

**MINUTES**  
**Leash Free Mississauga Board Meeting**

7-9 PM, Sept 3, 2014 - Mississauga Valley Community Centre (1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd),  
Program Room 2 (Approved October 1, 2014)

Present: Barbara Hanson, Debra Buckler, Jack Clarke, Dave Carty, Anne McGivern, Marc  
Leblanc, Hazel McColl, Michael Wood, Gayle Laws.

Regrets: Richard Bramwell,

Motion: That Debra chair this meeting (Anne, Dave) Carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion: That the agenda be approved. (Dave, Anne) Carried.

**Reports**

**Jack Darling** - Barbara

The front end of JD was opened in late June only to close shortly thereafter in order to address new drainage problems within the toboggan area that led to a lot of muddy fun for dogs and a lot of mess for owners. It remains closed until this can be fixed. I wrote to the City in July about several things that need to be addressed in order to finalize the renovation including 1. The north gate structure and entry system, 2. Making the path surfaces Dog Friendly, 3. Improving gate function and 4. Retainer wall issues. Andy Wickens responded in late August with an offer to meet on site to discuss this. We will be setting this up ASAP. It is a truly lovely facility that we can hopefully fine tune and finalize soon. Many thanks to those at the City and Region that made the renovation happen.

With the help of handy members and users the new bulletin board is functioning quite well. There has been almost no posting of inappropriate notices (commercial advertising etc) since Suzanne set up the locked LFM business side and the back side open for members to post.

In early August I wound down the Pet Valu bag donations and have been encouraging users to BYOB (Bring Your Own Bags - thanks to David Black for the title) and some extras (particularly recycled, reuse, and/or biodegradable). I began putting some out myself and talking the issue up with users. I was thrilled when I returned from vacation last week and found some reuse bags in all the holders and the bin under the bulletin board filled to the rim. It appears our users are pitching in and adapting. Also, I am seeing lingering effects of the "Burr Busters" campaign. Now that users can identify Burdock they are taking the initiative to remove it. I can see the results myself. Lance has not picked up a single burr in our last several visits to the Zone—a record!

Parkway Belt - no report

**Lakeside** - Jack - The notice board was erected by the City and it now functioning. Two picnic benches have been added.

Quenippenon Meadows - no report

**Totoredaca** - Dave

Mayor Hazel tribute was a big success. Users have praised the rock garden, the grass cutters, and the people who removed the trees. Amber has been very helpful..

**Financial** - Debra presented a financial report to August 31, 2014

Motion: That the financial report presented by Debra be accepted (Barbara, Jack) Carried,

**City** - Hazel wants a single contact point. Councillors are getting calls about difficulties contacting LFM. Debra agreed to be the LFM contact for the City.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion: That the June 4 2014 Board Meeting minutes be approved. (Dave, Anne) Carried

### **Tasks and Division of Labour Assigned in June**

**Signing Authority**- Done - Debra, Richard, Barbara

**Corporate records, NCA compliance, Tax Returns** - Barbara and Lynn in process - consensus was that we should pay the \$1500 for the returns upon completion

**Reps for Parkway, Etobicoke Valley and Garnetwood** (Leslie Jamieson may be willing to serve)

**Bulletin Boards** - Jack will try to get Etob. Valley and Garnetwood up, and perhaps Parkway too by Xmas.

**Code of Conduct** - Done - available to post in zones

**Membership** - Debra, Richard - Consensus was that we should go with a common renewal Date of Dec 31, 2014 with all new memberships from here on running until to Dec 31, 2015

- Current lists - distributed by Debra at meeting

Motion: That Gayle Laws be appointed acting director to fill the vacancy created by Jim Bentley's resignation and work alongside Debra to deal with membership issues including management of the contact information (Barbara, Michael) Carried

**2014 Meetings and events**- Barbara will coordinate a common calendar Toto halloween Oct 26, please send your dates to her

Motion: That Marc Leblanc be appointed acting director to fulfill the vacancy created by Joan Christensen's resignation. (Dave, Michael ) Carried (5 in favour, 1 opposed)

**Website** - Michael website is 95% ready copyright issues raised.  
Gayle will call Michael to assist in getting website functional.

**Pet Valu Clarkson** - Barbara - Donation to LFM received, Thank you  
Letter sent

**Updated board list and Affiliation Application to City** - Done -Barbara ,  
Debra

**Lawsuit** - Done - final documents have been received

**Calendar** - Jack - To date \$5200 advertising pledged or received. Cost to print  
1500 calendars is \$4500, Hoping to have a total excess ad revenue of  
\$1600 then all the sales are additional monies for LFM.

Expect the 2015 calendar will show about 200 dogs in total in the full  
calendar in collages for each month. Hoping to be printed and ready to sell by  
Oct 15 in time for all the Halloween event.  
Urge all board members to plan on selling calendars.

### **New Business**

AGM Date - Directors voted in favour of holding the 2014 AGM November 5.

### **Future Meetings**

Board (Oct 1 Agenda items by Sunday Sept 21, Nov 5 (AGM) , Dec 3 (Board)

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn (Michael, Anne)

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.