

**MGPDOA Minutes March 29, 2011
Held at Meadowood United Church**

Those in attendance:

**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)
Shane Nestruck (member-at-large)
Pucknell, Lance (co-chair)**

- 1. The meeting came to order at 19:15**
- 2. Motion: That the minutes of the January 18, 2011 meeting be accepted as circulated—(moved by Lang, seconded by Merkeley)--- carried.**
- 3. Correspondence: Our annual registration with the Companies Office has been completed.**
- 4. Treasurer's report: The treasurer reported that our current bank balance is \$4144.46. Motion: That the Association move its bank account to Casera Credit Union (moved by Nestruck, seconded by Jones-Smith)-- carried. If possible, the account is to be set up with a debit card with a \$500 access limit. Motion: That the treasurer be authorized to provide a \$200 good will subsidy to either the St. Vital Mustangs or MODS to help with seasonal road maintenance costs (moved by Lang, seconded by Jones-Smith)-- carried.**
- 5. April 3 clean-up: It was noted that there will be a park clean-up on Sunday, April 3 at 2 P.M.. All necessary arrangements for the event are in place. A discussion took place about the amount of dog droppings deposited throughout the park. The desirability of locating an additional collection bin closer to the MODS parking lot was considered.**
- 6. Richard Manley- Tannis will contact Gord Steeves to thank him for his support and to request guidance in finalizing an agreement between the Association and the City. Ideally, a meeting between Councillor Steeves and the executive will be arranged.**
- 7. Stakeholders Meeting: Lance Pucknell and Frank Machovec reviewed the proceedings of the March 23 Stakeholders' meeting between City staff and park users' groups. It was noted the tone of the meeting was favourable.**
- 8. Kil-cona Park meeting: Rosalyn Jones-Smith and possibly Shane Nestruck will attend the upcoming meeting of the Kil-cona club. Hopefully, we can identify areas of common interest between our organization and the Kil-cona group.**

9. General discussion took place about the desirability of striking an agreement with the City without incurring insurance costs or creating an undesirable precedent for other groups. It is hoped that any agreement with the City will include a proactive view toward dog parks, and will include a common approach to various user groups.

10. Web presence and branding: Frank Machovec initiated discussion about the desirability of improving our web site and hosting it with a new service provider. Motion: That the Association move its web presence to a new service provider (moved by Lang, seconded by Nestruck-- carried. Three designs for promotional images were considered, as was a proposed human hand/dog paw logo. It was agreed that the logo should be developed and integrated with the other images. Modified designs will be prepared as soon as possible for use in possible T-shirts or other items. When the final designs are approved, the creators will be asked to relinquish copyright and grant permission to modify the designs.

11. BBQ: The Association will conduct a barbeque on Sunday, May 15, 2011 from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. Richard Manley-Tannis will contact Kathleen Clear to see if she will coordinate food, prizes, and promotion, Lance Pucknell has the banner, tents, and a grille. Rosalyn Jones-Smith will approach other groups about attending the event. Final arrangements regarding staffing will be made at the next board meeting or by email.

12. Burr clearance: Discussion took place about the timing and execution of burr removal at the park. Shane Nestruck will monitor the situation and recommend a time for coordinated remedial work.

13 The next meeting will be April 26, 2011.

14. The meeting adjourned at 20:28.

Respectfully submitted

Frank Machovec

March 30, 2011