

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