

Annual General Meeting

Leash-Free Mississauga - Minutes (Review approved Dec 3, 2014)

November 5, 2014 7-9 pm

Program Room 2, Mississauga Valley Community Centre, (1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd)

Present:

Debra Buckler, Treasurer	Dave Carty, Rep. Toto	Carol Carty, Toto
Marc Leblanc, Director	Michael Wood, Director	Barbara Hanson, Secretary
Anne McGivern, Director	Gayle Laws, Director	Leslie Jamieson, Rep. Garnetwood
Jack Clarke, Rep. Lakeside	Robert Pendli, Toto	Anna Farrangia Pace, Toto
Victor Pace, Toto	Peter Wason, Toto	Dennis Switzer, Jack Darling
Karen Forrest, Jack Darling	Carol Mitchell, Parkway	Kira Wilkenson, Q/Garnetwood
Jessie Gill	Carol Watson	Anil Sheth

Motion: To approve the agenda as amended to include approval of the 2013 AGM minutes (Dave, Barbara).

Carried (14 in favour, 0 opposed 0 abstentions - Unanimous)

ITEMS

1. Report from Animal Services - Jay Smith, Manager of Animal Services and Linda Dent, Education Officer

Linda Dent discussed Animal Services mandate and services. She outlined updates to by-laws that have raised standards for animal welfare including not leaving animals in extreme weather, minimal pen size, not leaving animals in cars in inappropriate weather, and not transporting animals loose in an open area like the back of a pick-up truck. Also, officers can now go onto private property to investigate by-law violations.

Jay Smith the new manager introduced himself.

2. City Report

Hazel McColl pointed out that 2015 will be the 20th anniversary of the set up of leash free zones

in Mississauga. In 1995 five pilot zones were set up. They were in operation until 1996. A public process led to approval of the creation of Leash-Free Mississauga by City council in 1997. The agreement was that users would pay memberships with the funds going to paying back the capital costs for setting up the Zones and ongoing maintenance. She talked about how the “City works in partnership with Leash-Free Mississauga”.

3. Approval of Minutes of 2013 Annual General Meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting be approved as amended to correct the name Lori Mitchell to read Carol Mitchell. (Anne, Karen) Unanimous

4. Report from the Board

Debra Buckler talked about the new common annual renewal date for memberships, our new website that is almost ready to go, and plans to set up a committee to work on some commemoration of our 20th anniversary.

5. Election of New Board Members

Four positions were open

Motion: That Marc Leblanc, Gayle Laws, Michael Wood, and Karen Forrest be elected directors of Leash-Free Mississauga (Barbara, Dave) Carried with 1 opposed.

6. Financial Report

Motion: That the financial report presented by Debra Buckler be accepted (Anna, Dave) Unanimous.

7. Code of Conduct

Motion: That the code of conduct be approved as amended to:

- a) correct a typo in the 3rd item (delete “must”),
- b) add the item: “Once toys/balls are released into play, do not expect these items to be returned if found by other dogs.”
- c) make minor changes to the last 2 items (Anna, Peter) Carried with 1 Abstention.

8. Members Business

Gayle urged everybody to help promote membership and calendar sales.

Jack Clarke, Board Member and representative for Lakeview, reported on the very important fundraiser project for LFM, which is the creation, publishing and selling of calendars. He has put

in a lot of hours approaching advertisers and was quite successful in ensuring that the cost of producing the calendar is covered by advertisement. 1000 calendars have been printed, with a net of 900 to be sold (100 were provided to the advertisers). At \$10 per calendar, combined with excess funds from advertising, LFM could raise approximately \$10,000, which will be allocated for park maintenance and special projects. For this calendar project to meet its target, everyone needs to step up and commit to selling the calendars. Everyone in attendance was encouraged to talk to Jack about receiving calendars to sell.

Motion to adjourn (Gayle, Leslie) Unanimous - Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM

CODE OF CONDUCT Approved at the November 5, 2014 AGM

Promote safety, peaceful enjoyment and treat all users kindly and with respect.

Watch and control your dog(s) at all times and take immediate action to stop your dog(s) from injuring, bullying, or threatening.

Any dog who is aggressive, contagious, younger than 4 months, lacks its vaccinations, or is in heat should not be in the zone.

Once toys/balls are released into play, do not expect these items to be returned if found by other dogs.

People should not run, cycle, skateboard, cook, or hold private events in the zone.

Alcohol and food are not allowed in the Zone.

Hazardous items such as weapons, laser toys, choke or spiked collars, balls smaller than 2.5" diameter (standard tennis ball), or glass containers are not allowed in the Zone.

Do not give any treats, food, drink, or toys to any dog without permission of its owner.

Do not involve any dog in any activity without the owner's permission.

Do not grab, pick up, or discipline a dog without the owner's permission unless you or your dog is in danger.

Do not let your dog dig holes. Fill in any holes he or she digs.

Carry a collar or harness and leash for every dog you bring into the park

Close all gates behind you immediately and leave the gate pen areas quickly with your dog.

Dispose of litter including poop, barf, clumps of animal hair, cups, cigarette butts, and packaging.

Pick up and dispose of POOP!

Bring your own bags for poop/waste pick up. Bring extra bags if you can and put in them in containers for use by people who run out of, or occasionally forget, bags.

Move around as much as possible and don't congregate.

You should be aware that un-neutered dogs may be more aggressive and/or incite aggression in other dogs.

If any dogs are involved in a conflict that results in injuries requiring veterinary care, the owners of those dogs should consider sharing the expenses.

All dogs must wear identification information including the dog's name and current contact information.