

## **MayDOG Annual Meeting Minutes September 22, 2011**

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:15 pm by Rob Wezwick, President MayDOG.

Officers present:

Rob Wezwick, President  
Margit Eder, Vice President & Treasurer  
Mark Genest, Director

Members present:

Adam Conn  
Veronica Zolina  
Carolyn Romano  
Leslie Leyton

Quorum present.

### **Agenda**

- **Introductions of all**
- **Presidents overview**
- **Nomination of new board members**
- **Review of articles**
- **Review of financials**
- **MayDOG Mission(s)**
- **MaynardFest and Holiday Parade**
- **Facebook and web site**
- **AOB (any other business)**

Proceedings

- **Introductions of all**

Rob asked those present to introduce themselves.

- **President's overview**

Rob gave the presidential report, an overview of the club's history.

- **Nomination of new board members**

Rob introduced the prospective candidates to the new board. Nominated for board positions were Veronica, Carolyn, Leslie and Adam. Unanimous vote by current board members, no abstentions. **So elected.**

Rob nominated Adam Conn as Secretary. Veronica seconded nomination. Unanimous vote by current board members, no abstentions. **So elected.**

- **Review of articles**

Section 3.03 Term of Membership was discussed. Present wording in the by-laws:

**Section 3.03 TERM OF MEMBERSHIP**

All memberships shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December in each year. Members joining after July 1 of any year shall have their membership continue through December 31 of the year after they joined.

Veronica moved to replace the section with the following wording:

**Section 3.03 TERM OF MEMBERSHIP**

All memberships shall last for one year from the date membership is accepted or renewed.

Carolyn seconded the motion.

Unanimous vote, no abstentions. **Motion carries.**

Sections 4.01, 5.01, and 5.02 were discussed briefly.

Article II was discussed. Present wording begins in the by-laws:

**Article II. PURPOSES**

This organization has been organized in order to engage in any lawful act or activities for which non-profit corporations may be organized under the Massachusetts Nonprofit Incorporation Act, including but not limited to:

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Rob seconded the motion.

Unanimous vote, no abstentions. **Motion carries.**

Section 6.01 was discussed. Adam made the motion to table discussion of section for further research for possible modifications. **Discussion tabled.**

Section 6.03 was discussed. Rob, Margit, and Mark discussed state of current bank account held at DCU being tied to Mark & Lisa Lines's account. Current signatories include persons no longer in positions relevant to account access. Action item, to be principally handled by Rob, will be to unlink account and maintain it at DCU or to create a new account a bank with a Maynard connection, such as Middlesex Community Bank, and to limit signatories to the President and Treasurer of the club.

- **Review of financials**

Margit noted that the current DCU account has \$599.54 in checking, \$5.00 in savings. \$15 is also available in petty cash. Rob later noted that a \$30 check is outstanding, payment for participation in MaynardFest on October 1, 2011. Rob also noted that a \$108 donation was made to the club, specifically earmarked to maintain MayDOG's Meetup account. \$54 of that donation has yet to be used and will be used to pay the next six months of membership.

- **MayDOG Mission(s)**

Rob noted that while a dog park in Maynard is a top priority, community education on dog-related issues is a large part of the mission. Discussion ensued about possible community education and outreach ideas tied to MayDOG.

Some ideas discussed include:

- Children Reading to Dogs
- Dog safety programs
- Sponsoring a CGC/TDI test (in conjunction with PetSource or other group)
- Sponsoring a Health and Wellness day (in conjunction with local dog clubs)

Rob noted that presently MayDOG does not have liability insurance. Research should be conducted into working with a local agent, or to work with companies such as Equisure and Sportsman's Insurance, both of which provide insurance for many dog-related clubs.

- **MaynardFest and Holiday Parade**

Participation in the 2010 Maynard Holiday Parade was felt to be very successful. All agreed this would be an activity MayDOG should participate in again in 2011. Event is usually in the first week of December.

Downtown Halloween, an annual event usually held on the Thursday afternoon prior to October 31, was discussed as a possible event to promote MayDOG, by stationing friendly dogs and handlers handing out candy, dog biscuits and MayDOG literature.

Maynard Fest, to be held October 1 in Memorial Park, was discussed. MayDOG has a table reserved at the event. Volunteers will be needed to sit at the booth between 9 am and 1 pm.

- **Facebook and web site**

Lisa Lines has indicated that she will continue to assist with the website until such time as someone else will take it over. Present website is sharing hosting with the Maynard Community Gardener's Club, at no cost to MayDOG. Pros and cons of this arrangement were discussed.

Posting to the Facebook page was discussed. It was determined that all board members should be granted administrative rights to post as MayDOG. General guidelines for posting were discussed: dog-related, entertaining, positive dog items, safety warnings, where MayDOG will be present. Post, but don't overwhelm.

- **AOB (any other business)**

Next board meeting was set for Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00 pm at Adam Conn's house, 93 Acton St.

Mark Genest has resigned from MayDOG Board effective immediately. MayDOG thanks him for his service to the organization.

**Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.**