

THS Board Meeting (#9) Minutes

Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 7:00 pm

11 River Street, Toronto, Ontario

Present: Shelley Austin, Martin Buckle, Shannon Cameron, Amanda Frank, Cathy Kinloch, Kathy McDonald, Emily Pang, Andy Robling, Stephen Steele, Monika Suds, Christopher Wood

By Teleconference: Gillian Armstrong, Bronwen Morgan, Dominique Rousselle

Non-voting: Angela Young, Assistant Treasurer, Jacques Messier, Claudette Turner, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Keren Troyna

Andy Robling called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Regular Business

1.1 THAT the Agenda be approved.

Moved: Emily Pang

Seconded: Martin Buckle

Carried.

1.2 THAT the Minutes of the February 27, 2018 meeting be approved.

Moved: Shelley Austin

Seconded: Chris Wood

Carried.

1.3 THAT the memberships dated February 27, 2018 – March 27, 2018 and all timely renewals be approved.

Moved: Kathy McDonald

Seconded: Martin Buckle

Carried.

Bronwen Morgan kindly offered to call the new members.

2. Next Meeting(s)

Board of Directors – Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm

3. *CEO Report*

- (a) Jacques reported on the February financials. While revenue is slightly under budget, expenditure is below budget, resulting in a small surplus at this time.
- (b) He advised that the THS will be conducting a pilot in April for children's birthday parties. These events will raise funds as well as provide an educational opportunity in a fun way for the children.
- (c) He reported that Classical FM has once again committed to its partnership with the THS, resulting in almost \$400,000 in sponsorship and donations, including for Paws in the Park.
- (d) Jacques noted that canine influenza has been found in areas just outside the GTA. As shelter animals are more vulnerable than the general population, the Society will be vaccinating its animals against canine influenza, as well as offering public vaccine clinics.
- (e) He noted that adoptions are up by about 15% from this time last year, mostly attributable to dogs.
- (f) Jacques informed the Board of upcoming fundraising events.
- (g) He advised that Barbara Steinhoff is no longer with the Society.
- (h) Jacques updated the Board on the Staff Survey. Andy invited Jacques and the Board to attend the Governance Committee meeting on April 17 to finalize the action plan. Andy and Jacques provided a recap of the timelines for the action plan.
- (i) Jacques advised that he will know in the next few days if the canine behaviourist candidate to whom an offer has been made will be accepting the position.

4. *Committee Updates*

Audit & Finance Committee – Stephen Steele advised that this year's audit is underway and on schedule.

Animal Welfare Committee – Shelley Austin noted that the Animal Welfare Committee will meet on April 10 and that she will report at the April Board meeting on the Adoption policy.

Facilities Committee – Dominique advised that the Facilities Committee will meet in April.

Governance Committee – The revised terms of reference for the Volunteer Committee were discussed.

4.1 THAT the terms of reference for the Volunteer Committee, an advisory committee to the Board, be approved.

Moved: Andy Robling

Seconded: Stephen Steele

Carried.

AGM Task Force – Andy reported on the AGM Task Force’s activities and put forward the following motions:

4.2 THAT the deadline for Board Nominations be Friday, April 27, 2018, 4:00 pm.

Moved: Andy Robling

Seconded: Stephen Steele

Carried.

4.3 THAT the new member application deadline for the purpose of voting at the 2018 AGM be Monday, April 23, 2018.

Moved: Andy Robling

Seconded: Kathy McDonald

Carried.

4.4 THAT all members in good standing as of April 30, 2018, and all those who renew their expired memberships in accordance with Article 44 of the Society’s by-law No. 1-2017 are confirmed as members in good standing of the Society for purposes of the 2018 AGM.

Moved: Andy Robling

Seconded: Chris Wood

Carried.

4.5 THAT the form of proxy and instructions for the 2018 AGM be approved.

Moved: Andy Robling

Seconded: Cathy Kinloch

Carried.

4.6 THAT the Notice/Agenda for the 2018 AGM be approved.

Moved: Andy Robling

Seconded: Shelley Austin

Carried.

4.7 THAT KPMG be recommended as auditor for the 2018 fiscal year.

Moved: Andy Robling

Seconded: Chris Wood

Carried.

5. Other Business

The Board discussed whether there is a need for an Issues Oversight Committee. It was noted that the focus should be on prevention of issues. Andy and Shelley will discuss whether it might be appropriate to change the terms of reference for the Animal Welfare Committee so that they are able to deal with animal-related issues, including those related to feral cats. Monika will send some suggestions for development of a feral cat policy to Shelley.

6. In-Camera

The Board moved in-camera at 8:15 pm and rose at 9:22 pm.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.



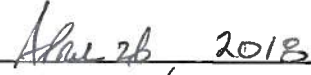
Bronwen Morgan, Chair



Stephen Steele, Secretary-Treasurer



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