

Minutes MGDPOA Meeting, November 10, 2016
287 Riel Avenue, Winnipeg, MB

Opening: Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM

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

Addition to the agenda

- Bev submitted an addition to the agenda concerning members in good standing.

Minutes:

- Minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Cathy G noted that it was actually Ros, not her who bought the chips for the last BBQ. Bev moved that the minutes be accepted and this was seconded by Cathy G. Carried

Business Arising from Minutes: None

Fall BBQ Review:

- Members felt that the BBQ had gone well despite the less than perfect weather.
- Cathy G reported that the Rainbow auction brought in \$230, Food sales were \$319, memberships and donations brought in \$590.05 and \$38.94 from the square.
- Note Heather reports there were 70 tickets handed in for hot dogs
- We received excellent support from our vendors including Global Pet Foods, Aardvark Pets, Pet Valu and Safeway who supplied prizes and food. Bev has thanked them on the Facebook page.
- Heather suggested that as we are not actually trying to make money at this event, we consider going back to giving away hot dog, chips and a drink for each membership purchased. Additional food could then be purchased for other family members.

Treasurer's Report: Report will be held over for the AGM

Dog Park Cleanliness and Safety Issues:

- New wood chips have been delivered by both the City and Parkland Tree Service. The City will spread these in the near future at the front area and along the road where ruts have developed. More will be required due the large amount of rain we had this fall.
- The City also put up new signs pointing out where the " Off Leash area" actually is but we still feel a few more would be helpful to get people to the actual park area.
- Ros reported that she walked around with Jessica from the City when she ran in to her at the park and discussed some of the things that needed doing.
- Ros pointed out that work is again needed on the ditch at the front as gravel is washing away and the culvert needs cleaning out. They may put some boulders at the East end of the culvert.

AGM Planning:

- Meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2016 at the Louis Riel Library. Notices have been put up around the park and on line.

- As we really want to encourage a good turnout it was decided to purchase gift certificates from those sponsors that have helped us out in the past. Cathy Kelly volunteered to purchase \$100 gift certificates from Global Pets, Pet Valu and Aardvark Pets.
- The agenda for the AGM was planned including election of new officers.
- To ensure those voting are members in good standing coloured markers will be handed out to them as they enter the meeting.
- Bylaw changes will be posted on line and at the park and have been sent out by Don Lowrie by mailchimp so that they can be voted on at the AGM. (see attached proposed bylaw changes). Bev will discuss these at the AGM. They will also be handed out and read at the meeting.
- May want to have an idea list available so that as people enter they can write down suggestions.

Procedures Manual: Not discussed at this meeting.

Discussion of “Members in Good Standing”:

- As noted Bev requested this addition to the agenda. “We need all Board members to understand the phrase Members in Good Standing (or variations) in the same way. Agreement is needed for the upcoming 2016 AGM. Voting takes place at the meeting on Nov 10, 2016. Absentees will be asked to vote through e-mail ASAP. The suggested phrase (below in italics) will be used at the AGM referring to define a Member in Good Standing” or variation. Discussions showed that not all Board members understood the related “rules” in the Bylaws the same way. For the 2016 AGM ONLY, a Member in Good Standing who is eligible to vote at the meeting is defined as someone who has paid their membership fee at any time from Nov. 1 2015 until Dec. 1, 2016 inclusive. It’s important because a number of topics depend on this definition. For example, at the AGM, it identifies who is eligible to vote.”
- Note: December 2014 Minutes indicated there was:
 - Still need for further review of Bylaws and again question of need to change membership end date from AGM date.
 - The consensus was that November 1 to October 31 would be appropriate.
 - If someone buys at the June BBQ they will be told that the membership is good until October 31 of the same year.
 - If someone buys at the Fall BBQ they will be told that their membership is good until October 31 of the next year.
- Note there was no vote taken on this matter at this time. . This discussion will continue as part of the documentation development work starting in early 2017.”

New Business:

- Ros motioned and Bev seconded that the board officers positions be extended to December 1, 2016 due to the later date of the AGM. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Next Meeting TBA (should be within a few weeks of the AGM)