

Maple Grove Park Dog Owners' Association

Board meeting minutes

December 11, 2014

Present: Frank Machovec, Cathy Guttek, Rosalyn Jones-Smith, Lauren Smith. Julia Blonski, Tushar Raichura, Suz Wiens & Heather Hartry. Visitor: Kevin Kushnier of Brenda Leipsic Park
Regrets: Colin Lang, Cathy Kelly and Sherri Tufford

Opening

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 on December 11/14 at the Louis Riel Public Library on 1168 Dakota.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the minutes of the August 28/14 meeting were circulated and accepted (motion by Rosalyn Jones-Smith, seconded Julia Blonski) Motion carried.

Co-Chair Reports

- Frank reported that he attended the Kilcona Dog Park Annual General Meeting
- Kilcona indicated they may need additional insurance due to their water park plans.

Financial Report

- Financial report as provided at the Annual General Meeting was discussed briefly.
- There is currently a balance \$5,349.86 in the account with some small deposits to be made..
- Frank will prepare our corporate income tax return.
- Frank will file an update with the Company's Office to reflect new people on the Board.
- It was mentioned that other dog parks have more sponsorships than we do. Should we look into this?
- Discussion regarding whether the membership fee should be raised to \$10.00. This would have to be approved at next Annual General Meeting.

Roles for Board Members

- Julia Blonski volunteered to tidy up the membership list and work on communications issues.
- Suz also volunteered to work on Facebook updates.

Review of Fall BBQ event

- 128 hot dogs were sold. There was therefore some wastage. The suggestion was made to cut back on supplies and aim for 150 people instead of 200.
- Cathy Guttek suggested having two separate tables for hot dogs sales and memberships to minimize confusion.
- Need to mark down whether people were initiating new memberships or renewing.
- Suggestion made that besides the 2 BBQs, the Board arrange a few coffee events at the park for people find out what the Board is about.

Training for Board Members

- The initial plan was to conduct training in conjunction with the Kilcona Dog Club to keep the costs down. Kilcona now prefers to conduct its own training sessions for board members.
- Julia Blonski will look into other possible training options for the MGDPOA Board.

Dates for Upcoming Events

- We will aim for the first week in June 2015 for the spring BBQ (June 6 or 7)
- We will aim for the last weekend in September 2015 for the Fall BBQ (Sept 26th or 27th)
- AGM will be on November 17, 2015

By Law Update

- There is still a need for further review of bylaws with regard to the membership year and rules regarding expiry of memberships.
- The consensus was that November 1 to October 31 should be the membership year.
- If someone renews at the June BBQ, they will be told that the membership is good until October 31 of the same year.
- If someone renews at the Fall BBQ, they will be told that their membership is good until October 31 of the next year.
- Frank got conflicting reports on whether or not we are obliged to have an outside audit. He will look into this further.
- It was suggested that we look for an accountant from amongst our membership or get a student from U of M.

New Business

- The tree planting fund raising idea was discussed. Not sure we can plant on City property. Decided not to proceed at this time.
- Suz took information and may do some follow up on her own.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM

Next Meeting TBA February 2015 (Will possibly be a pot luck working lunch)

Respectively submitted by Heather Hartry, Secretary