- Cathy reported that the total membership revenue was \$885.52.
- We received donations of \$454
- Revenue from November 2014 to October 31, 2015 was \$3,545.
- Expenses were \$1,934.
- Current Balance of \$6,885.35
- Cathy explained that a few larger items were purchased for the BBQ auctions to make them more appealing.
- In June 2015 we earned \$664 and In September 2015 we earned \$1,315. The weather was definitely a factor at the June BBQ.

- A grant of \$250 has also been received from the City to be used towards the re-printing of the Pet-Etiquette brochure.
- The Balance Sheet will be posted on the Web Site.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Susan Midford and seconded by Don Lowrie. Motion carried.

6. Nomination and Election of Officers for 2015-16

- As mentioned Frank Machovec has unfortunately resigned from his position as co-chair and the Board has regrettably accepted his resignation. Colin Lang also stated that he will not run again as Co-Chair but will continue as a board member.
- Cathy Guttek was nominated to continue as Treasurer and seconded by Clay Wach. Acclaimed
- Heather Hartry was nominated to continue as Secretary by Cathy Guttek and seconded by Suz Wiens. Acclaimed
- Cathy Guttek nominated Tara Everett as a Member At Large, seconded by Suz Wiens. Acclaimed
- Cathy Guttek nominated Peter Bohonos as a Member at Large, seconded by Suz Wiens. Acclaimed.
- After some discussion Tara Everett agreed to run for Co-Chair if Colin Lang agreed to be a mentor. Nominated by Suz Wiens and seconded by Peter Bohonos. Acclaimed
- Members At-Large now include; Cathy Kelly, Suz Wiens, Bev Shafirka, Don Lowrie, Peter Bohonos and Tushar Raichura.

7. New Business

- Board Roles. The Board feels that it would be beneficial to better define the roles of the Board positions. These would include areas taken on by members at large; Membership-now the responsibility of Don Lowrie, Communications-Bev Shafirka, Events/Volunteers-Suz Wiens. There is also may be a need for someone to look after Marketing.
- Water Pump for park. Suz Wiens made a presentation about getting a water source for the park. This item has come up and many previous AGM meetings. If a water source could be developed it would eliminate the need for people to bring water jugs. There is a possibility that there is already a well on site or

possibly we could share something with the Mods group, who already have a well. The Mustangs Hall is also run on a well.

A motion was made by Cathy Guttek to have Suz Wiens further explore the possibility of getting a water source at the park, seconded by Bev Shafirka. Motion carried.

- Board will speak with City about more wood chips, possible new bag dispensers, ways to control weeds and getting the Puppy Area fence fixed (note: has now been fixed!)
- We unfortunately did not do a Fall Clean up this year so will definitely need to do one in the spring.

8. Adjournment

- Colin Lang moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Suz Wiens. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Maple Grove Dog Owner's Association (MGPDOA)
Annual General Meeting, Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM
Louis Riel Library, 1168 Dakota Street

1. **Call to Order** Frank Machovec welcomed the group, and as there was a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.
2. **Minutes of the 2013 meeting** - Motion: that the minutes of the October 23, 2013 annual general membership meeting be accepted as circulated. Moved by Susan Midford and seconded by Julia Blonski-carried
3. **Co-Chair report** Frank Machovec reported that two land dedication reserve grants were received from the City of Winnipeg. One was for the parking lot area improvement at \$25,000, which came in under cost and the other for the new dog in-ground refuse bins and installation at \$11,000. The new bins will be emptied and maintained by the City.

Frank M commented on the support we have received from the St. Vital City Counsellor Brain Mayes.

The City has also continued to supply and distribute wood chips on trails in the park.

Some members of the Board of Directors (Colin Lang, Frank Machovec and Rosalyn Jones-Smith) have been involved in the set up and roll out of the WINDOG, an advocacy group of local dog park associations.

The Board also conducted two successful BBQs and a spring clean- up.

The Board has joined the Volunteer Canada as it gives access to better and cheaper liability insurance, and it appears to be more geared towards not-for-profit groups' activities.

The Board has also cleaned up its membership and mailing lists and made sure that we are in compliance with the new Canadian anti spam rules.

4. **Treasurer's Report** Cathy Guttek reported on the association's finances. A financial report was circulated for review. The current bank balance is \$5,274.35. Total revenue for 2013/14 from grants, memberships, silent auction, food sales and donations was \$27,573.77. Total expenses were \$27,517.84. An effort was made this year to develop a more efficient system that separates membership and donation revenue collected. Motion to accept Treasure's report- Carol Mahe, seconded by Lorne Volk-carried
A question arose about whether or not the financials need to be audited by a third party. Frank Machovec indicated he did not think so due to the size of the

organization but that it would definitely be looked into. (Note: we are not obliged to have an audit unless the membership at the AGM requires one. FJM)

5. **WINDOG Presentation** Donna Henry, President of Kilcona Dog Park and Vice President of WINDOG gave an interesting presentation on the WINDOG association and its activities. The organization acts as an advocacy and lobbying group for local dog parks. It addresses common issues of concern and promotes park stewardship. During the last civic election the group provided information on dog park friendly city counsellors and mayoral candidates. Along with Kilcona, Maple Grove and Little Mountain Park, they developed the Pet Etiquette brochures that was widely distributed and now needs to be re-printed.

Future objectives include encouraging the City to develop more neighbourhood dog parks and larger community parks, and develop at least four regional parks. WINDOG also want the City to prepare a proper Dog Park Management report.

6. **Nomination and Election of Officers for 2014**

- Co-chairs Frank Machovec and Colin Lang are willing to serve for another term. There were no nominations from the floor for these positions. It was moved by Bardee Hubka and seconded by Susan Midford that the two incumbent co-chairs be re-elected by acclamation-carried.
- Heather Hartry indicated her willingness to continue serving as secretary and there were no nominations from the floor. Jacquie Machovec moved that Heather Hartry continue as secretary, seconded by Cathy Kelly-carried
- Cathy Guttek indicated her willingness to continue to serve as treasurer and there were no nominations from the floor. Cindy Little moved that Cathy Guttek continue as Treasurer, seconded by Julia Blonski-carried.
- A motion was made by Reid Hartry and seconded by Cathy Guttek that the ``at large`` board members (Julia Blonski, Rosalyn Jones-Smith, Sherri Tufford, Cathy Kelly, Lauren Smith and Suz Wiens) continue as members. Carried
- Note: an additional at large member, Tushar Raichura, volunteered after the meeting. His nomination was accepted unanimously by the board of directors after the AGM—FJM.

7. **Discussion and Approval of Bylaw Changes**

Frank Machovec explained that the board of directors had reviewed the existing bylaws (last updated in 2011) to clarify and re-order some articles and better reflect current practice. The changes were posted on the MGPDOA Website and copies were distributed at the meeting. Motion by Carol Mahe and seconded by Julia Blonski to accept the changes. Carried

There was discussion regarding the desirability of having a fixed membership year.. Also concern arose about some apparent contradictions in bylaw Section B Membership /8, 9, and 10. Frank Machovec indicated that the Board would have to take a further look at these issues and possibly make additional changes at the next annual general meeting.

8. New Business, Announcements, and General Discussion

- Question arose about what to do about snags (dead trees) in the park. This is the responsibility of the city but Board will check on protocol.
- Thanks to lady who regularly cleans up garbage and man who takes out burdock!
- Suggestion made to look into moving park boundary further to the East.
- Board Objectives for 2015 include:
 - possible board training,
 - reprint of pet etiquette brochure
 - have another person do Safe Food Handling course
 - Look into ways to provide water to the park (possibly share with MODS)
 - Continue to work on trail improvements
 - Look into the possibility of having a porta-potty
- Door Prize was drawn: winner Jeff Henry.

9. Motion to adjourn, Susan Midford . Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

**MAPLE GROVE PARK DOG OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.
ST. VITAL MUSTANGS CLUBHOUSE**

1. Frank Machovec welcomed the group at 7:10 P.M.
2. Frank Machovec expressed his thanks to the St Vital Mustangs for the use of their hall
3. Minutes of the 2012 meeting—Motion: That the minutes of the November 6, 2012 annual general membership meeting be accepted as circulated (moved by Sherri Tufford, seconded by Bardee Hubka, motion carried).
4. Co-Chair report: Frank Machovec noted that the Association has had a busy year with a somewhat problematic relationship with City Parks and Open Spaces staff, but progress was made on many fronts.
5. Financial report: Frank Machovec presented a brief report on Association finances. It was noted that one week remains in the fiscal year, but the current bank balance is \$5219.07 (with two possible liabilities of approximately \$100 apiece to be paid). It was noted that about \$3000 was received from memberships, donations, and BBQ events in fiscal 2012-2013; expenses were just over \$2000. A \$25,000 Land Dedication Reserve Grant was awarded for work on the parking lot, and this grant is expected in the next fiscal year (after completion of the work). It was moved by Sherri Tufford, seconded by Susan Midford, that the financial report be accepted, motion carried).
6. Report on Activities since the last AGM:
 - * Meetings with City – Members of the board met with Councilor Mayes and Jonina Ewart, Jonina declined a Spring meeting to discuss general topics, but delegated the parking lot project to Karl Thordarson
 - * Meeting with other park user groups – Our co-chairs attended the Maple Grove Stakeholders meeting to discuss 2013 plans with other Maple Grove Park groups (and express concern about Frobisher Road maintenance). Board members continue to consult with other dog park user groups.
 - * Proposed “super group” - Windog-- Meetings were held with representatives from groups at Kilcona Park, Little Mountain Park, King's Park and the future St Boniface Park regarding a possible umbrella organization for off-leash park users. It was thought that such a formal group might be useful in creating a common front in discussions with the City. Although though there is agreement on the principle of having such a group, there were some procedural disagreements between some of the participants, and the start-up process has stalled.

* Wood chips were supplied last year, but there was difficulty in arranging for the dispersal of the chips on park trails. Thanks to Tom Lillyman and James Furutani and volunteers, wood chips were recently spread on trails.

* A \$25, 240 grant for parking lot improvement was requested and awarded. There was some confusion about the proposed scope of the project, but estimates for the work were eventually received, and the project should be completed shortly by B&B Landscaping and Cartage. The Land Dedication Reserve Grant should cover the entire cost of the project.

7. Election of officers for 2014:

* Co-chairs: Frank Machovec and Colin Lang are willing to serve for another term, and there were no nominations from the floor for the two co-chair positions. It was moved by Rosalyn Jones-Smith, seconded by Sherri Tufford, that the two incumbent co-chairs be re-elected by acclamation, motion carried.

* "At large" board positions. Rosalyn Jones-Smith, Cathy Guttek, Heather Hartry, Sherri Tufford, and Lauren Smith volunteered to serve another term, and Cathy Kelly was nominated from the floor. No other nominations were received. It was moved by Bardee Hubka, seconded by Colin Lang, that the latter individuals be elected by acclamation, motion carried.

It was noted that the Board of Directors may simplify the board structure and refine individual directors' roles. Any permanent changes would need to be ratified at the next AGM.

8. Announcements & General Discussion—It was noted that PayPal is available for online payment of memberships & donations, Volunteer opportunities exist on the "Poop Patrol." Volunteers could also work on web site, brochure, membership database, and a possible charitable status application. Members were urged to contact board members if interested in volunteer positions.

General discussion took place about the scheduling of barbecue events (Saturday vs. Sunday) and the type of food served at events. Members present were flexible and scheduling and type of food to be served.

There was a brief discussion of potential topics for board discussion. Topics includes: separation of memberships from food orders at events, policy regarding "family" vs. individual memberships, and the membership fee.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Machovec, October 24, 2013

**MAPLE GROVE PARK DOG OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.
LOUIS RIEL LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM**

1. Secretary-Treasurer Frank Machovec welcomed the group at 7:10 P.M.

2. Presentation of interest to the membership:

Matthieu Allard reported on his plans to establish an off-leash dog park in Saint Boniface. He noted that a proposed site for the park is in an industrial area near Lagimodiere and Marion. He also expressed interest in participating in a "super group" of dog park users' organizations.

Betty Braaksma reported on some difficulties experienced with a disgruntled member of the public in connection with the off-leash area ok King's park. King's Park does not yet have a formal dog owners' group, but she expressed interest in participating in the proposed "super group." It was also noted that King's Park now has a presence on Facebook.

Kimlerley Zebiere reported on the activities of Winnipeg Lost Dog Alert. She encouraged dog owners to visit and "like" their Facebook site. She also encouraged our members to volunteer with Lost Dog Alert.

3. The official part of the meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

4. Co-Chair report: Lance Pucknell noted that recent Association activities would be addressed as topics to be addressed later in the meeting.

5. Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Frank Machovec noted that the Association has \$4396.75 in its accounts. It was noted that the past fiscal year had unusual expenses, such as the Landscape architect's report and a financial commitment to the "Pet-iquette" brochure. Mr. Machovec briefly reviewed the variance between the past and previous year's cash flow. It was moved by Al Besson, seconded by Kim Unrau that the financial report be accepted as circulated—motion carried.

6. Report on Association's Activities since the last AGM:

News about off leash park closures- Frank Machovec noted that there are changes afoot regarding Little Mountain, Bourkevale, Transcona Trail, and Charleswood off-leash areas. It is not clear if there will be replacements for closed or diminished parks.

Meetings with City- It were noted that the Association has had two meetings with City Parks staff regarding the master plan and other park issues. The relationship with City staff has been favourable.

Meeting with other park user groups- The Association has participated in meetings between City staff and various other user groups from Maple Grove Park (MODS, St. Vital Mustangs, Rugby).

Meetings with other clubs around the “Pet-iquette” brochure. The Association has met with representatives from Little Mountain and Kilcona Parks to develop the dog behaviour brochure. City Parks and Animal services staff have also been involved in the process.

Proposed “super group”: Frank Machovec noted that discussion has taken place about a potential organization with representatives from various dog owners’ groups in the city. The intent would be to share resources and serve as a collective voice in dealings with the City. An inaugural meeting is expected shortly.

Insecticide spraying: Frank Machovec and Lance Pucknell reviewed the recent incident involving insecticide spraying for Dutch Elm Disease-carrying beetles in the Park. Concern was expressed about the inadequate notice given by the City Insect Control Branch regarding the spraying. There was also some general discussion of the need to preserve a positive relationship with the City while addressing client service issues. Kilcona club president (and MGDOA member) Donna Henry outlined the experience of the Kilcona Club in dealing with the City.

Wood chips: Frank Machovec reported on the issues involved in getting wood chips for trail maintenance in the Park. While the chips are freely provided by the City, any dispersal using heavy equipment will involve cost. The Association is working with the City to refine the system of obtaining and distributing the chips.

7. Nomination and Election of officers for 2013:

A prospective slate of officers for the positions of co-chair (two), secretary, and treasurer was presented, and members were asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.

It was moved, by Pat Routledge, seconded by Kathy Guttek, that the following candidates be declared elected by acclamation—motion carried:

- Colin Lang and Frank Machovec—co-chairs
- Cindy Little—Secretary
- Rosalyn Smith-Jones – Treasurer.

A prospective slate of incumbent candidates for at-large board positions was presented, and members were asked for additional candidates from the floor. The following full slate of at-large directors was presented:

- Kim Unrau
- Jacquie Machovec

- Heather Hartry
- Sherri Tufford
- Kathy Guttek
- Allan Besson
- Lauren Smith
- Gordana Lemez

It was moved by Adele Delorme seconded by Elizabeth Cameron, that the proposed slate of at-large directors be elected by acclamation—motion carried.

8. Discussion of the recent park user's survey: Frank Machovec noted that we had recently conducted a survey of park users' preferences regarding park improvements identified in the landscape architect's master plan. The survey received approximately 200 responses from park users, and it indicated a high degree of interest in trail maintenance and improvement.

9. Based on the results of recent survey, the Association's board suggested that we target trail improvements, erection of a buffer fence to isolate dogs from Frobisher Road, and parking area improvement as priorities. With the exception of trail maintenance using wood chips, all other options carry significant costs, and would likely require grants.

General discussion ensued, and the consensus was that priority should be placed on trail maintenance at minimal cost to the Association. An incremental approach was recommended in connection with projects such as parking lot stabilization. The board is to use its discretion to move forward with improvements within the financial means of the Association. It is expected that meetings will take place between board members and City Parks and our City Councillor.

10. Discussion and recommendations for park fund-raising events: Frank Machovec reviewed the current approach to scheduling fund-raising events such as Spring and Fall BBQs and an evening coffee event. The possibility of having a pancake breakfast or indoor event were mentioned. It was agreed that decisions about the nature and scheduling of events should be left with the board of directors.

11. New business and General Discussion:

It was moved by Colin Lang, seconded by Pat Routledge that the Maple Grove Park Dog Owners' Association compose a letter of support for the creation of an off-leash dog park in Saint Boniface—motion carried.

General discussion took place about a variety of topics including the desirability of having a bylaw review (especially regarding the \$500 expenditure cap) and re-investigating the possibility of obtaining charitable status. A member expressed concern about the appropriate procedure for dealing with intoxicated park users.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Machovec

November 7, 2012

**MAPLE GROVE PARK DOG OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.
ST VITAL MUSTANGS CLUBHOUSE**

1. Co-chair Richard Manley-Tannis welcomed the group at 7:10 P.M.

2. Presentation by Landscape Architect Dean Spearman:

Mr. Spearman presented his preliminary master plan for the park. This started with an explanation of the need to have a plan to identify and prioritize improvements to the park. Comments and suggestions from the audience accompanied the presentation.

Main Issues identified by Mr. Spearman:

- Deteriorating paths
- Lack of seating
- Signage
- Parking
- Lighting
- Drainage

Wish list derived from users' suggestions:

"A list" (major items most easily done)

- More benches/picnic tables
- Parking
- Improved drainage
- Signage
- Path improvements
- Increased cut grass areas

"B list" (items of less significance/increased cost)

- Fenced in puppy/small dog area
- Agility area
- Gathering Place
- Storage space for tools and supplies

“C list” (items with legitimate need but with significant obstacles such as cost, environment issues)

- Washrooms/hand washing
- Site lighting
- Tree planting
- Dust control on the road

“D list” (wonderful but problematic suggestions)

- Pond/Doggy Spray park
- Water fountains
- Warming area/overhead heaters
- Doggy Toboggan slide
- Foot bridge over the river

The report identified several existing paths in the park; based in usage, these were labeled as primary secondary , tertiary and quaternary . It was noted that some paths are subject to seasonal variations in usage due to factors such as flooding.

The draft master plan suggests that we abandon lesser-used paths and widen frequently-used paths to accommodate heavier use (paths 3 meters wide with adjacent wide grassed area for dogs), and we should develop alternate paths for use during spring flooding (temporally closing some other paths). Wood chips were recommended for flood-prone paths and crushed limestone for non-flood-prone paths.

Other Suggestions in the draft master plan:

- Creation of a 38 car parking area with nearby seating
- Relocation of the small dog enclosure closer to the parking area/entrance
- Establishment of “crossroads” areas with benches, litter bins

Suggestion from the floor:

Consider fencing the area near the impromptu parking area to restrict dogs from getting to the Perimeter Highway by following the access road. This was considered a high priority dependent on cost.

3. Beth Knight gave a brief presentation about the Canadian Animal Blood Bank. She explained the program and encouraged members to register their dogs as donors.

4 The formal part of the meeting commenced at 8:25 P.M., and the proposed agenda was accepted.

5. It was moved by Susan Bilyk, seconded by Colin Lang, that the minutes of the last annual general meeting on November 4, 2010 be accepted-- motion carried.

6. Co-chairs' report

Kelly Merkeley received a mug in recognition of her contributions to the Association.

Co-chair Lance Pucknell reported on:

- Erection of a new message board and new litter bin lids
- Additional signage to come from the City.

There was some comment about the need for (weed control) tools and related storage and the need for some culvert repair (Lance to follow up).

7. Secretary-Treasurer report

Frank Machovec reported that the bank balance for Associations accounts was currently around \$5000, and he reviewed our major expenses over the past year. The treasurer also explained the cost and need for directors' indemnity insurance. It was moved by Pat Routledge and seconded by Colin Lang that the treasurer's report be accepted—motion carried.

8. Nominations & Elections for Officers and Board

Co-chair Manley-Tannis asked for nominations from the floor, and there was some discussion about our election procedure.

The following slate of directors was elected by acclamation : after a motion by Reid Hartry, seconded by Susan Midford. Motion carried:

- Richard Manley-Tannis co-chair
- Lance Pucknell co-chair
- Frank Machovec secretary-treasurer
- Rosalyn-Junes-Smith at large director
- Jacquie Machovec at large director
- Colin Lang at large director
- Cindy Little at large director
- Kim Unrau at large director
- Michelle Tree at large director
- Don Rose at large director
- Bardee Hubka at large director

9. Bylaw review

Co-chair Manley-Tannis introduced the proposed bylaw changes, and there was some discussion about the rationale for the changes. It was moved by Susan Bilyk, seconded by Pat Routledge, that the proposed bylaw changes be accepted as circulated—motion carried.

10. New Business:

There was some discussion about the width of paths suggested in the draft master plan and the issue of some park users' attempts at "policing" of other park users. This included the definition of "aggressive dogs" and need for civility at the park.

11. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.



MGPDOA Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, November 4, 2010

Occurred at Windsor Community Centre with the Co-Chair (Kelly Merkeley) presiding			
Attendance (Board Members)		Quorum	Yes
Clear, Kathleen (Member-at-Large) Fagan, Eileen (Treasurer) Machovec, Frank (Treasurer)		Manley-Tannis, Richard (Secretary) Merkeley, Kelly (Co-Chair) Pucknell, Lance (Member-at-Large)	
Call to Order			
The Co-Chair Kelly Merkeley called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.			
Procedural Motions			
Motion			
Moved	Shane Nestruck	Seconded	Colin Lang Carried
"That the Minutes Annual General Meeting of the Maple Grove Dark Park Owners' Association of October 27, 2010 be approved as circulated."			
Old Business			
City of Winnipeg Representative (Jonina Ewart): Q&A			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reason for the MOU is to standardise the Dog Parks within the Municipality (i.e. boundaries, expectations). Reality is that the Association currently does not generate enough income to pay for insurance costs. • Observation: The future of the city must include considerations of 'active living.' Edmonton and Calgary used as examples. Response: Calgary and Edmonton have a different model of funding through membership for green spaces such as dog parks. Winnipeg, as a municipality, seems to have a certain degree of access that is different than other municipalities. • Association is considering Charitable Status in order to open up other funding possibilities. • Question: With respect to the insurance, do we have contact with other dog parks? Has anyone explored blanket coverage? Answer: Yes, we have communication with the other dog parks. MGDPOA the most organised at the moment within the Municipality. All of the current dog parks are, to a certain extent, in conflict with other neighbours. Blanket coverage, therefore, is a challenge owing to less developed governance models for the other dog parks. • Question: Are there guarantees for donated benches to remain in place after a donation? Answer: The bench will be replaced if damaged. There is no guarantee, however, that the same funding will be in place. • Question: What kind of coverage does the city have, in respect to liability? Answer: Previously, piggy-backing occurred. An MOU no longer is sufficient and insurance is required. • Question: The park is heavily used and yet there is no infrastructure in place for security (i.e. lights, bathrooms), is there any possibility to have this provided? Answer: Parks within the Municipality are technically only designated as open from dusk until dawn. In respect to lighting, such infrastructure is cost prohibitive. In respect to bathroom facilities, no existing parks have that infrastructure in place. MGDPOA has also dreamed big about lighting and has met with an architect that might be possible once Association has more funding opportunities (i.e. if Charitable Status is realised). • Observation: Most of the existing infrastructure (i.e. roads, parking lots) is owned by other user groups in the area (i.e. Rugby, Mustangs). • Question: What is the landscaping to the west of the Rugby fields? Answer: New ultimate fields are being put in. 			



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Minutes

Thursday, November 4, 2010

- Question: Shoes hanging from live wire have been reported to indicate a place to sell drugs, is this the case?
Answer: Police do make the rounds and there is a lot of activity there during the evening. Mustangs do check the property during the evening. There is some indication that the shoes do indicate that is the case.
- Question: Last Christmas there was a lot of Municipal presence, was that to enforce that other user areas are not open to dogs (i.e. Ultimate Fields, Rugby Fields)?
Observation: People choose to ignore existing signage. In respect to Animal Services presence at the parks, Leland Gordon (Representative of Animal Services) is the person who enforces infractions of Municipal by-laws and was present to educate (i.e. boundaries, licensing).
- Question: If someone who live outside of the Municipality makes use of the park, should they not have a license?
Answer: Uncertain – though there seems to approval that it makes sense!

Treasurer's Report

Financial Report for the Annual General Meeting
November 4, 2010

Bank Balance as of October 18, 2010	\$4613.69
Petty Cash	\$50.00
Total	\$4663.69

Since the last AGM on October 27, 2009, the Association has received \$2409.50 from membership fees and donations, and we have spent \$784.41 on expenses such as post office box rental, postage, office supplies, bank charges, Internet Domain registration, fees, hall rental for AGM, and incidental expenses for fundraising events.

Frank Machovec, Treasurer

Motion

Moved	Shane Nestruck	Seconded	Colin Lang	Carried
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"That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as submitted."

Co-Chair's Report

- Membership now numbers 448.
- Transfer from old Association now complete.
- BBQ was a great success and useful to connect with membership.
- Picnic tables now returned.
- 311 useful means of advocating for park (i.e. picnic tables).
- Sponsors this year: Aardvark Pets, Dakota Veterinary Hospital, Harvest Bakery & Deli, Local Meats & Frozen Treats, M&M, Pet Valu, Safeway, Sobey's, South End Vet Clinic, South Glen Vet Clinic, St. Vital Market, Tim Horton's, the Preferred Perch, Wal-Mart.
- Charitable Status in process.

New Business

By-Law Changes

Motion

Preamble



MGPDOA Annual General Meeting

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Thursday, November 4, 2010

The intent of this change is to facilitate the approval of larger expenditures between Annual General Meetings.			
Moved	Colin Lang	Seconded	Alan Pilkington
Carried			
"That the present by-law #50: 'The Board of Directors may authorize the expenditure of up to \$500.00 for Association projects without the approval of the General Membership,' be modified to include 'Approval for these expenditures over \$500.00 may come at the Annual General Meeting, at an extraordinary meeting or by an email vote among members in good standing provided at least twenty-one (21) days notice is given for voting.'"			
Motion			
Preamble			
The intent of this new by-law is to formalise a process for filling vacancies on the Board until the next formal election at an Annual General Meeting.			
Moved	Shane Nestruck	Seconded	Heather Hartry
Carried			
"That in the event that there is a vacancy on the Board, the remaining Board members may nominate a replacement from member in good standing and that the term of office for this candidate shall end at the next Annual General Meeting."			
Motion			
Preamble			
The intent of this is to simplify our Board structure and add efficiency since there is an overlap in Secretary and Treasurer duties. The option is acknowledged in existing by-law #14.			
Moved	Hubert Vandevorst	Seconded	Richard Goran
Carried			
"That the roles of Treasurer and Secretary be merged, in order to improve operational efficiency."			
Election (Board Members)			
Motion			
Moved	Kelly Merkeley	Seconded	Shane Nestruck
Carried			
"That Richard Manley-Tannis be elected as Co-Chair."			
Motion			
Moved	Kathleen Clear	Seconded	Susan Midford
Carried			
"That Lance Pucknell be elected as Co-Chair."			
Acclamations			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "That Frank Machovec, by acclamation, fill the role as Treasurer & Secretary." • "That Kelly Merkeley, by acclamation, fill the role as a Member-at-Large." • "That Kathleen Clear, by acclamation, fill the role as a Member-at-Large." • "That Colin Lang, by acclamation, fill the role as a Member-at-Large." • "That Rosalyn Jones-Smith, by acclamation, fill the role as a Member-at-Large." • "That Jacquie Machovec, by acclamation, fill the role as a Member-at-Large." • "That Peter Theyer, by acclamation, fill the role as a Member-at-Large." 			
Volunteer Recognition			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roy Pownell 			
Group Discussion			
Priorities for the Next Year			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charitable Status 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branded Swag: Mugs, Scarves, T-shirts, 	



MGPDOA Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, November 4, 2010

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue MOU • Pursue further relationship with other Dog Parks • Speed control • Further explore enclosed area for puppies • Advocate for completion of fence with MODS, in order to show neighbourliness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • leashes • Social • Consider compost faeces • Protect trees planted for erosion • Improve signage (i.e. enclosed area, actual length of various trails) • Maintain effective communication (i.e. email upcoming events) 					
Use of Existing Funds						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Porta-potty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter trail grooming 					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More explicit signage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 					
Corporate Sponsorship						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City approval would be required • Pamphlets have been sponsored • Any sponsorship would have to be consistent and conservative 						
Motion						
Moved	Heather Hartry	Seconded	Christie Boaler	Against	2	Carried
"That any possible sponsorship offered to the MGDPOA be 'consistent' and 'conservative,' in order to assure fairness for sponsors and limit excessive advertising."						
Adjournment						
Moved	Colin Lang					
Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.						

Minutes of Annual Meeting of MGDPOA
May 25, 2009

AGENDA

1. General Update
2. Voting in the Board
3. Voting on Membership Fee
4. Priorities identified by membership for new board

UPDATE

- * farm gate has been moved to in front of chain link fence
- *a volunteer with a bobcat will help spread chips
- *both the city and Frisbee folks (MODS) are concerned about the speed of cars. The city will have the park police monitor this
- *Frisbee -most games are Monday to Thursday. There is a weekend tournament scheduled for late August. Members will be notified of any events affecting the park traffic volume (if advance warning is received by board)
- *a port a potty has been installed by MODS. If our membership agrees we will contribute by supplying toilet paper. Kelly looked into getting one for dog park users - too difficult to insure.
- *Road Work from first farm gate to Mustangs clubhouse will be ongoing over the summer. The city is responsible for one section and the Parks for another section
- *Membership is asked to abide by the off leash park boundaries-the City does not want dogs off leash on the Frisbee fields at any time or anywhere outside of the designated off leash park.
- *Dog owners can use the road to park or the Frisbee association's parking lot.
- * the city will mow the grass twice a year or as needed, including the area just north of "poop hill" where most people play fetch with their dogs.

VOTING IN THE BOARD

Bea Cherniack nominated Chris Jackson and Kelly Merkeley as co-chairs. Roy Chapman seconded the motion. The membership voted Chris and Kelly in for a term of 2 years according to the by-laws. To correspond to the October annual date they will serve a one and a half years term initially.

The board will meet monthly for the first three months then bi monthly. There will be an annual meeting-Oct. date

TREASURER; Eileen Fagan was voted in as treasurer. She will be responsible for the bank deposits and will be one of three signing authorities.

SECRETARY: Richard Manley-Tannis was voted in .

MEMBERS AT LARGE; Tom Lillyman

Frank Machovec

Evelyn Lenchuk

John Matthews

Tina Paradis

Lance Pucknell

Kathleen Clear

POSSIBLE COMMITTEES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

*Maintenance

*Fundraising

*Social

*Membership

*Grounds

*Message Board maintenance

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The fiscal year is Nov.1 to October 31 st.

Susan Bilyk made a motion that the membership fee remain at five dollars. that it be renewable on Oct. 31st and the fees paid tonight-May 25th be valid until Oct.2010. The motion was seconded by L Olanoric. This motion was defeated and an amendment was made by Yvan Blondin and seconded by Susan Bilyk the five dollar fee be valid until Oct. 2009. This motion passed. Future receipts will indicate this end date of membership.

PRIORITIES/SUGGESTIONS;

*** top priorities

***Speeding cars

*Fence between poop hill and road-new fences will take into consideration wide range of dog sizes-will be built to accommodate all sizes

*Large signage to outline dog park area. Kelly has asked for a laminated sign form the city

*City Dog Park sign up by the football field needs to be removed-Chris Jackson will check this out.

*A Garden wagon is needed to transport the poop bags

*Board to inform membership of big projects like the wood chips

- *Informing membership: flyers will be put up, e-mails sent and phone calls for those without e-mail
- *Message Board to be used and hopefully improved
- *Inform membership if a safety issue arises: assault in park etc.
- ***Board pursue getting Fields for Fido designation from city in writing
- *Lighting-a major cost-but a safety issue
- *Hold Fundraisers
- *Dog Tags for membership-John Matthews will research
- *Social Events
- *PR campaign for our association-advance pro-dog attitude ie. article in Lance-RE: seniors being active walking their dogs etc.
- *Agility Course
- *Outdoor Hose
- *Mosquito Spraying?-Health hazard for dogs
- *Can we get the drainage area designated as dog park?

Motion to adjourn by Chris Jackson seconded by Julie Couture