

**Maple Grove Dog Park Owners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2014**

Present: Frank Machovec, Sherri Tufford, Cathy Guttek, Roslyn Jones-Smith, Colin Lang, Lauren Smith, Heather Hartry & Cathy Kelly

Opening

- The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM at 46 Malmsbury Ave.

Approval of Minutes

- The Minutes of April 14, 2014 were circulated. Colin moved that they be accepted and Sherri seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Co-Chair Report

- Frank reported that MGDPOA is now a member of Volunteer Canada
- The insurance has been applied for but is not yet available
- The WINDOG meeting was held on Monday, May 6, 2014 and was attended by Frank, Colin and other MGDPOA members. They reported that the meeting went well.
- The grand opening of the organization will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014.
- Frank reported that he has filed the income tax and hopes he got it right!
- MGPA has applied for the land preservation grant for 4 waste bins. Exact locations will be determined by MGPA once grant is approved.
- WINDOG came up with some suggestions for dog owners to ask city candidates in the upcoming Municipal election. They are on the WINDOG website at <windog.ca>.

Financial Report

- The financial report was deferred to the next meeting. There will be more to report after the Spring BBQ.

Membership Matters

- Discussion about how to handle MGDOPA memberships and should the bylaws be amended to change the end date of memberships.
- It was felt that some people might be annoyed if they bought a membership at a BBQ and it expired before a year was up.
- Following much discussion it was decided to still sell memberships at the 2 BBQs and that the membership would last for a year. Heather moved that memberships continue to be sold at the BBQ and that they still last a year. Seconded by Cathy G and carried.
- Members would be taken off the membership list only after they had not paid for a year.
- The membership list would have to be kept up to date so that it is easy to keep track of member numbers.

BBQ Plans

- The BBQ is planned for Sunday, June 1, 2014 with a rain date of June 8, 2014
- It will officially run from 12:30 to 2:30
- Set up will start at 11:00 at the latest.
- Frank has looked after the permit for the park
- It was decided to keep the membership separate from the food sales. People can pay \$5.00 for their membership and make a donation if they wish.
- They may also pay \$2.00 for a hot dog, chips and a drink.
- We will have everyone fill out a membership even if they were on the old list. Use full sheets not pamphlets and include space for willingness to volunteer. Frank will update and print off forms.
- It was decided to just serve hot dogs this year to cut down on costs and work.
- Clear FM may attend and bring coffee and drinks but this is so unconfirmed.
- Suggested that we have banners for Membership, Food and Raffle. Frank will look into borrowing some form Kilcona (?)
- Kathleen is unable to help out with the Prize Tent but will still get some prizes from her contacts.
- Other board members will also collect prizes from their contacts but should remember to keep in touch so we don't contact the same business.
- Sherri will be the collection person for prizes and Cathy G, Heather and Sherri are willing to help with sorting and wrapping.
- Board Members will bring tables so we should have 7 of them.
- Board Members will also bring coolers so we should have at least 6.
- Everyone should bring ice for their cooler.
- Roslyn will look into possible food contributions and Cathy G will contact M&M on St. Anne's.
- We should double check how things are going by email on May 20, 2014
- Frank will do up some new posters and send them out to members and put them up at the park with the rain date on them.
- Frank will also send out an updated list of items required for the BBQ.
- Frank will send out an email to members to see if anyone else wants to help out.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Next meeting to be announced

Respectfully submitted Heather HARtry