

Maple Grove Park Dog Owners Association

Board Meeting to be held on Thursday, June 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm

at 46 Malsbury Avenue

In attendance: Kirsten, Sharon, Cathy S, Kathy B, Pat, Roz, Cathy K, Heather H, Nihar

Regrets: Andre

Minutes of the meeting

1. **Call to Order 6:50PM**

2. **The Minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting**

It was moved by Kathy B and Seconded by Heather

"that the minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting be accepted as presented/
amended."

All in favour.

Carried

3. President's Report – Kirsten B

- a) 2019 Bylaws – pending (committee - Nihar, Kirsten and Sharon to review)
- b) Report on meeting with City Park Technician – see item #11.
- c) Poop bag dispenser – City approved format, proposed marketing policy for dispensers – quarterly partnerships with revolving locations to each partner gets equal time in prime locations. No limit on partnership \$ per City. (note: Don Rose submitted invoice for 9 poop bag dispensers he made for the park)
- d) WINDOG – follow up to presentation on June 4, 2019 – see Item #9.

4. **Treasurer's Report – Cathy S.**

No report - pending. Cathy is investigating some answers on liability insurance - and this will be discussed with Andre.

5. **Membership report - Sharon**

As there was no spring event (membership drive) few changes noted. 574 members, 154 current members with lots of memberships expiring in Spring. The Fall event will focus on membership renewals and new members. Sharon will email the membership spreadsheet to Andre to "test the new software" which would result in the system being user friendly and automate on-line membership. Also noted, Sharon has been tracking "volunteers" that were noted on membership applications and will continue to capture a list - there were 11 members noted as interested in volunteering.

6. **Marketing**

a) Sponsorships (hereinafter referred to as "partnerships" per City of Winnipeg request.

i. Happy Tails Pet Resort - Still no \$ paid - **Kirsten to follow up.**

ii. Horizon Livestock - Has requested to move their dates forward - ok

iii. other supporting businesses have come forward - Advarc - Thrive; Pet Valu; Global (have all supplied poop bags), Happy Tails, Horizon.

iv. partnerships with non-profit groups - will not charge for advertising if non-profit.

Cathy G made a motion

It was moved by Cathy G and Seconded by Heather

"that we cover costs of Porta-Potty to October 31, 2019 if Happy Tails does not come through with their payment."

All in favour

Carried

8. Communications Report – Andre W. & Sharon W.

- a) MGPDOA pamphlet - Sharon has a box of these pamphlets. They should be redesigned and updated. Further discussion planned for next meeting.

****this item moved to Parking Lot to be discussed in future**

- b) Automated membership update – this is a work in progress

- c) Should this be combined with Membership for now?

****no formal update at today's meeting - defer to next meeting.**

9. WINDOG – Kirsten B.

Second representative needed from MGPDOA – volunteer appointment from MGPDOA Board.

****lots of discussion about WINDOG - for now, no 2nd volunteer coming forward. In addition we want WINDOG to reach out to other dog parks to increase membership as we are the only other members (which defeats the purpose of effective representation of many dog parks) . Once membership has increased, then we will want a more a democratic vote for the Executive positions that better represent more/all dog parks. If this cannot be done, the MGPDOA will not renew their membership to WINDOG next year.**

10. Events - Pat B.

- a) Update re: fall BBQ and membership drive - September 22nd (Sunday) with September 28th (Saturday) as the rain date.

- b) Other events planned this year - deferred to after the fall BBQ

- c) Specific discussion about fall BBQ

*all members to invite their local contacts of dog rescues, vets and vendors - and let Nihar know as she will keep track on a spreadsheet to prevent duplication.

*Kirsten will be attending "Dog Fest" and soliciting vendors and partners to attend our BBQ event.

*Cathy K will purchase and wrap silent auction prizes.

*Heather and Pat will arrange for hotdogs/burgers/buns to be either purchased or donated.

*Pat has investigated the option of having a dog agility trainer come do a demo in the puppy pen - as part of the event and will further investigate whether K-9 police would also be able to attend to put on a demo.

*Pat will invite Q102.3 to DJ the event

*Central Vet services has agreed to attend and set up a booth.

*will meet in August to ensure we are prepared for the event and for assignment of duties.

d) Thank you to sponsors and for donations - Nihar donated "thank-you" cards, and Cathy G had park "stickers" - Sharon will send out thank you cards.

e) confirmation letters to participant groups - Roz has a draft copy and will provide this as many vendors/groups would like a confirming letter regarding their attendance at the fall BBQ.

§ Draft policy including:

§ All donations \$20 - \$99 – email thank you – Action by Sharon

§ All donations over \$99 – mailed card (if we have mailing address).

§ cards to purchased for this purpose or donated? Donated by Nihar.

11. **Report on City of Winnipeg meeting – Kirsten B** - April 17, 2019

· Water - **City pays for water for Kilcona Park - we want the same.**

· Wood chips

- Pathways to dispensers plus centre of large grassed area
- Land (treed area east of Dog park entrance)
- Stakeholder meeting - have asked with no response
- single use vs multi use - there is a process to apply for single-use.
- culverts -
- bomber chairs have moved and separated - could we put them around the tree facing outward to protect tree from elements (dog pee) and should we pursue the offer of additional seating? **There are no new seats available - defer discussion.**
- tree planting - replacement? **This deferred to fall.**

12. City of Winnipeg – 2005 promised to MGPDOA (MODS considerations)

- 40 stall parking lot
- Agility training area - NO for liability reasons.
- Puppy training area
- Road lighting - we said NO to this.
- Composting toilet
- “go slow – watch for dogs” signs
- Formal management agreement with the City - no

13. Poop dispensers – Heather H

*Don Rose has completed 9 dispensers and has put up 5 of them. His invoice was provided to Cathy G for payment (approx. \$1000.00)

14. Other

- other park event – Manitoba Underdogs – this did not occur – no follow up by group to City
- Other items for discussion - none

15. Date of next meeting - August 14th - will focus on fall BBQ event planning.

16. Adjournment - 9:12PM

Topic Parking Lot

Meeting with other Park stakeholders – Nothing to report

Inventory – deferred to next meeting

Bulletin Board access – nothing to report

Gate Key - location and access

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