



## ***2. Branding Refresh***

Tegan Buckingham provided an update on the brand refresh which is expected to be rolled out during the first week of July. She responded to the Board's questions. The Board thanked Tegan for her informative presentation.

## ***3. CEO Report***

Jacques advised the Board of a new trial partnership with Best Friends in the U.S. that will see Toronto Humane Society receiving large transfers of dogs on a regular basis.

Jacques noted that the April financial statements are delayed but will be sent as soon as they are available.

He reported on the status of operations with respect to COVID-19. He continues to prioritize the safety of staff, volunteers and foster parents in these uncertain times.

Jacques continues to focus on controlling expenses and increasing fundraising.

## ***4. Annual General Meeting (AGM)***

Jacques noted that the short-form annual financial statements will be included in Animaltalk. As the audited financial statements have not yet been received, Jacques will look into co-ordinating Animaltalk with the election mailing.

Stephen Steele requested a motion to recommend to the members that Toronto Humane Society continue with KPMG as its auditor for the coming year.

- 4.1 THAT KPMG be recommended to the members as the Toronto Humane Society's auditor for the 2021 fiscal year.

Moved: Stephen Steele

Seconded: Martin Buckle

... **Carried.**

- 4.2 An omnibus motion was proposed upon confirmation that there were no objections to accepting the following AGM motions:

- 1) THAT the Society's 2021 Annual General Meeting be held virtually and hosted by GetQuorum, on September 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm.
- 2) THAT all members in good standing as at June 30, 2021 and all those who renew their expired memberships in accordance with Article 44 of the Society's by-law No. 2020 are confirmed as members in good standing of the Society for purposes of the 2021 AGM.
- 3) THAT the deadline for new memberships for purposes of the AGM be June 15, 2021 at 4:00 pm.
- 4) THAT the deadline for Board nominations be June 17, 2021 at 4:00 pm.
- 5) THAT the Board recommend candidates to the members for the six available positions on the Board.
- 6) THAT John Wilkinson from WeirFoulds (the Society's General Counsel) be the depository for proxies for the 2021 AGM.

Moved: Martin Buckle

Seconded: Kathy McDonald

... **Carried.**

The Board discussed the Call for Nominations, and recommended featuring a rotating banner to link to the AGM information and to make the deadline for Board nominations available via social media, in addition to mailing to members.

## ***5. Committee Reports***

**Governance** – Martin Buckle reported that the Committee discussed the AGM. Consideration will be given to holding an in-person (if possible) Board retreat in November. Martin will send Board members a request for availability and topics of interest. Jacques, Krista and Martin will review past agendas and develop a draft agenda for the retreat.

**Animal Welfare** – Angela Young reported that the Committee has completed a risk assessment on admissions and sheltering, with the engagement of management staff. Mitigation action is being taken regarding potential overcapacity. The management team is also developing a placement strategy and is working to improve the daily capacity assessment tool. The Committee would also like to formalize the assessments of stress on incoming animals. Infectious disease management is being fast-tracked. Angela will share relevant information with the Joint Health & Safety Committee. The position statement on animal transport strategy is under way.

**Volunteer** – Yussef Hafez and Angela Young met with the Volunteer Committee last week. They received positive feedback from volunteers about the Volunteer Town Hall. It was requested that content-heavy presentations be available in advance. Volunteers were keen to have more of the volunteer success stories shared with them.

**Development** – Yussef Hafez and Josh Shanahan will finesse the Gift Acceptance policy. They welcomed Nabila Tisha, who has joined the Development Committee. The terms of reference for the Committee have been completed, and the Committee is now working on a road map for the rest of the term. They are looking at various potential fundraising initiatives, e.g. a golf tournament, in the future.

## **6. Next Meetings**

Tuesday, June 29, 2021, 6:00 pm.

## **7. In-camera**

The Board moved in-camera at 7:55 pm and rose at 8: pm.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8: pm.

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**Martin Buckle, Chair**

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**Date**



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**Nicholas Kanhai, Secretary**

June 29th, 2021

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**Date**