

THS Board Meeting (#5)

Minutes

Thursday, October 6, 2016, 7:00 pm
11 River Street, Toronto, Ontario

Present: Shelley Austin, David Bronskill, Shannon Cameron, Amanda Frank, Lisa Gibbens, Cathy Kinloch, Bronwen Morgan, Andy Robling, Dominique Rousselle, Stephen Steele

By teleconference: Monika Sudds

Non-voting: Malcolm Bernstein, Jacques Messier, Claudette Turner, Jacqueline Valmont

Regrets: Gillian Armstrong, Kathy McDonald, Diana Pizzola, Keren Troyna

1. Regular Business

Andy Robling called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

1.1 THAT the agenda be approved.

Moved: Bronwen Morgan Seconded: Monika Sudds **Carried.**

1.2 THAT the memberships dated September 14 to October 6, 2016 and all timely renewals received in the past month are hereby approved.

Moved: Lisa Gibbens Seconded: Shelley Austin **Carried.**

1.3 THAT the minutes of the September 13, 2016 Board meeting be approved.

Moved: Shelley Austin Seconded: Dominique Rousselle **Carried.**

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2016.

2. Board Retreat

David Bronskill introduced management consultants Malcolm Bernstein and Jacqueline Valmont and thanked them for providing their expertise to THS on a pro bono basis. Malcolm and Jacqueline gave an overview of the upcoming Board retreat, including highlighting the role of the Board and noting that THS' by-laws specify that it operates at a strategic level; summarized the input received from individual Director interviews; and asked Directors to review the provided pre-reading package before the retreat.

3. *CEO Report*

The CEO advised that Nathaniel Erskine-Smith’s Private Member’s Bill C-246, the Modernizing Animal Protections Act, was defeated on second reading in the (federal) House of Commons.

The Board discussed the impact of the Intake Policy on THS’ ability to pull animals from high kill shelters and referred the discussion to the Animal Welfare Committee. The Board also discussed that while THS has a large number of animals in care, many are in foster homes, which makes the shelter look empty; staff were asked to review how to increase the visibility of foster animals and encourage adoptions.

After receiving an update on THS’ financials, the Board asked the CEO to make a presentation on fundraising, including key metrics like donor retention rates, at a future meeting.

4. *Adjournment*

4.1 THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:12pm

Moved: Shelley Austin

Seconded: Stephen Steele

Carried.

David Bronskill, Chair

Lisa Gibbens, Secretary

Date

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