2019 Kilcona Park Dog Club Inc. Annual General Meeting Minutes

Topic	Kilcona Park Dog Club Annual General Meeting
Date	November 20 th , 2019
Time	1830
Place	Bronx Community Center 720 Henderson Hwy, Winnipeg Manitoba
Chair	Donna Henry
Secretary	Kathleen Kirkman

Order of Business

Call to Order

Donna Henry called the meeting to order @ 1845.

Introductions

Donna Henry introduced the 2018-2019 Board of Directors. She acknowledged Linda Loewen, one of KPDC's founding directors and former treasurer, Craig Handkamer.

Adoption of the Agenda

<u>Motion 1:</u> To adopt the agenda as presented. Moved by Larry Wozney, seconded by Greg Handkamer. Carried unanimously.

2018 AGM Minutes

<u>Motion 2:</u> To adopt the 2018 AGM minutes. Moved by Kathleen, seconded by Daria Zenchuk. Carried unanimously.

KPDC Annual Report

Donna Henry presented the Annual Report. Refer to **Appendix A.**

Questions Arising from the Report:

Can something be done about the lack of waste baskets on top of the hill?

Response: Donna will talk to the Park Foreman about this issue.

<u>Motion 3:</u> To approve the Annual Report as presented. Moved by Phil Werbiski, seconded by Christine Quinlan. Carried unanimously.

Annual Financial Report

Daria Zenchuk reviewed the year-end financial reports. Refer to **Appendix B.**

Highlights - Revenue decreased this year because KPDC did not have a Director of Fundraising and therefore did not hold THE "Make a Splash" raffle, which usually brings in between \$8,000 and \$10,000 each year.

Note - The annual audit review is delayed as KPDC's CPA is out of town. It will be completed in the next couple of weeks and will be published on the club's website.

<u>Motion 4:</u> To approve the financial statement as presented for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 2019. Moved by Daria Zenchuk, seconded by Jai Reid. Carried unanimously.

2020 Goals and Objectives:

Donna Henry reviewed the draft goals and objectives for 2020. Refer to **Appendix C**.

Feedback:

Daria Zenchuk suggested that replacing the cigarette butt receptacle be added to the goals and objectives.

Response: Donna Henry confirmed plans to replace the aging unit, which has rusted out around the base, with one that is more resistant to dog urine. The board is considering a) a stainless-steel model that can be mounted off the ground on a parking lot bollard and b) a heavy-duty plastic one that is mounted on the ground.

Kathleen Kirkman asked what the time frame is for lobbying the City to pay for pumping out the rinse station holding tank and what, if any, action will KPDC take if the City continues to refuse to pay for pump-outs.

Response: The membership discussed the possibility of taking collective action. Donna Henry described the action Kilcona dog owners took 2014, after the City presented a draft of the Kilcona Park Master Plan that indicated it was considering reducing Kilcona's off-leash area by up to 50%. KPDC members engaged in a write-in campaign protesting the reduction and lobbying elected officials to reverse the decision. The campaign was successful; the City approved a small expansion to the dog park and designated the pond trails for seasonal off-leash use.

<u>Motion 5:</u> The President will request a meeting in early January with EKT Councillors to ask for ongoing funding to pump out the holding tank. If councillors decline, KPDC members will take collective action. Moved by Gail Warywoda, seconded by Craig Handkamer. Carried unanimously.

A member asked if KPDC will install the rinse station if the city does not agree to empty the wastewater from the holding tank.

Response: Donna Henry said KPDC cannot install the rinse station unless the City agrees to empty the holding tank. No KPDC board can enter into an agreement that will burden future boards either with debt or ongoing maintenance costs. Water features project manager, Jeff Henry added that the original proposal to the City: KPDC would purchase and donate amenities to the park. The City would own them and be responsible for maintaining them.

A member asked how much it would cost to install the rinse station infrastructure at the same time as the water fountain infrastructure.

Responses: Jeff Henry stated the rinse station infrastructure would cost between \$9,000 and \$10,000. He said it might be possible to install the infrastructure for both

at the same time, but this would require further discussions with the City regarding its share of the funding.

Jeff explained further that the City considers the fountain and rinse station as two separate projects. On that basis, the EKT Community Committee awarded KPDC two Land Dedication Reserve Fund grants, one for each project.

The club can't use funds from one project to pay for another. KPDC can only access the grants after the contractor has completes the work and the City has inspected it. If KPDC were to use funds from the fountain to pay for the rinse station infrastructure, it would be apparent to City inspectors.

Daria Zenchuk pointed out another risk associated with installing the rinse station infrastructure at the same time as the fountain. Both projects are cost shared so KPDC would invest some of its own money in the rinse station infrastructure. If the pump-out issue is not resolved, the rinse station will not be installed and funds that KPDC could use elsewhere – fencing for example – will be wasted.

Election of 2017-18 Board of Directors

Jai Reid chaired the election of the officers. All positions were filled by acclamation.

President – Donna Henry – Nominator Zelko Krtalik, seconder Leslie Corrin.

Vice President – Dave Brown – Nominator Jaileah Reid, seconder Daria Zenchuk.

Secretary – Christine Quinlan – Nominator Leslie Corrin, seconder Donna Pearce.

Treasurer – Daria Zenchuk – Nominator Larry Wozney, seconder Kathleen Kirkman.

Director of Membership - Chantal DeMare- Nominator Kathleen Kirkman, seconder Daria Zenchuk.

Director of Volunteers – Larry Wozniak – Nominator Kathleen Kirkman, seconder Daria Zenchuk.

Director of Marketing and Communication – Jeff Henry – Nominator Larry Wozney, seconder Kathleen Kirkman.

Director of Events – no nominees.

Director Fundraising – no nominees.

Adjournment of 2019 AGM

Motion 6: to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Larry Wozniak.

Meeting adjourned at 2025.

APPENDIX A

KILCONA PARK DOG CLUB INC. 2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT

November 20, 2019

KPDC CORE MANDATE - ADVOCACY - To advocate for and support the interests of dog owners with respect to off-leash facilities, policies and practices.

- To petition the EKT Community Committee for an expansion to the off-leash area.
- To work with the City to fence the south and west perimeters of the off-leash area.

Results

ONGOING/CARRIED OVER TO 2020

In 2017 KPDC's President and Winnipeg Animal Services' Chief Operating Officer discussed changes to Kilcona's off-leash boundaries. Both parties agreed that the wisest course of action was to wait until City Council approved the off-leash area master plan, which was expected to establish a process for requesting boundary changes.

However, the plan presented to City Council in July 2018 made no provision for individuals or groups to bring forward requests for the creation of new off-leash areas or the expansion of existing ones.

Council therefore directed the public service to amend the plan to allow for both. Council approved the amendment in April 2019, paving the way for KPDC ask for an expansion to Kilcona's off-leash area.

KPDC's board discussed the proposed expansion with North Kildonan Councillor Jeff Browaty. The councillor agreed with the proposed boundaries and was receptive to the club's proposal to fence Kilcona's off-leash area to separate dogs and other park users.

Councillor Browaty said KPDC can count on him for funding for fencing that. Parks and Open Space and/or Public Works will develop the specifications and design the fence and gates at no cost to the club.

Parks has some concerns about whether the rinse station will be inside or outside the off-leash area. The boundaries have to be determined before KPDC's board formally applies for an expansion to the off-leash area.

 To participate as required in the Winnipeg Network of Dog Owner Groups (WINDOG), the city-wide advocacy coalition that represents dog park stewardship groups like KPDC. Results

KPDC's President and Director of Marketing represented KPDC on the Board of Directors of WINDOG, the city-wide coalition of off-leash area stewardship groups, holding the positions of President and Director of Communications. KPDC hosts and maintains WINDOG's website at no cost to our club.

Over the past year WINDOG provided feedback to the City as it developed a process for creating new dog parks and modifying existing ones. The process, which is part of the new off-leash area master plan, was approved by city council in April 2019. It allows interested citizens, community organizations, and elected officials to nominate new dog parks and request changes to established ones.

While WINDOG and its member stewardship groups welcomed the new framework, there is still one outstanding concern for Winnipeg dog owners. The City has not invested any tax-supported capital funding in even one of the first eleven dog parks that it created in 1998. And there's still no money for dog parks.

The parks department needs secure, tax-supported capital funding to upgrade existing dog parks like Kilcona and create new ones in underserviced areas of the city. To accomplish that, in 2019 Parks asked council to approve \$300,000/year for six years. Council deferred the request for to its 2020 budget.

In March 2019 WINDOG made presentations to SPCPCSP and city council protesting the lack of tax-based capital funding for off-leash areas. However, WINDOG's appeal fell on deaf ears.

And looking ahead, prospects are even grimmer. Parks recently unveiled it's proposed 2020-2023 capital budget. There will be no money for dog parks until at least 2026. There's no security in a dog park budget that is deferred whenever it's expedient to do so.

WINDOG was back at City Hall in November urging city council to increase Parks 2020 capital budget for OLAMP by \$300,000 and maintain the funding over the four years of the multi-year budget.

Council's failure to fund dog parks sends a clear message that off-leash areas remain one of its lowest priorities. It says creating an off-leash area master plan was a costly, hollow exercise. It says the master plan is just another planning document gathering dust in municipal archives.

KPDC CORE MANDATE - PARK STEWARDSHIP – To protect and improve Kilcona's off-leash area.

To install a drinking fountain and supporting infrastructure.

Results

ONGOING/ CARRIED OVER TO 2020

KPDC's water features project has been plagued by excessive bureaucracy from the start. Years of obstruction, stalling, and stonewalling on the club's application for a

lease agreement, the location of the facilities, sponsor recognition, and securing a source of potable water prompted City Council's Standing Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks in 2016 to direct the administration to do whatever it needed to do to help KPDC move the project forward.

In April 2019 KPDC directors met with North Kildonan Councillor Jeff Browaty to discuss the water features project. Here are the highlights.

- KPDC told the councillor that the club had enough money approximately \$70,000 - to installing the dog rinse station at the same time as the water line and drinking fountain. The work could go ahead in 2019. Proceeding with both projects saves thousands of dollars.
- The councillor agreed to match the \$10,000 that KPDC had already raised for the rinse station through a Land Dedication Reserve Fund.
- The councillor offered the City's services to organize official sod-turning and ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

In May, shortly after KPDC applied for the LDR grant for the rinse station, Parks and Open Space advised the board that the department had decided to undertake public consultation before they would consider approving the rinse station.

KPDC's board protested that decision. The board responded that, as early as 2013, Parks knew that the club planned to install a rinse station and turn it over to the City, just as we have done with benches, picnic tables, waste bag dispensers and bins.

If Parks had wanted public consultation, they should have done it years ago. We referred the matter to the ward councillor. Parks ultimately backed away from public consultations.

In June Councillor Browaty convened a meeting with KPDC, Parks and Open Spaces, and Public Works staff to get the project back on track. Parks confirmed that instead of holding public consultations, it would take a public information approach, posting a sign at site of the proposed dog wash station site announcing KPDC's intention to build.

Parks presented KPDC with a series of conditions for a) installing the water line and fountain, and b) the dog rinse station.

For each of the two projects the City requires that KPDC:

 Provide detailed funding information demonstrating that there are enough funds to complete the project (including site services, site restoration, site drainage, etc.) and contingency funds to cover unforeseen extras,

- Provide two complete sets of construction drawings and project specifications,
- Provide copies of contract documents, construction documents and project correspondence,
- Provide engineered stamped drawings,
- Secure permits from the City of Winnipeg and the Office of Drinking Water.

KPDC and the City reached an impasse on ongoing maintenance of and repairs to the drinking fountain and the rinse station. The City agreed to be responsible for minor maintenance to both. The City will pay a contractor to pump out the holding tank if KPDC only installs a drinking fountain but if the club also install a rinse station, the City will not pay the pump-out fees.

The cost for pumping wastewater from both facilities is estimated at between \$700 and \$1400/year. The actual cost won't be known until the system is operational and runs for a full season.

Parks refuses to pump out the dog rinse station because they view it as an elite amenity – a specialized facility for dog owners that will be funded by all taxpayers. At the June meeting, it became clear that KPDC no longer had Councillor Browaty's support for the rinse station.

The Manager of Parks and Open Space suggests KPDC fund the dog rinse station through a membership surcharge or a pay-per-use model. A pay-per-use model is simply unworkable and a membership surcharge means club members pay for non-members who use the facility. The matter remains unresolved.

To hold a spring and a fall park clean up.

Results NOT MET

The annual *KPDC - Royal LePage Prime* spring clean-up was held in May. The event was well-supported by volunteers, park staff and sponsors. *Starbucks* on Regent generously donated coffee for the volunteers.

The fall clean-up was cancelled for the second year in a row because a long rainy spell left the land too saturated to work on.

To hold a trail chipping work bee with park staff.

Results EXCEEDED

KPDC consulted with the Park Foreman regarding the ongoing problem of trail erosion. We identified the most badly degraded sections of the trail network.

Park staff delivered piles of woodchips to sites along the North Pond and Hill trails over the winter and in the spring volunteer trail stewards chipped, widened and

levelled over a kilometer of low-lying, uneven sections, more than double the average of 400 meters of trails that were rehabilitated in previous years.

• To work with Naturalist Services to protect trees against beaver damage.

Results

A good news story for everyone! Beavers have long made Kilcona Park their home. But in recent years, Kilcona's beavers may have become a little too eager and a little too obvious, gnawing healthy poplars and aspens around the south ponds into pencil-shaped stumps.

Until now, the City's solution to problem beavers has been to trap or shoot them. But howls of protest from Kilcona animal lovers persuaded KPDC's board to ask the City to consider other options.

Last spring KPDC member Ed Skomro noticed fresh cottonwood stumps along the ponds. He took photos and contacted KPDC's board. We contacted the City Naturalist. She responded immediately, banding ten of the most vulnerable trees with stucco wire.

In June, KPDC directors met with the City Naturalist and Kilcona Park's Technician to explore more humane solutions to protect the trees. The solution – banding more of them. Through a partnership between the City of Winnipeg and the Boys and Girls Club, four students were hired to installed wire cages on over 200 trees.

The City also reviewed its beaver management practices. As an alternative to trapping or shooting animals, they will rely more on natural solutions that allow trees and beavers to coexist. A promising alternative is to encourage the growth of aspens along waterways. Aspens have adapted to beaver damage by suckering and regrowing quickly.

As Winnipeg faces the imminent loss of much of its urban forest to Dutch elm disease and the emerald ash borer, KPDC's board has also asked the City to do more to enhance and protect Kilcona's canopy by planting more trees, especially in the off-leash play area and at the entrance to the on-leash area where the new drinking fountain is being installed. The board requested beaver-resistant conifers to break the wind in winter, and deciduous trees for shade on hot summer days. The request is being considered.

KPDC CORE MANDATE - RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP - To encourage responsible dog ownership, create a positive atmosphere for people and animals, and mentor Kilcona dog owners and their dogs.

To coordinate Kilcona's dog waste management program.

Results MET

The success of Kilcona's dog waste management program depends on five partners working closely together. The coordinator - Kilcona Park Dog Club; the funder - Royal LePage Prime; the maintenance team - Kilcona Park staff; the manufacturer - Practica; and the shipper – UPS ensure an adequate supply of bags is always on hand.

Since the dispensers were installed, Royal LePage Prime has purchased 354,000 bags at a cost of about \$18,000.

• To distribute Petiquette brochures to veterinarians, shelters and rescues.

Results

Pet-iquette is a gude to off-leash dog park health, safety and behavior. In 2019 KPDC distributed about 1000 brochures to new dog owners and first-time dog park visitors through animal hospitals, shelters and rescues.

MARKETING

• To maintain the Corporate Sponsorship Program at its current level.

Results

• To provide content for KPDC's website and Facebook page.

Results MET/ ONGOING

• To deliver a "Marketing for Directors" workshop to the Board.

Results

COMMUNICATIONS

 To provide technical support for Square, KPDC's mobile electronic point-of-sale system and PayPal, the club's online payment system.

Results MET

KPDC began using mobile point-of-sale units in 2017. It was a pilot project to address a significant fundraising problem; many people don't bring cash to the dog park.

Mobile point-of-sale units give people the freedom to purchase memberships, raffle tickets, Dog Fest food products, etc. with a debit or credit card. In 2018, satisfied that offering convenience was generating additional revenue for the club, the board purchased three advanced units that allow customers to simply tap instead of swiping their cards.

In 2018 KPDC did \$1204 in mobile sales transactions at the park, at Pet Expo and other events, and at retail stores. That number dropped in 2019 because overall mobile sales were down; KPDC did not hold the "Make as Splash" raffle or Dog Fest Corn Roast.

• To provide technical support for KPDC's website, Facebook page, email blast system and electronic file-sharing system.

Results MET

• To deliver a "KPDC Communication Systems" workshops to the Board.

Results

MEMBERSHIP

 To develop and implement the 2019 annual membership promotion and sales plan.

Results NOT MET

KPDC membership dropped slightly over the past year. At year-end (October 31) KPDC had 294 members, down slightly from 331 members the year before.

The decline occurred because the August Dog Fest Corn Roast and the fall clean-up were cancelled. Historically these venues have generated a high percentage of our membership sales.

Pet Planet Park City Commons has been an enthusiastic sponsor and has done an exceptional job of proactively selling memberships.

FUNDRAISING

To develop and implement the 2019 annual fundraising plan.

Results NOT MET

The board secured over \$11,000 through grants, donations and its Five Guys fundraiser. However, without a Director of Fundraising, the club was unable host fundraising events and run its annual "Make a Splash" raffle.

EVENTS

To host Winnipeg Dog Fest.

Results

Winnipeg Dog Fest Corn Roast was well-attended by dog owners, sponsors and animal welfare organization and broadcast live by KISS 102-3FM.

To host Winnipeg Dog Fest Corn Roast.

Results NOT MET

Dog Fest Corn Roast was cancelled because two of the key sponsors and partners – Sprockett's Doggy Day Camp who care for volunteers' dogs and Candace Daum Photography who runs Pawcasso's Studio - were unable to attend.

KPDC MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

 To train new directors in "Roles and Responsibilities of the Board" and "Board Financial Management" to ensure they understand their corporate and individual responsibilities.

Results

To develop operations manuals for each portfolio.

Results IN PROGRESS

• To develop electronic file-sharing system policies and create a cloud-based system to store and share files.

Results

The new electronic file-sharing system allows the board to store and share important documents and it allows directors to work on the same file(s) together. It also allows the Board to operate in a more environmentally friendly manner by virtually eliminating printing costs.

By storing key files in the cloud instead of on directors' personal computers, KPDC safeguards its institutional knowledge or history, its policies, practices and business processes that may otherwise be lost when directors leave, taking that knowledge with them. Data that is stored in the cloud can be easily retrieved by future boards.

• To update the history of Kilcona Park Dog Club.

Results IN PROGRESS

The history has been updated to 2017 and past three years will be published on KPDC's website in the new year.

APPENDIX B

2018-2019 Financial Statements

Kilcona Park Dog	Club Inc.		
STATEMENT OF OP			
November 1, 2018 to Oc			
	FY19	FY18	Difference
REVENUE			
Fundraising	917.50	8,255.00	(7,337.50
Membership	2,170.00	2,015.00	155.00
Events	984.94	1,352.64	(367.70
Sponsorship	3,667.02	3,100.00	567.02
Waste Bag Project	2,970.04	2,949.22	20.82
In Kind	1,524.00	1,900.00	(376.00
Grants	-	1,990.00	(1,990.00
Donations	865.50	603.15	262.35
Interest & Other	486.21	559.86	(73.65
Total Revenue	\$ 13,585.21	\$ 22,724.87	-\$ 9,139.66
XPENSES			
Fundraising		1,544.16	(1,544.16
Membership	196.32	200.48	(4.16
Events	1,254.27	1,127.27	127.00
Marketing	3,575.04	3,554.22	20.82
Admin	2,374.45	1,417.82	956.63
Park Stewardship		3,980.13	(3,980.13
In Kind Services or Gifts	1,446.28	1,625.00	(178.72
Inventory	689.91	689.85	0.06
Responsible Pet Ownership		-	-
Advocacy		-	_
Total Expenses	\$ 9,536.27	\$ 14,138.93	-\$ 4,602.66
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$ 4,048.94	\$ 8,585.94	-\$ 4,537.00
Fund Balance, beginning of the year	\$ 48,011.06	\$ 39,425.12	
Fund Balance, end of the year	\$ 52,060.00	\$ 48,011.06	

Kilcona Park Dog Club Inc.					
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at October 31, 2019					
ASSETS	<u>FY19</u>	FY18			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	21,349.06	19,755.28			
Grants Receivable					
Accounts Receivable					
Prepaid expenses	78.75				
	\$ 21,427.81	\$ 19,755.28			
Investments	29,209.14	28,384.92			
Accrued Interest on Investments		349.32			
Gift certficates	733.28	625.00			
Inventory	689.77	1,379.68			
	\$ 52,060.00	\$ 50,494.20			
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable		2,383.14			
Accrued Expenses Payable					
Unearned income		100.00			
	\$ -	\$ 2,483.14			
FUND BALANCE	\$ 52,060.00	\$ 48,011.06			
	\$ 52,060.00	\$ 50,494.20			

December 6, 2019

Kilcona Park Dog Club (KPDC) Board of Directors

Winnipeg, MB.

Non-Audit Review of Financial Information for KPDC.

I reviewed the Financial Statements and activity for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2019.

I reviewed the bank statements and the revenue and expense reports to ensure the proper recording of monies received and paid out. I also reconciled the physical count of the gift certificates to match the balance recorded on the statements.

It is my opinion given the limited scope of review, that the accounting records and financial statements give a fair representation of the financial position of the organization and there are no material errors or misstatements.

Sincerely,

Lisa Steidl, CGA, CPA

Appendix C

Kilcona Park Dog Club 2019-2020 Draft Goals and Objectives

Advocacy

- To petition City Council for an extension to Kilcona's off-leash area.
- To work with the City to fence the south and west perimeters of the off-leash area.
- To continue to participate in the Winnipeg Network of Dog Owner Groups.

Park Stewardship

- To install a drinking fountain and supporting infrastructure.
- To install a replacement cigarette butt receptacle.
- To hold spring and fall park clean-ups in cooperation with park staff.
- To hold a trail chipping work bee with park staff.

Responsible Pet Ownership

- To coordinate Kilcona's dog waste management program.
- To distribute Petiquette brochures to vets, shelters and rescues.
- To work with Winnipeg Animal Services to implement the Kilcona Park Ambassador Program pilot project.

Marketing

- To maintain the sponsorship program at the current level.
- To provide technical support for the website, Facebook, email blasts and filesharing.
- To provide technical support for mobile points of sale and the online payment system.
- To provide content for the website and Facebook.

Events

To host Winnipeg Dog Fest.

Membership

 To develop and implement the 2020 annual membership promotion and sales plan.

Fundraising

• To develop and implement the 2020 annual fundraising plan.

Board Administration

- To participate in board training (new directors).
- To develop portfolio operation manuals.
- To develop electronic file sharing policies.
- To set up an electronic file-sharing system.
- To update KPDC's online history.