

Meeting Minutes

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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday November 8th, 2022 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM EST

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Board Attendance	Board Member Vacancies & Regrets	Guests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angela Puliyodil – President & Meeting Chair, stepping down - Rose Shao – Treasurer - Hugo Reinoso – IT & Webmaster, stepping down - Catherine Williams – Etobicoke Valley - Marg Hempstead – Garnetwood - Sue Walsh – Jack Darling, stepping down - Ellen Lockley – Lakeside - Carol Mitchell – Parkway Belt - Robert Dowling – Totoredaca - Daniel Scouten – Paul Coffey - Laurie Usypchuk – Quineppenon - Veronica Cheng – Social Media Manager Volunteer - Edison Qu – Finance Volunteer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vacant – President - Vacant – Vice President - Vacant – Secretary - Vacant – Fundraising and Events Director - Vacant – Membership and Communications Director - Vacant – Webmaster 	<p>In error, City of Mississauga were not invited to zoom meeting, our apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jenna Prokop, Community Development Coordinator, Parks - Jamie Ferguson, Manager, Park Services <p>Other guests:</p> <p>Etobicoke Valley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ashley Villella <p>Garnetwood:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trish Aleve, Virginia Bradburne, Mary Smith <p>Jack Darling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter Bremner, Tanya Ellis, Jan Francis, Nicole Franko, Alison Linsley-Melo, Andrea Morrell, Ruvani Shaubel, Deb Whiteman, Sheri Yeo <p>Lakeside:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nancy Ekels <p>Parkway Belt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brianna Henderson, Aswathy Mathew <p>Quenippenon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jennifer Agombar, Alan Attar, David Capek, Joshua Escalona, Eleanor Lee <p>Totoredaca:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharon Albert, Steve Barrett, Shaun Cunningham, Mike Ebling, JoAnne Goakery, Bruce Hunter, John Hurdis, Lucy Marchese, Kim Miedema, BRIJ MOHAN PANDEY, Ben Salem, Wayne Tippett, Daniella Zamora <p>And other additional members and potential members</p>

❖ Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm

❖ Welcome and Introductions

welcomed all to the LFM Annual General Meeting for 2022

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❖ Apologies and Regrets

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❖ Quorum

There being 47 members from 8 parks present, more than the minimum 10 members from at least 3 parks in attendance, including 11 of 16 or 69% directors present, more than the minimum 2/5th or 40% directors in attendance, a quorum was declared at 7:10pm

Etobicoke Valley	2	Garnetwood	5	Jack Darling	10
Lakeside	2	Parkway Belt	4	Paul Coffey	1
Quenippenon	6	Totoredaca	17	Total	47

❖ Agenda

Moved and seconded at 7:11pm that the agenda be approved.

❖ Minutes from November 3rd, 2021 Annual General Meeting

Moved and seconded at 7:12pm that the minutes from the Nov.3/21 AGM be accepted and approved.

❖ Minutes from October 5th, 2022 board meeting

Moved and seconded at 7:13pm that the minutes from the Oct.5/22 board meeting be accepted and approved.

❖ President's report

- Appreciation given to members for going out to the parks, and for being present at the AGM, seeing what we do and getting involved
- Appreciation given to past and present members of the board for their hard work and moving things along
- Looking forward to new board, new and old minds working together to move the board along to continue serving the community

❖ Treasurer's report

- Reviewed financials
- Winter hats were purchased \$2,006.88 for volunteers passed out by park reps
- IT cost increase includes boosting facebook earlier in 2022; website improvements would be planned
- No road sign expense this year, was last year to promote membership
- Expenses covered by city include water, grass cutting, fence and gate repairs
- New city-approved lighting would be planned
- Cash amounts unspent discussed, covid has affected planning last 2 years

❖ Questions to Directors

- Member from Jack Darling asked about sign prohibiting **Pit Bulls**

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- this is from the Ontario Dog Owners' Liability Act, Pit Bull Ban, which is still in effect, however dogs are not longer seized just based on how they look; sign placed by city, not LFM
- Signs say "The Leash-Free Zone is subject to the Dog Owners' Liability Act, RSO 1990 as amended", and "Any Dog(s), including but not limited to Pitbulls, under provincial or municipal muzzle orders must be muzzled while in the Leash-Free Zone"
- Potential member from Quenippenon appreciates Park Rep asked about water and shelter and newer benches
 - Quenippenon is owned by Peel region and leased back to city, improvement requests are working through the approval processes
 - Signing up for membership on LFM website helps us ask for things, growing memberships helps
- Potential member without park nearby asked about plans to create more parks
 - Encouraged members and potential members to join monthly board meetings to participate and understand the process of working with the city to create new parks, work with city councillors, etc.
- Member from Jack Darling asked about pebble stones on pathways which are very muddy, gravel is hard on dog's paws
 - Ticket is in with the city to spread on pathways
 - Gravel is no longer put in parks, but Jack Darling is grandfathered in due to long pathways
- ❖ City of Mississauga's reports
In error Jenna Prokop and Jamie Ferguson from City of Mississauga were not invited to zoom meeting, our apologies
- ❖ Acceptance of financial statements
Moved and seconded at 7:49pm that the financial statements for year ending Sep.30/22 be accepted and approved.
- ❖ Election of directors
 - Candidates introduced themselves
 - President – Sharon Martel was voted in as President on zoom secret ballot poll
 - Vice President – Andrea Morrell was voted in as Vice President on zoom secret ballot poll
 - Secretary – Nicole Franko was voted in as Secretary on zoom secret ballot poll
 - Fundraising and Events Director – Debbie Neal was elected as Fundraising and Events Director by acclamation
 - Membership and Communications Director – Bruce Hunter was voted in as Membership and Communications Director on zoom secret ballot poll
 - Webmaster – Ashley Villella was elected as Webmaster by acclamation
- ❖ Park Rep Updates
 - Etobicoke Valley: Catherine:
 - Park has been closed for construction for 3 weeks, standing by for region and city updates on completion dates
 - Garnetwood: Marg:

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- All good at the park, holes were filled, will be doing around the trees with volunteers
- Jack Darling: Sue:
 - Holes and gaps in fences, notified city for possible walk-around
 - Stepping down, looking for replacement Park Rep, interested members please attend Dec/22 meeting
 - Portion of park is closed until end of November
- Lakeside: Ellen:
 - Park is good, woodchips to be delivered over next 2 weeks to be spread by volunteers
 - Appreciation given to all Lakeside volunteers past and present
- Parkway Belt: Carol:
 - Gates are an ongoing issue, one repaired last week, already broken again, replacements needed
 - Work gates facing Eglinton have gaps, small dogs can escape, work order submitted
- Paul Coffey: Daniel:
 - Appreciation given for accepting him as Park rep and on the board
 - Working a lot with the city
 - Has had day where 17 dogs were present
 - 19 new LFM members
 - New shed installed, shared bin, bag share
 - City will continue to improve the park next year, planning to expand as much as they can, will remove a big berm that secludes the park
 - New parking lot closer to the park planned with lighting
 - In ground poop disposal planned
 - Water line planned
 - Pathway with lighting and signage planned
 - Always looking for volunteers to help out
- Quenippenon: Laurie:
 - 2 piles of mulch delivered outside of the park, forcing volunteers to drag the mulch through the gates into the park
 - Chicken wire fence, small dog area and gate between North and South side construction timing not known
 - Appreciation given to all volunteers
- Totoredaca: Robert:
 - Park in pretty good shape
 - Front gate springs need adjusting
 - Forested area fencing has some gaps where small dogs could escape
 - Back gate was adjusted and lined up and working much better
 - Forested area lost a lot of trees during the year, but the city has cleaned it up well
 - Appreciation given to park users and volunteers
- ❖ New President: Sharon
 - Appreciation given for being voted in, and for all members present tonight
 - Will be pushing as much as possible to get the things done that we want to do
 - Looking forward to upcoming year, working with the board and members

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- ❖ Santa photos at Toto park
 - Santa photos in the park scheduled upcoming, with volunteer Santa and Helper, and volunteer professional photographer, this is a long tradition at Toto

- ❖ Past President: Angela
 - Appreciation given for support over the years

Next meeting is the December Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 7th, 2022 at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm

Minutes taken by Bruce Hunter