THS Board Meeting (#13) Minutes

Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 7:00 pm

11 River Street, Toronto, Ontario

Present:

Gillian Armstrong, Amanda Frank, Cathy Kinloch, Kathy McDonald, Bronwen

Morgan, Emily Pang, Andy Robling, Dominique Rousselle, Keren Troyna

By Teleconference:

Martin Buckle, Christopher Wood

Non-voting:

Jacques Messier, Claudette Turner, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Shelley Austin, Stephen Steele, Shannon Cameron, Monika Sudds

Bronwen Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. She expressed the Board's appreciation to Gillian Armstrong, Shannon Cameron and Monika Sudds for their generous contributions to the Board.

1. Regular Business

1.1 THAT the Agenda be approved.

Moved: Kathy McDonald

Seconded: Keren Troyna

Carried.

1.2 THAT the Minutes of the April 24, 2018 meeting be approved.

Moved: Dominique Rousselle

Seconded: Andy Robling

Carried.

THAT the Minutes of the May 1, 2018 teleconference meeting be approved.

Moved: Kathy McDonald

Seconded: Emily Pang

Carried.

THAT the Minutes of the May 8, 2018 teleconference meeting be approved.

Moved: Gillian Armstrong

Seconded: Dominique Rousselle

Carried.

2. Next Meeting(s)

June 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

It was suggested that future Board meetings be pre-scheduled for the coming term.

3. CEO Report

(a) Jacques reported that the THS's Cupcake Day raised \$15,471 this year, an increase of more than 50% over the previous year.

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- (b) He advised the Board of a MPAC assessment change for the THS dog park and parking lot property which has resulted in a huge increase in property taxes. An appeal has been launched and all possible avenues will be explored to reinstate the property's previous tax amount.
- (c) Jacques provided an update on the women's shelter, homeless, and dental suite community projects. A generous grant has been obtained to assist with the dental suite. Jacques was asked to provide measurement metrics to evaluate the success of the programs once they are launched.
- (d) He updated the Board on the staffing for night coverage.
- (e) Jacques responded to a query about two dogs that were returned. Communication between the adoption and foster departments is being expanded.
- (f) In response to a query regarding a customer survey, Jacques advised that a customer survey is being prepared and should be available in several weeks. He will make this survey available to the Board.

4. Committee Updates

Animal Welfare Committee – Bronwen noted that the Adoption Policy as amended at the previous Board meeting may still need some work with regard to placement contracts. In the meantime, Shelley Austin requested that the Board accept the four post-adoption visits for behavioural dogs. The Board agreed.

The Euthanasia policy was discussed and presented for approval.

4.1 THAT the Euthanasia policy be approved.

Moved: Kathy McDonald

Seconded: Dominique Rousselle

Carried.

AGM Task Force – The AGM Task Force will be meeting with John Wilkinson on June 12 with regard to AGM procedural matters.

Open House – Cathy Kinloch reported that the Open House preparations are going well, and expressed appreciation to Maddie Kingston, the Volunteer Manager and Jennifer Jones, the Special Events Specialist.

5. Other Business

Implementation of Policies – The Board discussed how policies are rolled out and deferred further discussion to an upcoming Board meeting. The Governance Committee will discuss whether to post relevant policies on-line. Jacques was asked to provide an updated list of operational and HR policies.

Jacques reviewed change management protocols.

The Board discussed events in which the THS participates. Jacques was asked to provide a list of the events in which the THS chooses to participate or not.

6. In-Camera

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Adjournment 7.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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