

Minutes Maple Grove Dog Park Dog Owner's Association Meeting April 27, 2016, 46 Malmsbury Ave.

In attendance: Bev Shafirka, Cathy Guttek, Cathy Kelly, Peter Bohonos, Rosalyn Jones-Smith & Heather Hartry. Regrets: Tara Everett, Don Lowrie & Colin Lang

Opening: Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM. No additions to the agenda as presented.

Minutes: Minutes of the November 2015 were accepted. They were not accepted at the last meeting. (Cathy Guttek moved and Bev Shafirka seconded). Minutes of the February 26, 2016 were accepted with the word "formerly" resigned changed to "formally" under attendance. (Cathy Guttek moved and Rosalyn Jones-Smith seconded).

Spring BBQ Planning: Discussion about whether a BBQ should be held and if so when. A suggestion was made that the Board hold a couple coffee and donut membership evenings at the park in early June instead of a BBQ. Would save time and require less work. Heather moved that we hold two events on Tuesday, June 7th and Thursday, June 9th, weather permitting. Cathy Guttek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cathy Kelly and Heather Hartry will arrange the event. A prize would again be offered. Cathy Kelly will look into this. Rosalyn will get any necessary permits for the park and prize. Heather and Cathy will get back to Board with further information and requests for assistance.

Co-Chair & Board Positions: Confusion as to who is a chair at this time. Tara confirmed with Cathy Guttek that she plans to continue and the minutes from the November 2015 AGM confirm that Colin was resigning. Rosalyn confirmed she will continue as interim co-chair.

It was suggested that we should create a past chair position for the Board so that previous knowledge and expertise do not go to waste. This will be discussed at the next AGM in November. It was also suggested that a meeting of the new Board be held shortly after the AGM (a week to 4 weeks at most).

Review of Proposed Manual: General feeling that the manual was a good idea. First few pages reviewed with discussion about Mission, Mandate and Vision statements. Bev will update what was discussed. She requested that for the next meeting we all review job descriptions and be prepared to discuss.

Stakeholders Meeting: Both Colin Lang and Rosalyn attended the Stakeholders meeting which included the Mustangs Football Club and MODS. Karl Thordarson and Jonina Ewart of the City were also in attendance.

-Received information as to when other groups are holding big events so we do not conflict. Information would be posted on website.

-MGDPOA will contribute to oiling the road to keep down the dust.

-A new sign is wanted at the entrance at St. Mary's Road and Frobisher. This is apparently still up in the air. We would have our share covered by the City.

-MODS okay with us using their Porta Potty but we should maybe chip in on supplies for it with them.

-Also need to put up a sign reminding people not to put dog waste in Porta Potty.

-Rosalyn raised the idea of getting the space at the front by river back to put up a new puppy pen. It is on the Mustangs lease area and they are okay with this as long as they can get to their pump house. Rosalyn will have further discussions with the City and Mustangs about this.

Cleanliness and Safety Issues:

- Cathy Guttek received a donation of handles for the waste bins, from an anonymous dog park user. They are made by the manufacturer of the bins. This should help make it easier to open the bins and may keep them cleaner. The City will be contacted to install the handles in the near future.
- Don Rose and Allan R Donald have done much clean up over the spring, greatly improving the park.
- the extra garbage cans for spring clean up now be removed by the City.
- Rosalyn reported that there are bees in the big tree at the front but they are worker not honey bees. Not a problem if left alone.
- City will be doing some work on the ditch at the front by parking lot.

WINDOG Update: Rosalyn reported that there is nothing new to report at this time.

New Business:

- Finance:** Cathy Guttek reported that we have a balance of \$6,228.49.
- Cathy also informed the Board the **Cesera Credit Union** has requested that we confirm the Co-Chairs of the Board and have us sign the minutes. They also seem to have more people as signing officers then we do and refuse to say who they are. Therefore to satisfy their request:

- **Tara Everett-Co-chair and Signing Authority** _____
- **Rosalyn Jones-Smith-Co-chair** _____
- **Cathy Guttek-Treasurer and Signing Authority** _____
- **Colin Lang-Past Chair and Signing Authority** _____

- Mail box: has not been checked recently. Rosalyn will look into it.
- Water Access; Cathy Guttek reported that she was approached about the pump at the park and questioned about the access to water. Apparently this water is not potable and the City does not want it accessed.

Note: Rosalyn subsequently emailed Board members a detailed report from the landscape architect that outlines the reasons for this.

- No further follow up has been done on the research that Suz Wiens, former Board member did on drilling for water.
- Heather brought a box of material that was stored in the park shed from a former chair. Peter Bohonos offered to take it and make a list of heading items.

Next meeting TBA

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM