

Annual General Meeting
Maple Grove Park Dog Owners' Association
Tuesday, November 29, 2022
St. Vital Mustangs Football Clubhouse
100 Frobisher Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba

- 1. Confirmation of Quorum:** Confirmed that there were 12 people in attendance, plus 8 regular Board members.
- 2. Call to order:** 7:35 PM
- 3. Welcome and Introductions** by Chairperson Kathy Bell. Board members introduced themselves and their activities in relation to the park. All current Board Members were in attendance with the exception of Shane Nestruck and Teresa Reimer.
- 4. Review and Approval of the Minutes** of the 2021 Annual General Meeting conducted by Zoom: A correction was made to Cindy Little's name and activity on page 2. Motion was made by Reid Hartry to approve the minutes with the corrections. Seconded by Pat Bradics. Motion carried
- 5. Chairperson's Report**-Kathy Bell gave her report. See attached
Kathy moved that her report be accepted, seconded by Reid Hartry. Carried
- 6. Vice President's Report**-Heather Hartry gave her report-see attached.
Heather moved to have the report accepted as read. Seconded by Cathy Swiderek. Carried
- 7. Treasurer's Report**-Cathy Swiderek-see attached. She reported that we currently have a balance of \$21,411.00. This is much higher than usual as we received funds from the Province of Manitoba while we were unable to fund raise during the COVID pandemic restrictions. There was not time to add in the details of the most recent fund raising at the October 29, 2022 BBQ as it was too close to our year end on October 31. Cathy Swiderek motioned that the report be accepted, seconded by Kathy Bell. Carried
- 8. Nomination of Officers for the Board**-Mr. Roy Chapman conducted the election
President's Position-Nihar Kaushal nominated Kathy Bell to continue as President. Nominations were requested from the floor 3X but none were

forthcoming. Kathy accepted to continue in this role and was elected by acclamation.

Vice President's Position-Kathy Bell nominated Heather Hartry to continue in this position. Nominations were requested from the floor but as there were no further nominations, Heather accepted to continue in this role and was elected by acclamation.

Treasurer's Position-Pat Bradics nominated Cathy Swiderek to continue in this position. Nominations were requested from the floor but as there were no further nominations, Cathy accepted to continue in this role and was elected by acclamation.

Secretary's Position-This position has been unfilled for two years and has been covered by Heather Hartry. Nominations were requested from the floor three times and Janice Claeys volunteered for the position. As there were no further nominations Janice was elected by acclamation.

Marketing Position-this position is currently vacant. Nominations were requested from the floor 3X but none were forthcoming. Therefore, this position will remain unfilled.

Director of Special Events Position- this position has become vacant due to the resignation of Pat Bradics, who has handled this position for a number of years. We thank her for her work in this area. Nominations were requested 3X from the floor but as none were forthcoming the position will remain open.

Communications Position-this position has become available as Andre Wanlin has resigned. We thank Andre for his work in this area. Nominations were requested from the floor 3X. Heather Hartry nominated Cindy Little for this position and she accepted, seconded by Kathy Bell. Elected unanimously.

Membership Position- Kathy Bell has been handling this position in addition to her President's position and is willing to continue if no one else is interested. Cathy Kelly nominated Kathy Bell for the position, seconded by Heather Hartry. Nominations were requested 3X from the floor but as there were no further nominations, Kathy was elected.

Members at Large-Nominations were requested from the floor for members at large. Don Bell nominated Andrew Kleinsasser, who agreed to

accept the position. Pat Bradics also indicated a willingness to continue on the Board as a member at large. Current members at large also include Cathy Kelly, Don Bell, Christina Emond, Nihar Kaushal (past president), Teresa Reimer and Shane Nestruck.

Note: following the AGM Theresa Reimer resigned with regrets from the Board.

9. New Business

Parking Issues: Reid Hartry brought up the information that the World Police and Fire Games will be held at Maple Grove Park next summer and it is planned to be a huge event. Although no events will be held in the Off Leash area it might cause parking issues. Mr. Hartry suggested that we look into getting a more permanent sign from the City of Winnipeg designating our parking lot as only for the dog park users. This is an ongoing issue that should be addressed. Kathy Bell indicated that she would bring this matter up with City officials.

Bylaw Change Proposal: Discussion was held about changing our bylaws to allow members at large to be counted towards a quorum at an AGM. This would have to be done at an extraordinary meeting before the next AGM. Tristan Hartry suggested that we hold one at the park, possibly during a cleanup or BBQ event, when there would be lots of members present.

Director of Special Events: A suggestion was made that we should consider adding a Director of Special Projects position, to the board to deal with things like additions to the park.

Proposal for Agility Course: Pat Bradics would like to see the addition of an agility course at the park. The President agreed that this would be discussed at our next regular meeting in the new year.

Christina Emond made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Heather Hartry

Acting Secretary

January 10, 2023