

**MINUTES MGDPOA MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016
46 MALMSBURY AVE.**

In attendance: Cathy Guttek, Cathy Kelly, Bev Shafirka, Rosalyn Jones-Smith, Colin Lang & Heather Hartry. **Regrets:** Peter Bohonos & Don Lowrie.

Opening: Meeting called to order 7:10 PM.

Minutes: Colin moved that the minutes of the May 17, 2016 meeting be approved, seconded by Bev. Motion carried.

Business arising from Minutes:

- Water safety issue (life preserver, signage etc.) Ros reported it isn't within our control. City Councillor Brian Mayes asked Parks in our behalf and was told we could do it but we would be responsible for it. He suggested we contact our MLA since the riverbank is governed by the province and she has sent a request to Janice Morley-Lecomte. There are so many financial and liability issues attached to this project that she suggests we only go forward if the city/province agree to take the responsibility for it.
- Wash out by parking lot has been fixed but may not last.
- The roadside sign is a Stakeholders project and is being designed through the MODS so project is still pending.

Membership Evenings Review:

- Those in attendance generally felt that that the 2 events were worthwhile. Many people stopped to talk to the Board members and appeared interested in the Board activities.
- \$415 was raised through memberships and donations.
- Approximately 38 memberships were either renewed or bought.
- As it was quite warm both evenings the coffee was deemed unnecessary and cold drinks, fruit, tim bits and water went over well. Drinks left over can be used at Fall BBQ or other events.
- The winner of draw for two lawn chairs was very pleased with her win. Picture of her husband and dog will be posted.

Financial Report: Carried over until next meeting.

Fall BBQ:

- All in attendance felt we should still hold a fall BBQ event. A date of Saturday, September 24, 2016 was chosen with a rain date of Saturday, October 1, 2016.
- Heather and Cathy K volunteered to organize the event.
- Suggestion made to invite City councillors Brian Mayes - St. Vital, Matt Allard - St. Boniface and Janice Lukes - St. Norbert to the fall BBQ. Ros will invite.
- Ros will apply for permits using Set 24 as BBQ date.

Cleanliness and Safety Issues:

- Still have a couple of piles of wood chips sitting. City did use some to fill in a couple of mud holes but more needs to be done.
- There are large ruts in the road from the tractor used to clean out waste bins. The road needs work. Possibly gravel may be an answer. Colin volunteered to discuss this with Cliff of the City.
- Bulletin Board needs to be improved. Colin volunteered to look into an appropriate design to meet our needs. To be discussed further at next meeting.
- There was a recent bee swarm in the big tree near the parking lot entrance. Fortunately they have moved on. Still some bees in the tree.

WINDOG Update:

- Colin & Ros both attended the Pet Expo at St. Norbert as WINDOG representatives and they provided information to those in attendance about the organization and its member dog parks.
- Will continue to attend WINDOG meetings that could affect the Maple Grove Park.
- They feel that WINDOG needs more outreach volunteers to provide information to those interested in starting dog parks.

ACTION Items List:

- Bev will update the list and pass it on to Heather to include with the minutes.

Procedures Manual:

- Further review of Policy and Procedures that Bev has been working on.
- Suggestion to change positions from two co-chairs and President, Vice President and Past President. Having a past president would provide some continuity for the organization. This change would have to be approved at the November AGM, along with any other changes.
- Again we need members to review the job descriptions for Board positions before the next meeting.
- Need to get as much of this manual done so it can be presented at the AGM. Aim for end of September 2016. Have monthly or more meetings until done.

New Business:

- A message was received from a member requesting that they pay \$100 for a Life Membership for someone else.
- Are there others that should receive life time memberships?
- Generally agreed that this should be at the discretion of the Board.
- Another suggestion has been made that we look into some sort of water tank for the park that could be locked and controlled.
- Need to get new signs along road to show where Dog Park actually is located. Needs further discussion.
- It was agreed that one household equals one membership regardless of number of dogs.

Next Meeting: TBA-aim for mid to late July

Meeting adjourned 9:35 PM