

Minutes - MGPDOA Meeting Monday May 9, 2017

Louis Riel Library 1168 Dakota Street

Opening: Meeting called to order 7:05PM

- In attendance: Cathy Guttek, Don Lowrie, Kathy Boyanisky, Frank Machovec, Heather Hartry, Kathy Kelly, Michelle Lagadi, Sharon Wiens, Peter Bohonos, Bev Shafrika, Colin Lange, Bryan Bishop
- Regrets: Ryan Davies, Susan Paul
- Meeting chaired by Colin Lange.

Guests / Introduction

Future meeting schedule:

Location / time TBD

Previous meetings Minutes Approval

Frank made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12th meeting. Cathy G 2nd - All in favour - motion carried.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

N/A

President/Vice-President Positions

NOTE: President resigned; V President position is vacant as VP left Board with no notice - letter sent to Tiffany Dancho returned as no longer at that address and NFA (Heather submits letter for Secretary to file).

Colin expressed interest in the President position. Frank nominates Colin. Kathy B 2nd - voted as President by acclamation.

Colin takes over the chair of the meeting.

*Frank moved to defer the VP election until next meeting - Kathy B 2nd. Motion carried.

*Heather and Don L agree to attend Don Rose's residence to collect the Board files for Secretary to store.

Presidents Report: N/A

Vice Presidents Report: N/A

Treasurer Report: Cathy Guttek

Cathy G provided a MCPDOA Financial Report which reports an account balance of \$6182.32 (previously emailed to membership)

*Cathy moved to adopt Treasury Report - Sharon 2nd - All in favour. Motion carried

Marketing Report: Ryan Davies

Ryan was not at meeting - deferred to next meeting.

Membership Report: Don Lowrie

*As of May 1st, 402 member households; 103 paid members.

*Bryan asked about membership drive - the process, re-signing past member, and commented that many people in the dog part do not know about the Association or membership options.

-this led to a lively discussion with the group:

- That many Board members who meet "users" at the park inform them of the Association and direct them to the WEB site.
- That we could use the bulletin board to advertise to attract membership.
- Could partner with small business to advertise membership in exchange for discounts.
- By growing membership, could use this in our quest for project support (using the # of members to support the user base argument)

Policy & Procedures: Current status

*nothing to report - Bev will continue with this project with Heather and Cathy G.

*will work towards deadline of December, 2017 (AGM meeting) - Policy/procedure do not need to go to AGM (to present to our board) - only Job Descriptions.

*Bev made motion to approve - Cathy G 2nd - all in favour - motion carried.

Other Board Members reports: At Large

*Cathy G proposed to welcome Bryan Bishop as a new Member at Large. Heather 2nd. Motion carried.

*Bev has rejoined the Board - and was welcomed back.

Ongoing Business:

- **Spring BBQ/membership drive**

*Heather will take the lead to head a committee to set up the membership drive by end of June. Discussion was held regarding BBQ and/or membership. It was moved by Kathy - to have a membership drive in the spring, and defer the BBQ to the fall. Heather 2nd - all in favour.

*Committee struck - members include Kathy B, Cathy G, Cathy K, Michelle, Bryan - under Heather.

Will meet as a committee May 24th 7PM - location TBA

- **City of Winnipeg communications update**

N/A - deferred to next meeting.

- **Facebook communications**

*Bev will be working to get this back on track - seems that Ryan was unable to access Facebook in order to respond to public inquiries - this to be corrected.

*Colin will speak to Ryan re: access to Facebook.

- **WINDOG updates**

Frank & Sharon attended WINDOG meeting - the next general meeting is in June and all Board members can attend.

*WINDOG working with City of Wpg to bring all off leash dog parts under one Policy/Procedure and ByLaws - long term project. All dog park Associations will have input.

*Colin mentioned training available through WINDOG Jeff Henry - on "How Boards operate and behave" which is a 3 hour course that he would encourage all board members to participate in - he will follow up on dates.

- **Site plan/signage, summer path plan:**

Don L updated the board on signage - He has inventoried (photographed) all signs in the part (18 directional signs) to go to the next step which is to discuss with the City of Wpg for replacement and additional signs.

Discussed paths through the park - various options - to discuss with City - all in favour of proceeding.

Don also offered that he received 3 submissions for the newsletter which he will continue to collect and would like to put out a newsletter timed with membership drive.

Don moved to accept his report - Peter 2nd - all in favour - motion carried.

Formal agenda

- **Bulletin board project**

Colin reports that the Bulletin Board project is underway - he shared photos of the prototype and now needs to work with the City to move forward; have an architect draw plans; funding request to City - and hopes to have this completed this year.

- **Poop bag plan**

Don L has investigated poop bags, receptacles, cost (through Mutt Mitts) - report to be emailed to Secretary. We would like to proceed with this project - will consult with Ryan regarding business sponsors at next meeting.

- **Next clean-up date**

*will coincide with the membership drive dates (as per Heather).

New Business: None.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM - Don L moved - Kathy 2nd - all in favour.

Attachments:

Membership Chair Report May 8, 2017 (Don Lowrie)

Membership:

As of May 1, 2017 the association has 402 member households, 2 new members bring the number to 103 whom are current. A bulk mailing was sent at the request of the board to 82 eligible house holds seeking VP applicants.

Bulletin Board: Colin Lang

Park Signage:

An inventory of existing signage is complete and will be circulated at the May meeting for comments, the next step will see the inventory transposed to the park layout drawing.

Newsletter:

Status is unchanged from April. Collecting submissions/input from board members and would like to send out our date for the next park event with the first issue.

Mutt Mitts:

Mutt Mitts Starter Kit = 1 Dispenser (with 2 Keys), Sign, Post (5'-8'), 400 Mutt Mitt® *Singles and Hardware Set @ \$297. Aluminum sign and dispenser are rustproof and maintenance-free! (Budget only numbers follow.)*

2,000 count bags @ \$125.50

Dispenser Only @ \$91.80 each

Sign Only @ \$28.35 each

Post Only @ \$78.30 each

5 Starter kits = \$1,485

5 Dispensers and 12,000 bags would be approximately \$1,150 plus shipping.

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