

**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