

**MINUTES OF THE MGDPOA MEETING**  
**Tuesday, July 19, 2016**  
**Louis Riel Library, 1168 Dakota Street**

**Call to order:** 7:10 PM

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

**Minutes of June 28, 2016 Meeting:** Colin moved minutes be approved. Cathy Guttek clarified numbers from Membership Evenings. She reported as per Don's email that there were 41 new members and 24 renewals for total of 65. Bev seconded the motion.

**Business Arising From the Minutes:** After the last meeting a number of issues were discussed and approved or disapproved by email at Bev's request. These include the following:

1. Lifetime (honorary or whatever we decided) membership:  
Agreed that this be a discretionary decision of the Board  
Suggested guidelines about the decision need to be documented  
Identifying a lifetime member in our membership records  
What do we do? Just add the info to our records or send them a certificate or something? Approved
  
2. Water discussion  
Document produced by the investigator explains pros and cons  
At the last meeting we discussed possible alternative options  
It was agreed that digging a well was unfeasible. We will look k into new alternatives.
  
3. Dog Poop bags  
Ros investigated based on Kilcona's experience  
It was agreed that we will not proceed with a Kilcona type plan.  
There is a need for at least 3 more poles for bags and signs.

At meeting Ros moved talking to the City about signs and contacting the person who made the current poles and see if more could be made. Heather seconded and all approved.

#### 4. Life Preserver Rings

Ros investigated and found it got very complicated.

Ros has or will contact the Province about this issue.

There is risk associated with this should someone be seriously injured or die. We do not want to be associated with that risk

#### 5. Changes to Board positions re 2 Co chairs

Suggestion is to change positions to President and Vice-President Identifies progression based on knowledge and experience with the organization.

\* Approved by email

\* Need to decide on method of putting people in these 2 positions.

\* Update MGDPOA Bylaws related to these positions

#### 6. Name a Past President (or other suitably named position such as President Emeritus) to ensure continuity as the organization moves forward

Describe the role this person will take on.

Description will be very open because much of it will be on ad hoc basis.

Approved by email

**Membership Evenings for Remainder of Summer:** It was agreed that there would be no further membership evenings during the summer but memberships may be collected at Burdock info sessions.

#### **Fall BBQ:**

-Heather & Cathy Kelly have met to discuss the September 24 event. They suggested that rather than having a bunch of smaller prizes that we go with one or two bigger prizes. It would be more interesting and a lot less work. Those in attendance were in agreement.

-There has been interest from Pet Valu to attend and they are willing to give us gift cards for the event.

- Ros has started to compile a list of sponsors we should invite.
- Interest in having someone do micro chipping.
- Cathy G will send Heather the master list of BBQ items.

### **Finance:**

- Cathy G presented the financial report. A total of \$580.32 was received since November 2015 in memberships and donations. Total expenses were \$1,590.99 from November 2015 to date. Current Account Balance is \$5,874.68. (See financial report)
- Cathy also reported further issues with Cesera Credit Union. She reported that we have apparently not done things correctly. Only the 2 co-chairs and the Treasurer can have signing authority. When former Chair Frank left he removed himself from the Credit Union list as “primary contact. Apparently they also neglected to warn him this was an issue. As a result Colin, Cathy and Heather were required to fill out a lot of new paper work; this was done at the meeting and Cathy will submit it.
- Casersa has reminded us that an “Annual Report” must be completed every year and given to the Companies Office

### **Dog Park Cleanliness and Safety Issues:**

- Colin reported speaking to the City about putting some material on the road wherever needed and flattening out.
- Colin also talked to them about putting some more road signs up directing people to the off leash park area.
- Colin spoke to them about our plans to put up a new bulletin board. We apparently need permission and a permit. They were not opposed but will need to see the plan.
- Colin showed us what he has in mind. He will get an estimate on the cost. He also said we may be able to get a grant from the City to pay for some of it.
- Colin also asked them to turn the bench around that faces the river so it face into the park.
- He will also ask that they repair our storage shed roof as it leaks

-Ros suggested having Burdock control information sessions on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. She already had one event on the 17<sup>th</sup> with some interested park users. Board members are requested to attend if they are available.

-Ros will post information on Face book about Burdock, thistles and milk weed.

-Ros reported that additional wood chips will be delivered by Parkland Tree Care in the same area that the city dropped theirs off. They will be used to fill in ruts and mud holes. The City has no problem with them delivering the chips.

-A lady recently fell in the park and sent the Board a notice about it. She was directed to the City as unfortunately we really have no way to deal with this.

**Update to Action List:** Bev has sent Heather the Action list to update ongoing.

**Procedures Manual:** Due to lack of time we were unable to really discuss the Procedures manual. Bev again requests that we do our job descriptions.

**New Business:** Need to discuss continuation on Board of some members. Need to determine what their plans in the near future.

**Closure:** 9:00 PM

**Next Meeting:** TBA