

**MGPDOA Minutes November 16, 2010**  
**Held at Meadowood United Church**

Those in attendance:

Clear, Kathleen (member-at-large)  
Jones-Smith, Rosalyn (member-at-large)  
Lang, Colin (member-at-large)  
Machovec, Frank (secretary-treasurer)  
Machovec, Jacquie (member-at-large)  
Manley-Tannis, Richard (co-chair),  
Merkeley, Kelly (member-at-large)  
Pucknell, Lance (co-chair)  
Theyer, Peter (member-at-large)

Regrets:

Shane Nestruck (member-at-large)

**1. Call to Order 19:00**

**2. Introduction of board members**

**3. Acceptance of the updated agenda** -- motion: Clear; seconder: Lang—motion carried

**4. Issues arising from the AGM**

- Kathleen Clear is to extend our thanks to Tim Horton's for donating the coffee for the AGM.
- Concern was expressed about the relatively poor attendance at the meeting. Discussion took place about ways to obtain better recognition of and support for the Association by park users.

**5. Treasurer's report:**

- Frank Machovec reported that the Association has \$4671.26 on hand. This includes the chequing account balance, petty cash, and \$25 awaiting deposit.
- Discussion took place about dissatisfaction with the services provided by our current bank. Consensus was that our funds should be moved to a credit union. The treasurer was directed to investigate options at two nearby credit unions and make recommendations to the board about moving our bank account.
- The treasurer was directed to provide details about the Association's annual income from membership fees.

**6. Issues arising from the proposed MOU**

- Concern was expressed about the cost versus the benefit of signing the MOU. There was considerable concern about the affordability of signing the agreement. Discussion turned to consideration of changes that might make the MOU more acceptable.
- It was agreed that the cost of insurance is a major problem, and Richard Manley-Tannis, with assistance from members-at-large Lang, Merkeley and Nestruck, is to draft a letter for the city that indicates that we are not prepared to sign the MOU unless some accommodation can be made regarding the prohibitive cost of liability insurance. This accommodation might include some sort of all-inclusive insurance coverage for all dog park user groups in the city.
- Lance Pucknell is to check with Lawrie Cherniack about the possibility of researching the history of the park land, especially details of the bequest of property by the Frobisher family. The intent is to see if the family left any instructions about the future use of their land.

#### **7. Roles, expectations, and action items from the AGM**

- It was agreed that we need more signage to promote the Association. Signs should be placed at our new bulletin board, near the bridge, and at the trail crossroads. Peter Theyer is to look into possible wording for the sign, and Lance Pucknell is to look into details about sign supports.
- Discussion took place about possible marketing items for the Association. Items such as caps, T-shirts, dog bandannas, and leashes were mentioned. Colin Lang is to look into various branding options. Potentially these items would be sold at fund-raising events and at the AGM.
- Speed control program – item deferred
- Small Dog area clean-up: Lance Pucknell is to confirm if the area inside the fence has been cleared of stubble, and to see if wood chips might be roto-tilled into the area.
- Extension of MODS fence – item deferred
- Lance Pucknell is to follow up regarding erosion control around recently-planted trees.
- Composting feces – item deferred.
- Lance Pucknell noted that new bin covers will be completed soon.

**8. Motion to adjourn** at 21:04. Motion: Clear; seconder: Pucknell, motion carried.