

Minutes MGPDOA Meeting April 12, 2017

Greendell Community Club

Winnipeg, MB

Opening: Meeting called to order 7:05PM

- In attendance: Cathy Guttek, Don Lowrie, Ryan Davies, Heather Hartry, , Peter Bohonos, Cathy Kelly, Frank Machovec, Michelle Lagadi, Sharon Wiens
- Regrets: Don Rose, Kathy Boyanisky, Susan Paul
- Meeting was chaired by Ryan due to Don R's medical leave. Minutes by Heather due to Kathy's absence

Future meeting schedule:

The next meeting is scheduled for May 10th but in order to try and use a free facility we will move the meeting to Tuesday, May 9th and Heather will try to book the Louis Riel Library.

Agenda

Minutes: March 8, 2017 meeting: Heather moved the minutes be accepted, seconded by Ryan-carried.

Business Arising from Minutes: None.

President's report: None due to Don R's absence due to health

*Ryan did report on Don's behalf that he had been unable to contact Tiffany Dancho, the Board's current Vice President. Despite efforts to reach her by phone, sending her emails and a letter by regular post requesting that she make contact by April 1, 2017 we have not had a response. Her failure to go to the credit union to sign the necessary paper work as a signatory has put us behind in paying for a number of items including the Board insurance and this cannot continue.

*Ryan at Don R's request moved that Tiffany be removed from her position as Vice President. Motion was seconded by Cathy G and carried unanimously.

Vice President's Report: None due to incumbent's absence and non communication.

Treasurer Report:

*Cathy G reported that we have \$6,620.60 in our account.

*She reported that she has made the necessary arrangements to add the Special Events Coordinator as the fourth signature and requested that Heather go to the credit union to sign the necessary paper work. Note: this was done April 13, 2017.

*Cathy explained that she has not proceeded to complete the Company's report as we needed to straighten out the Board positions first.

*Request received to pay annual WINDOG fee (\$100.00) which she will do.

Marketing Report:

Ryan reports:

* He is continuing to look into marketing opportunities for MGPDOA. This includes local businesses and Animal Rescue Groups.

*He will be meeting with the Tim Horton's representative next week to see if they will provide us with gift cards for promotional use.

*He reports that there are a number of Animal Rescue groups who would like to partner with the MGPDOA. Some would like to hold an event in the park. This includes Darcy's Arc who hold a walk in the Fall when we could possibly partner with them. Sharon Wiens has connections with Darcy's and will look into this for us.

*The pink bags that Don R so generously purchased seem to be very well received by people using the park. We are not sure if they have contributed to the cleanliness of the park but may have done so. Due to the ongoing cost of the bags it was generally felt that it was better to still explore having a local business sponsor them. Ryan is continuing to look into this and feels he can find a sponsor.

*There was a motion to not incur any ongoing cost for bags until we determine if we have a sponsor except for special occasions like a BBQ or Cleanup Day. Moved by Don L and seconded by Peter.

Membership Report:

Don L reports:

*As of April 1, 2017 the association has 401 member households, 102 whom are current.

Policy & Procedures:

*Heather reported that nothing further has been done on this item and expressed concern that if Bev Shafirka does not continue on the Board it will be difficult to complete this exercise. She is the one Board member with the necessary expertise to complete this task.

Ongoing Business:**WINDOG Update:**

*Frank reported that there is a WINDOG meeting next week that he will attend. Sharon also expressed interest in attending. Motion made by Frank to include Sharon as representative at WINDOG meetings. Seconded by Cathy G and carried.

* The City is working on a plan for Off Leash Parks and the Councillor responsible is Mike Pagtakhan. It is important that WINDOG have a say in this report.

***Bulletin Board upgrade:**

* further to Colin Lang's presentation at last month's meeting Don L reported that he and Colin are still awaiting information from the City of Winnipeg. There was general discussion about proposed bulletin board and most were in favour of continuing to move forward with this project.

*Motion by Ryan to carry on with current plan to rebuild the Bulletin Board, Seconded by Sharon and carried.

BBQ or Membership Evening:

*As Ryan reported that there are a number of groups willing to partner with us it was decided to let one of the Rescue groups do a BBQ on a trial basis. They would be fund raising for themselves not MGPDOA. They would be responsible for getting their own permit from the City. The Board would still have our membership drive and a fundraising prize draw of some kind. Ryan will see which group is interested and available and get back to the Events Director as soon as possible. We will aim for a Saturday in June. Cathy K reminded us that it would be better to avoid the first Saturday in June as Normand Park has their enormous Garage Sale that day.

Site Plan/Signage/summer path plan

*Ryan reported that he discussed the poor condition of Frobisher Road with Jessica, Area Parks Technician for Public Parks. She informed him that she expects the road won't be done until probably mid May. He asked her to make sure they do a good job that might last better and she indicated that would probably mean shutting down the road for a day.

*Jessica reported that we won't be able to get any new in ground waste receptacles this year unless we pay for them ourselves.

* The new signage for the park entrance has apparently been finalized and will include the Off Leash area.

*The City is willing to cut a path across the big field. Ryan has obtained a partial site plan which Don will be augmenting and he shall conduct an inventory of existing signage over the next few weeks.

Newsletter:

* Don L is collecting submissions/input from board members and would like to send out our date for the next park event with the first issue.

New Business:**Facebook Access**

* Ryan has spoken to Bev about why he isn't able to post on Facebook. It appears he will have to change his Facebook name to get on and will do this.

Partnership with Fundraising Groups

*covered under ongoing business

Approval for current agenda and meeting style

*generally agreed that members were satisfied with the agenda format and meeting style.

Vice President's Position

*Carry over election of new VP to next meeting and have membership director send out an email to the membership that we are looking for a new VP.

Donation of Canopy to MGPDOA by Peter Bohonos

*Now in the park shed. Thanks to Peter!

Next Meeting: Tentatively Tuesday, May 9, 2017 (Heather will confirm)

Motion to adjourn made by Don L and seconded by Ryan. Adjourned at 8:55

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