

Maple Grove Dog Park Owner's Association

Friday, February 26, 2016

34 Vielliers Place

Winnipeg, MB

In attendance: Bev Shafirka, Cathy Guttek, Don Lowrie, Tara Everett, Peter Bohonos, Rosalyn Jones-Smith and Heather Hartry. **Unable to attend:** Cathy Kelly, Colin Lang and Tushar Raichura. Suz Wiens has formerly resigned from the MGDPOA.

Meeting called to order at 8:15 PM

- **Minutes:** Minutes of the November 11, 2015 meeting were distributed and read. (Note these were never approved so need to be done next meeting. Regarding the date I checked my handwritten notes and the date was Nov 11th).
- **WINDOG Update:** Tara, Cathy and Rosalyn all attend the most recent WINDOG meeting. Cathy was very concerned and surprised to find that she was expected, as the alternate, to sign up as a director with a variety of responsibilities. This was not explained to her when she agreed to be the alternate for Colin.
Rosalyn volunteered to be the alternate instead of Cathy on a strictly limited basis. Tara moved that Rosalyn become the alternate and this was seconded by Bev. Carried
Rosalyn also gave an update on the activities of WINDOG.
- Rosalyn is also working on how to start a Dog Park document. Need for this for new parks and current parks without boards. Maple Grove is actually over used and there is a need for another park, possibly in the Sage Creek area.
- **New Guidelines Proposal:** Bev and Don introduced a draft proposal they have worked on to provide guidelines for management and decision making procedures. Need job description for each Board position. Need to have better defined policy and procedures and this may be the way to do this. Needs further discussion and possibly a working group.
- **Volunteer Canada:** the membership is due for renewal March 1/16 for membership and the insurance renewal is due April 1/16. Moved by Tara and seconded by Rosalyn that the treasurer pay this item. Carried.
- **Website Hosting:** The Godaddy service is due for renewal March 29/16. Although this may not be the ideal service Bev suggested we continue with them for this year. This is still in former co-chair's Frank Machovec's name. Frank will pay it this year and we will reimburse him.
- **New Signage:** opportunity for our group to be included in a new sign to replace the current one at St. Mary's and Frobisher Road. The stakeholders group consisting of the MGDPOA, the MODS, and Mustang's Football etc. will be part of this. The city makes the sign and we get reimbursed. We need to get confirmation on this.

- **National Volunteer Week** is April 10 to the 16, 2016.
- **Spring Poop Pick Up!** Cathy moved that we hold it the Sunday, March 20th if possible. Seconded by Tara. Carried.
- **Poop Pick Up Bags and Dispenser Posts.** Needed but could be expensive (\$100 a post and 4,000 bags \$380 Canadian) May deteriorate if left in shed all winter so storage will be an issue. Rosalyn will forward an email about the posts to Don. Kilcona has sponsors for their posts and bags. Should we be putting out feelers to local Pet stores or other businesses about this? Rosalyn will forward emails to Don about the posts.
- **Bulletin Board and Bag Box:** Rosalyn raised the issue about the need for a better bulletin board at the park so more could be displayed. Possibly get some handy person from the park to build a better one. Also there is a need for a raised bag box but if we had dispensers would not need one.
- **New Logo:** There is a need for a new simpler logo for the park. The current one is cute but is hard to reproduce for T shirts and other items. Suggestion that we have a contest for a new logo.
- **Water Source for Park:** As former member Suz had originally been researching this, Rosalyn will check with her as to what has been done to date. We may still be interested in finding out from the City if there is a pump already on site.
- **Safeway Contribution:** Rosalyn suggested that we approach the Safeway head office to request a contribution for the 2 fundraising BBQs at one time. Heather will look into this.
- **Life Rings for Riverbank.** As every year someone seems to end up in the river, going after their dog we should have lifesaver rings along the bank. Apparently this has been brought up with the City but we were told it is a Provincial matter as it is on a river bank. Further exploration is needed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30PM

Next Meeting TBA

Respectfully submitted: Heather Hartry