

Maple Grove Park Dog Owners' Association
Board Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2014

Present: Frank Machovec, Cathy Guttek, Rosalyn Jones-Smith, Colin Lang, Heather Hartry and visitor Suz Wiens. Regrets from other members who are still on vacation.

Opening

- The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM at the Machovec's residence, at 39 Winslow Drive.

Approval of Minutes

- The Minutes of the July 30, 2014 were circulated. Cathy G moved that they be accepted and Rosalyn seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Co-Chair Report (Frank and Colin)

- Colin reported on his recent involvement in the WINDOG meetings.
- Consideration is being given to producing new petiquette brochures but we still have about 300 left of our old ones. Will wait to produce these until all of the dog parks are on board and have their logos.
- Frank mentioned that we may be able to get some funds for this from the city.
- Motion by Colin to approve MGDP participation in the development of new petiquette brochures, seconded by Heather. Carried unanimously.
- Frank reported that we may be able to have city workers move wood chips when they empty the dog waste bins.
- The fourth dog waste bin will be installed but the costs for the first three were over the grant money received from the city. Frank discussed this with Brian Mays, City Counsellor and he may assist us in getting a little more funding towards this.

Financial Report

- The financial report was deferred to the next meeting, after the BBQ, as there is currently nothing much to report.

BBQ Plans

- BBQ will go ahead as planned on September 27, 2014 from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM.
(Rain date October 4/14)
- We will continue to keep the membership money separate from the hotdog sales.
- Kathleen Clear has again offered to contact some of her resources for prizes but we will still need someone to put the packages together.
- Need copies of the request for prize letter to distribute.
- It is important that we keep each other advised of who we are asking so we do not ask the same business repeatedly.
- Get same amount of hot dogs as last time but we need to purchase more potato chips as we ran out at the last BBQ and also a few more diet coke.

- Frank reported that he has purchased a new BBQ on sale at Rona for \$100. The old one was on its last legs and did not heat up properly.
- A new canopy for the BBQ was also purchased (\$300) as agreed to at the last board meeting.
- Frank will look into permits for park use and a raffle licence.
- Suggestion made that we get an item to raffle off on its own as it would raise more money. Frank will ask his spouse to check out the possibility of getting something they may be clearing at her workplace. Other members can also look into this.
- Cathy and Rosalyn will check out possible food donations.
- Frank will do up some new posters, send them out to members and put them up at the park with the rain date on them.

Future of Poop Patrol

- Future of “Poop Patrol” depends on how the new waste bins work out. Some people seem to resent not having the old bins and actually took some out that were put away.
- Rosalyn suggested putting a smaller container in the Puppy enclosure area that could then be emptied into the larger receptacle.

AGM ISSUES

- The AGM will be held on November 18 at the Louis Riel Library. Will have to pay for the room in order to book it.
- Will need to develop an agenda including by-laws and election of board members
- Suggestion to have a brief WINDOG presentation.

New Business

- Our guest, Suz Wiens was asked if she was interested in joining the Board as a member at large and she agreed to do so. Suz has previous experience with a dog park in Portage la Prairie.

Meeting was adjourned at around 8:30 PM

Next meeting to be announced.

We may need one before the BBQ but will try to do without and communicate by email.

Respectfully submitted Heather Hartry, Secretary

September 3, 2014