

Leash Free Mississauga Minutes
Wednesday April 1, 2015
(Approved June 3, 2015)

In attendance:

Dave Carty ~ President, Director
Karen Forrest ~ Vice President , Director
Barbara Hanson ~ Secretary , Director
Gayle Laws ~ Membership Director
Carol Mitchell ~ Parkway Belt Rep, Director
Debra Buckler ~ Treasurer, Director
Al Barnett ~ Q Park Rep , Director
Jack Clarke ~ Lakeside Rep, Director
Marc LeBlanc ~ IT Director
Michael Wood ~ Director
Anne McGivern ~ Director
Leslie Jamieson ~ Garnetwood Rep, Director

Members :

Kira Wilkinson
Carol Carty
Schuyler Hissa

Regrets:

Hazel McColl

Meeting was chaired by Barbara Hanson

The board was reminded that we adhere to the 'Democratic Rules of Order-Francis & Francis'
A speakers list will be kept.

1. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to accept: Leslie
Seconded: Debra
Unanimous

2. **Reports:**

City: No report as Hazel sent her regrets

Etobicoke Valley: No rep

Garnetwood: Nothing to report

Jack Darling: There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday. Sponsored by Global Pet Foods from 9 am to 11 am

Parkway Belt: Nothing to report

Lakeside: Nothing major to report. Jack is meeting with the city to discuss lights in the park. It will be a fact finding meeting to look into money and logistics. The process to consider installing lighting is daunting and includes city consultants and the police. Jack will report back with findings. There are drainage issues and Jeff Cunningham will be meeting with Jack next week.

Q-Park: Is trying to deal with mud and has had 2 loads of wood chips delivered so far. The park is on the waiting list for more chips and possibly stones. The gates have been fixed.

~Sad story with a happy ending: A dog and his toys were abandoned in Q-Park on a very cold day recently. He was approximately 6 months old. Animal Services was called to pick up the dog. Al Barnett, Q-Park rep stayed with him until Animal Services arrived. The dog was identified but is up for adoption. **Update** Happy news: Puppy has found a home!! Thanks Al for helping him!

Toto: All quiet

3. **Financials:**

We need to consider how we acknowledge donations. We have been receiving donations more frequently and we need to be not only acknowledging them as they come in but encouraging them.

Suggestion: Membership to acknowledge or have Park Rep follow up

\$25-\$100 email

\$100-\$1000 phone call

Over \$1000

Fold into Group 2 for further discussion.

Motion to accept Financial Report: Karen

Seconded: Carol

Unanimous

4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to approve: Debra

Seconded: Karen

11 for

1 abstention

0 opposed

Motion carried

5. **Goals and Work Plan:**

Privacy Policy-Draft

- Item #2 is regarding hiring of outside help
- Item #4 was questioned-why can't park reps have access to their park members contact information
 - Issues in the past regarding breach of privacy
 - For members benefit information is limited
 - A suggestion was made to have all board members sign a privacy code of conduct
 - Also to give members the option of privacy-choice not to be contacted by rep and info would be stored only in data base
 - Before info can be distributed a master list must be compiled-it has been suggested that Amanda LeBlanc (Marc's wife) be brought on board to make a master list. She has an expertise in XL spreadsheets that could help.

- Motion: That Amanda LeBlanc be given access to membership information for the purpose of updating the data base providing she agrees to keep information in the strictest of confidence.
 - Motion to approve: Gayle
 - Seconded: Carol
 - Unanimous

- Karen will look into drafting a Privacy Policy for board members to sign with the hopes of reps being given access to their park member information.

- P.O.I: The City is cracking down on privacy

- Motion: The board approves Karen, acting as point with the goal of developing a privacy policy with regards to membership list. To be brought to the May meeting for a vote.
 - Motion to approve: Dave
 - Seconded: Carol
 - Unanimous

Logo Contest:

- Gayle has suggested a logo contest to increase visibility. Denise is looking into pricing for banners.

Motion: Gayle, Kira, Carol, Marc and Denise will conduct a logo contest with a goal of having a logo chosen by May 15th.

- Motion to approve: Deb
- Seconded: Marc
- Unanimous

20th Anniversary:

To be held at Toto park June 20th from 10am-1pm

- Mayor Bonnie Crombie and her assistant
- Hazel McCallion
- Hazel McColl
- A rep from Simply Pets
- Baseball cap giveaways-100 given out for memberships
- Toques-throw out to the crowd
- 1 hour photo session with the current and past Mayors
- All paid for by donations at Toto

Discussion as to whether each park will also do their own events. Jack made the suggestion that one event is done and it be at Toto. Individual parks will decide.

Effective Policies:

Cod of Conduct Regarding Children:

- Motion made regarding section 2: Will now read as ~ All children 12 and under must be under constant adult supervision.
 - Motion to approve: Deb
 - Seconded: Marc
 - Unanimous
- Also change to section 4: Remove the words 'Remember that' and capitalize Y in Your
- Sections 1, 3, and 5 accepted as written. Unanimous vote

Next Priorities:

- Discipline Process :

- Park Standards:

- Debra and Kira

- Review risk assessment with the City
 - Drainage
 - Fencing
 - Lights – possibility of study being done on all parks at one time
 - Who decides which parks get what
- Park Standards working group agree to come forward with report by May meeting *

- Policy on "In Camera" meetings:
 - Motion: That the meaning of "In Camera" is that things are discussed are not to be publicly known for privacy or legal reasons and things discussed are kept private (not to be talked about late amongst non-board members.
 - Moved Leslie
 - Seconded: Karen
 - Unanimous

- Finding a Rep for Etobicoke Valley:
 - Had a rep who never showed up
 - How to go about finding someone
 - Suggestion to rename it
 - Looking for a volunteer to visit the park
 - Possibility of park closing! Suggestion to post signs "If a rep cannot be found park may be closed"

- Facebook Pages:
 - All parks but Etobicoke Valley currently have a FB page
 - Should be optional per park
 - Jack requested that Lakeside's page be taken down
 - This request was refused
 - Individual park rep does not have to be involved
- Motion: There will be one Facebook page per park; however it is up to individual park reps if they choose to be included with the maintenance and management of the page. If not then a park member shall be responsible for the maintenance.
 - Motion to approve: Deb
 - Seconded: Dave
 - Unanimous

Motion to adjourn: Deb