

**MAPLE GROVE PARK DOG OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.
ST. VITAL MUSTANGS CLUBHOUSE**

1. Frank Machovec welcomed the group at 7:10 P.M.
2. Frank Machovec expressed his thanks to the St Vital Mustangs for the use of their hall
3. Minutes of the 2012 meeting—Motion: That the minutes of the November 6, 2012 annual general membership meeting be accepted as circulated (moved by Sherri Tufford, seconded by Bardee Hubka, motion carried).
4. Co-Chair report: Frank Machovec noted that the Association has had a busy year with a somewhat problematic relationship with City Parks and Open Spaces staff, but progress was made on many fronts.
5. Financial report: Frank Machovec presented a brief report on Association finances. It was noted that one week remains in the fiscal year, but the current bank balance is \$5219.07 (with two possible liabilities of approximately \$100 apiece to be paid). It was noted that about \$3000 was received from memberships, donations, and BBQ events in fiscal 2012-2013; expenses were just over \$2000. A \$25,000 Land Dedication Reserve Grant was awarded for work on the parking lot, and this grant is expected in the next fiscal year (after completion of the work). It was moved by Sherri Tufford, seconded by Susan Midford, that the financial report be accepted, motion carried).
6. Report on Activities since the last AGM:
 - * Meetings with City – Members of the board met with Councilor Mayes and Jonina Ewart, Jonina declined a Spring meeting to discuss general topics, but delegated the parking lot project to Karl Thordarson
 - * Meeting with other park user groups – Our co-chairs attended the Maple Grove Stakeholders meeting to discuss 2013 plans with other Maple Grove Park groups (and express concern about Frobisher Road maintenance). Board members continue to consult with other dog park user groups.
 - * Proposed “super group” - Windog-- Meetings were held with representatives from groups at Kilcona Park, Little Mountain Park, King's Park and the future St Boniface Park regarding a possible umbrella organization for off-leash park users. It was thought that such a formal group might be useful in creating a common front in discussions with the City. Although though there is agreement on the principle of having such a group, there were some procedural disagreements between some of the participants, and the start-up process has stalled.

* Wood chips were supplied last year, but there was difficulty in arranging for the dispersal of the chips on park trails. Thanks to Tom Lillyman and James Furutani and volunteers, wood chips were recently spread on trails.

* A \$25, 240 grant for parking lot improvement was requested and awarded. There was some confusion about the proposed scope of the project, but estimates for the work were eventually received, and the project should be completed shortly by B&B Landscaping and Cartage. The Land Dedication Reserve Grant should cover the entire cost of the project.

7. Election of officers for 2014:

* Co-chairs: Frank Machovec and Colin Lang are willing to serve for another term, and there were no nominations from the floor for the two co-chair positions. It was moved by Rosalyn Jones-Smith, seconded by Sherri Tufford, that the two incumbent co-chairs be re-elected by acclamation, motion carried.

* "At large" board positions. Rosalyn Jones-Smith, Cathy Guttek, Heather Hartry, Sherri Tufford, and Lauren Smith volunteered to serve another term, and Cathy Kelly was nominated from the floor. No other nominations were received. It was moved by Bardee Hubka, seconded by Colin Lang, that the latter individuals be elected by acclamation, motion carried.

It was noted that the Board of Directors may simplify the board structure and refine individual directors' roles. Any permanent changes would need to be ratified at the next AGM.

8. Announcements & General Discussion—It was noted that PayPal is available for online payment of memberships & donations, Volunteer opportunities exist on the "Poop Patrol." Volunteers could also work on web site, brochure, membership database, and a possible charitable status application. Members were urged to contact board members if interested in volunteer positions.

General discussion took place about the scheduling of barbecue events (Saturday vs. Sunday) and the type of food served at events. Members present were flexible and scheduling and type of food to be served.

There was a brief discussion of potential topics for board discussion. Topics includes: separation of memberships from food orders at events, policy regarding "family" vs. individual memberships, and the membership fee.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Machovec, October 24, 2013