

MINUTES

Leash Free Mississauga Board Meeting

7-9 PM, December 3, 2014 - Mississauga Valley Community Centre (1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd), Program Room 2 (Approved January 7, 2015).

Present: Barbara Hanson, Debra Buckler, Jack Clarke, Dave Carty, Marc Leblanc, Hazel McColl, Leslie Jamieson, Anne McGivern, Karen Forest, Kira Wilkenson.

Regrets - Gayle Laws, Michael Wood

Approval of Agenda -

Motion to approve Agenda (Leslie, Karen) Carried

REPORTS

CITY - Meeting on dog walkers and children to take place Feb 25

ZONES

Etobicoke Valley - no report

Garnetwood - Leslie

Jack Darling - Barbara

About 20 people and dogs attended the Halloween party on November 1, 2014 that was organized by Vanessa Knights from Global Pet Foods - Port Credit and Allison Pentland - a Jack Darling member. There were many prizes including Jumbo Size packages of Benny Bullies generously donated by Global Pet Foods for the Raffle and First Prize costume - a Boxer stunningly costumed in red sequins and wings.

Many thanks to our organizers, Ellen Lockley, friends from Toto Debra (Butterfly) Buckler, Carol (AKA Dawn Cherry) Carty, and Dave Carty who came to help and join in the fun.

We raised \$80 in donations from the raffle, sold fifteen 2015 calendars, and got many memberships and renewals. Global is also organizing a Christmas Cheer Day on Dec 6, 2014 9am - 12 with a similar format.

We are trying to get the promised lights installed at the front of the Zone so that people will be able to walk after dark during the winter. The City has completed the work on the drainage at the south end by the woods.

Lakeside - Jack - There will be food drive at Lakeside Dec 4-7 for The Compass.

Parkway Belt - no report
Quenippenon Meadows - no report

Totoredaca - Dave

The park is ready for winter. Hoses are drained, trees are wrapped. Calendars have been well received. Antonella was a good choice for asst. rep. She has encouraged others to get involved more. Amber has been great to work with. Hope her replacement is as good. She begins her maternity leave on December 9th. Our Xmas do is set for Dec. 13th. We will have Santa photos, Kris Kringle exchange, homemade dog treats, and will collect for the Mississauga Humane Society. We have coyote warning signs out back as more people are walking back there. Our membership drive was good in that there seems to be a higher level of awareness about LFM.

Financial

Motion: That the financial report be approved. (Dave, Leslie)

APPROVAL AND REVIEW OF MINUTES

Motion: That the October 1, 2014 Board Meeting minutes be approved (Leslie, Marc) carried

Motion: That Gayle Laws' comments made after the fact of the meeting sent on Nov 20, 2014 be added to the AGM minutes. (Marc, Anne) 6 in favour 1 opposed. Carried

The comments are copied below:

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: That we approve review of the November 5, 2014 AGM minutes as amended (Leslie Jack) 6 in favour 1 opposed. Carried

DISCUSSION OF BOARD WORK FOR 2015

Motion: That Dave Carty be president of Leash Free Mississauga. (Barbara, Jack) Unanimous

Motion; That Marc Leblanc be IT (Information Technology) director which includes management of the LFM website. (Leslie, Dave) Unanimous

Motion: That Gayle Laws be Director for Membership conditional on her acceptance of the position. (Jack, Dave). Carried

Motion: That Karen be Vice President (Karen, Dave). Unanimous, Carried

We will set up tasks and goals for 2015 at the Jan 2015 board meeting. People should send ideas to Dave.

Dave appealed to everyone to treat people with respect and make any criticisms without personal remarks or name calling.

Pursuant to Richard Bramwell's resignation we will replace him as a signing authority.

Website - Marc - showed the board the new website

New Business

Off leash area in Civic Centre being considered. Kira has set up a face book page for this. Someone has requested a small dog area in Port Credit.

Future Meetings

Board (Jan 7, agenda items due by December 28, 2014)

Adjournment

Motion - (Barbara, Dave) Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM