

# THS Board Meeting (#10)

## Minutes

Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 6:30 pm  
11 River Street, Toronto, Ontario

**Present:** Shelley Austin, Malcolm Bernstein, Martin Buckle, Krista Bulmer, Amanda Frank, Cathy Kinloch, Kathy McDonald, Bronwen Morgan, Peter Newell, Emily Pang, Andy Robling, Stephen Steele, Elaine Wong, Chris Wood

**Staff:** Jacques Messier, CEO, Claudette Turner, Manager, Executive Department (Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** Dominique Rousselle

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### **1. Regular Business**

As the Chair, Malcolm Bernstein would be joining the meeting later, the Vice-Chair, Bronwen Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1.1 THAT the agenda be approved.

Moved: Kathy McDonald                      Seconded: Shelley Austin                      **Carried.**

1.2 THAT the minutes of the February 26, 2019 Board meeting be approved.

Moved: Krista Bulmer                      Seconded: Kathy McDonald                      **Carried.**

1.3 THAT the memberships dated February 26, 2019 – March 26, 2019 and all timely renewals be approved.

Moved: Shelley Austin                      Seconded: Stephen Steele                      **Carried.**

Bronwen Morgan kindly offered to call the new members to welcome them to the Society.

### **2. CEO Report**

Jacques Messier reported that the Society is continuing to assist with transporting dogs and cats from Fondation Caramel to the Society for care, treatment and adoption.

As part of the Community Outreach Program, the Society hosted the staff of the soon-to-open Youth Link shelter in Scarborough for training on handling, feeding and basic care of animals. Jacques noted that the Society works with six shelters to provide pet food and veterinary care and will be expanding as the City builds more shelters.

Jacques updated the Board on the status of the OSPCA's decision to end its role in the enforcement of animal cruelty laws. The Society wants to be part of the Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services' consultation process and has offered its assistance. It was suggested that the Society develop a position statement to send to the Government offering ways that THS can help.

In response to a query, Jacques noted that the Society's financial position, without bequests, is consistent with last year, and expenses are lower.

### **3. *Membership Discussion***

The Board moved in-camera at 7:00 pm to discuss various aspects of membership, and moved out of camera at 7:27 pm.

### **4. *Committee Reports***

**Communications Committee** – Chris Wood reported on his positive meeting with Tegan Buckingham, Director of Integrated Marketing and Development. He outlined the message of promoting the good work of the Society. Chris suggested that Tegan be invited to the next Board meeting to provide a departmental briefing.

**Animal Welfare Committee** – Bronwen reported on recent staff/volunteer meetings of the Animal Welfare Committee where Drs. Ward and Ellis, and Melissa Shupak provided presentations on the assessment and shelter treatment of animals with behaviour issues. Bronwen noted that at their recent meeting, the Committee reviewed the terms of reference for the AWC; Emily Pang will be receiving the Committee's comments. The Committee is hoping to develop a template that can be used for all policies, so that the policy itself can be short, and details would be contained separately in a procedures document. The Committee's major concentration has been on the application and oversight of the adoption policy, especially with regard to declined adoptions. Phil Nichols has made recommendations on the right to decline adoption applications in keeping with shelter best practices. Phil is also exploring ways for volunteers and staff to convey information relevant to adoptions to the appropriate staff/manager.

**Governance Committee** – Annual General Meeting. Claudette Turner provided a status report on the AGM planning. The Board was asked to approve the AGM Notice/Agenda and Form of Proxy/Instructions that were circulated to the Board with the Agenda.

4.1 THAT the AGM Notice/Agenda and Form of Proxy be approved as presented.

Moved: Bronwen Morgan

Seconded: Peter Newell

**Carried.**

**Advocacy Committee** – Martin Buckle reported on the meeting held with David Piccini, MPP to discuss his private member’s bill to remove breed-specific language from the legislation. Mr. Piccini offered to share his draft legislation for input and the Society has offered to host the launch of his bill.

**4. Next Meetings**

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 pm

**5. In camera**

The Board moved in camera at 8:00 pm and rose at 8:15 pm


**6. Adjournment**

6.1 THAT the meeting be adjourned (8:15 pm).

Moved: Peter Newell

Seconded: Shelley Austin

Carried.

  
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Malcolm Bernstein, Chair

5/21/19

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Stephen Steele, Secretary-Treasurer

May 23 / 19

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Bronwen Morgan, Vice-Chair

May 21 2019

Date

