

MGPDOA Board Minutes  
October 18, 2012  
Held at the Machovec residence, 39 Winslow Drive

Those in attendance:

Jones-Smith, Rosalyn (member-at-large)  
Lang, Colin (member-at-large)  
Little, Cindy (member-at-large)  
Machovec, Frank (secretary-treasurer)  
Machovec, Jacquie (member-at-large)

Regrets:

Hubka, Bardee (member-at-large)  
Manley-Tannis, Richard (co-chair)  
Pucknell, Lance (co-chair)  
Unrau, Kim (member-at-large)  
Tree, Michelle (member-at-large)

1. The meeting came to order at 19:15
2. The minutes of the meeting of July 31 meeting were accepted as circulated (motion Lang, seconded by Jones-Smith, carried).
3. **Treasurer's report:** Frank Machovec reported that the current bank balance is \$4268.70 with an additional \$100.00 in petty cash. One cheque for \$50.00 has not yet cleared. The recent BBQ event yielded \$873.11 after expenses. A summary of the revenue and expenses from the BBQ event was circulated.
4. **City/Park issues:** Frank Machovec reported on the reduction in size or closures of several Fields for Fido Parks. It was noted that a "super group" of dog park clubs may be formed to deal with issues such as park closures. It was reported that the dog behaviour brochure written jointly by the Kilcona, Little Mountain, and Maple Grove clubs with City input has been printed and will be available for distribution shortly. The City's response to our concerns about the lack of prior notice for Dutch Elm Disease-related insecticide spraying in the park was reviewed. In light of the hazardous nature of the product being sprayed, it was agreed that the City should be urged to be more proactive in its communication strategy. Frank Machovec is to thank Jonina Ewart for following up on our concerns and express disappointment with the response by the City entomologist.
5. **Barbeque post-mortem.** Discussion took place about the latest BBQ event. It was agreed that we could have used more volunteers and started the set-up earlier. While the silent auction did raise additional money, it was agreed that we should re-assess the issue of purchasing prizes. Some discussion took place about the possibility of having a single annual barbeque or about having other types of events ( such as evening coffee, or pancake breakfast, etc.).

6. **Park users' survey.** Discussion took place about the results of the survey about users' interest in various aspects of the master plan. Discussion took place about the most popular items identified in the survey. It was agreed that the board should make recommendations for discussion and approval at the AGM. The main priority identified in the survey is "path improvement" with wood chips. We will ask the City additional chips and suggest that up to \$1500 be identified for the distribution of chips by Bobcat, if required,. The erection of a fence between the drainage ditch and road from the gate near the bulletin board to the southern boundary path will be recommended as a project. It will also be suggested at the AGM that we might want to merge the fence project with stabilization of the parking lot and levelling of the "poop hill." Frank Machovec will investigate the potential costs and funding options for the latter two projects prior to the AGM.

7. **Annual General Meeting.** The AGM will be held on Tuesday, November 6 at 7PM in the conference room at the Louis Riel Library on Dakota Street. Set up will be at 6 PM. Rosalyn Jones-Smith will supply coffee and edibles, and Frank Machovec will supply water. Dog rescue and other groups are welcome to attend the event.

Nominations for board positions will be solicited at the AGM, but the tentative slate of officers consists of:

Colin Lang and Frank Machovec for co-chair

Cindy Little for Secretary

Rosayn Joines-Smith for Treasurer

JacquieMachovec, Lance Pucknell, Michelle Tree, and Kim Unrau for members-at-large

Up to four additional at-large vacancies exist

The results of the users' survey will be reviewed at the AGM and three suggestions for activity will be presented (along with suggestions about costs and potential grants)

1. Acquisition of as many wood chips as possible and creation of a fund for their dispersal
2. Erection of the fence (or)
3. Evolution of a detailed plan to erect the fence, level the hill, and optimize the space available for a parking area

8 The meeting was adjourned at 20:45

Note: The following **action items for the secretary** were identified at the meeting:

- Contact Jonana Ewart/Karl xx about wood chips and a pre-AGM meeting
- Contact Dean Spearaman about possible costs for refining the parking lot plan
- Get AGM agenda and supporting information on the website , email and Facebook
- Contact Alastair Gillespie from Coffee News about promoting the AGM

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Machovec  
Secretary-Treasurer

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