

Maple Grove Dog Park Dog Owner's Association (MGDPOA)
Annual General Meeting, November 17, 2015
Mustang's Football Club, 100 Frobisher Road, Winnipeg

1. Call To Order

- Colin Lang, Co-Chair welcomed the group and as there was a quorum called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.

2. Minutes of the 2014 AGM

- Motion that the minutes of the Annual General Membership Meeting from November 18, 2014 be accepted as circulated. Moved by Suz Wiens and seconded by Clay Wach-carried unanimously.

3. Presentation by Manitoba Mutts.

- Nancy Schneider, Volunteer Team Manager for Manitoba Mutts explained the purpose of Manitoba Mutts that is a non profit organization serving Manitoba dogs. She explained their need for volunteers to assist animals at risk. They serve close to 450 animals a year, including some cats. They are holding a Volunteer Hire-athon on November 22/15. Also mention the ResQ Walk App that donates money to animal charities and Bark Box purchases also help out.

4. Co-Chair Report.

- Colin explained that Frank Machovec has stepped down as one of the Board Co-Chairs. The Board plans to give him a gift card from Tim Horton's to thank him for his years of service to the MGDPOA.
- Colin Lang reported that there appears to be increased use of the dog park over the past year.
- The Board is concerned about the area directly in front of the parking lot. Due to some very wet weather this fall, the area has become extremely muddy and will be hard to bring back in the spring. Discussion about how to deal with this including what could be spread over the area. Colin has discussed this with

- the City's Manager of Maple Grove Park and they will work with the Board to come up with a solution, possibly gravel.
- Colin reported that we have a good relationship with the Park's Management and we will also work with them to come up with solutions for improving the pathways, look into more park benches, and other amenities.
 - The MGDPOA continues to be part of the WINDOG, an advocacy group made up of local dog parks including Kilcona, Maple Grove and Little Mountain Park. WINDOG has made a presentation to the City on off leash park needs and a response is still expected from them.
 - Colin explained that the Board is still trying to clean up its membership list and bring it up to date. Don Lowrie has taken over this task and should have it up to date shortly.
 - Also want to make the MGDPOA Website more accessible and Bev Shafirka is working on this.
 - Suz Wiens attended Liability for Non Profits training through Volunteer Manitoba.
 - Two successful Membership BBQs were held.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Cathy Guttek reported that we continued to keep membership and donation dollars separate this year from BBQ funds in order to keep better track of the membership.
- Cathy reported that the total membership revenue was \$885.52.
- We received donations of \$454
- Revenue from November 2014 to October 31, 2015 was \$3,545.
- Expenses were \$1,934.
- Current Balance of \$6,885.35
- Cathy explained that a few larger items were purchased for the BBQ auctions to make them more appealing.
- In June 2015 we earned \$664 and In September 2015 we earned \$1,315. The weather was definitely a factor at the June BBQ.

- A grant of \$250 has also been received from the City to be used towards the re-printing of the Pet-Etiquette brochure.
- The Balance Sheet will be posted on the Web Site.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Susan Midford and seconded by Don Lowrie. Motion carried.

6. Nomination and Election of Officers for 2015-16

- As mentioned Frank Machovec has unfortunately resigned from his position as co-chair and the Board has regrettably accepted his resignation. Colin Lang also stated that he will not run again as Co-Chair but will continue as a board member.
- Cathy Guttek was nominated to continue as Treasurer and seconded by Clay Wach. Acclaimed
- Heather Hartry was nominated to continue as Secretary by Cathy Guttek and seconded by Suz Wiens. Acclaimed
- Cathy Guttek nominated Tara Everett as a Member At Large, seconded by Suz Wiens. Acclaimed
- Cathy Guttek nominated Peter Bohonos as a Member at Large, seconded by Suz Wiens. Acclaimed.
- After some discussion Tara Everett agreed to run for Co-Chair if Colin Lang agreed to be a mentor. Nominated by Suz Wiens and seconded by Peter Bohonos. Acclaimed
- Members At-Large now include; Cathy Kelly, Suz Wiens, Bev Shafirka, Don Lowrie, Peter Bohonos and Tushar Raichura.

7. New Business

- Board Roles. The Board feels that it would be beneficial to better define the roles of the Board positions. These would include areas taken on by members at large; Membership-now the responsibility of Don Lowrie, Communications-Bev Shafirka, Events/Volunteers-Suz Wiens. There is also may be a need for someone to look after Marketing.
- Water Pump for park. Suz Wiens made a presentation about getting a water source for the park. This item has come up and many previous AGM meetings. If a water source could be developed it would eliminate the need for people to bring water jugs. There is a possibility that there is already a well on site or

possibly we could share something with the Mods group, who already have a well. The Mustangs Hall is also run on a well.

A motion was made by Cathy Guttek to have Suz Wiens further explore the possibility of getting a water source at the park, seconded by Bev Shafirka. Motion carried.

- Board will speak with City about more wood chips, possible new bag dispensers, ways to control weeds and getting the Puppy Area fence fixed (note: has now been fixed!)
- We unfortunately did not do a Fall Clean up this year so will definitely need to do one in the spring.

8. Adjournment

- Colin Lang moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Suz Wiens. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM