

PROPOSED KILCONA PARK DOG CLUB INCORPORATED

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS (in red) – November 2012

Article 2. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- **Rationale for proposed amendments to Article 2.** – The intent of the amendment to Article 2.1.1 is to expand the scope of activities that KPDC can be involved in, including working with other off-leash area user groups to advocate collectively.

The current bylaw limits KPDC to working with the City of Winnipeg. The intent of the amendment to the language in 2.1.2 is to facilitate the club's ability to advocate and partner with other levels of government, as well as other agencies and organizations as necessary, to fulfil its role as park steward.

The intent of the amendment to Article 2.1.4 is to clarify the club's goal in mentoring. Other amendments to 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, and 2.1 5 are simply grammatical edits.

2.1 The purpose of the Club is:

2.1.1 To advocate and to support the interests of dog owners with respect to off-leash facilities, policies and practices. ~~To protect, maintain and advance the interests of Members by:~~

2.1.2 ~~To act Lobbying and working with the City of Winnipeg, and acting~~ as a steward to maintain and improve Kilcona Park,

2.1.3 ~~Creating~~ To create a positive atmosphere for people and animals to socialize,

2.1.4 ~~Mentoring~~ To encourage responsible dog ownership, to mentor dog owners and their dogs who visit Kilcona Park,

2.1.5 ~~Preventing and/or reducing~~ To reduce conflict between dogs and dog handlers at Kilcona Park.

Article 3. MEMBERSHIP

- **Rationale for proposed amendments to Article 3** – Through their financial contributions, KPDC's Corporate Sponsors have indicated strong support for the club, its goals and objectives. Several have expressed interest in becoming members. The amendments create two classes of membership, Regular Members and a new class of Corporate Members. The amendments place certain restrictions on Corporate Membership and outline the process for appointing Corporate Members.

3.3 The membership of the Club shall consist of Regular Members and Corporate Members.

3.4 A Regular Member who has paid his/her current annual Membership fee and any other debt owed to the Club is a Member in Good Standing.

3.5 A Corporate Member is an individual appointed to act on behalf of and represent the views of a business that has made a financial donation to the Club through the Corporate Sponsorship Program in the year prior to the Annual General Meeting. The business shall communicate the appointment of its representative to the Board in writing and may be changed by further written notice.

3.6 Corporate Members shall receive notice of general and special meetings of the Club and may attend any meeting of the Club, including Board meetings, as an observer.

3.7 Corporate Members shall not have voting privileges and shall not be eligible to hold office.

Article 5. GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB

Rationale for proposed amendments to Article 5 – Directors job descriptions were created and added to the club bylaws at the November 2011 . The Board anticipated that they would require further tweaking. Responsibility for liaising with other park user groups was initially assigned to the Vice President. Over the past year the Board realized that formal liaison with the other user groups is not required. The amendments eliminate this responsibility and allow the Vice President to take on special assignments that occur from time to time and/or direct important ongoing activities, such as gaming, which the current Vice President has done.

5.11.2 The Vice President shall:

5.11.2.1 preside over meetings in the President's absence,

5.11.2.2 assume the role of President in the event the President becomes incapacitated or can no longer remain in office.

5.11.2.3 liaise with other Directors as required for Club events.

5.11.2.4 undertake special projects as agreed by the Board.

~~5.11.2.3 liaise with other park user groups including baseball and soccer teams, running clubs, exercise groups, schools, disc golf club, the Perfect Circle Flying Club, and animal rescue groups on behalf of the club,~~

11.5 Financial Signing Authorities

Rationale for proposed amendments to Article 3 – The existing article prescribes that the Treasurer must sign each cheque. The intent of the language was to ensure that the Treasurer is informed about and responsible for all club expenditures. The amendment is designed to improve accountability for the management of club finances,

11.5.1 All Directors shall have signing authority for the accounts of the Club.

11.5.2 NEW No Director shall sign any cheque that is payable to him/herself.

11.5.3 The Treasurer and one other Director with signing authority shall sign each cheque drawn on the monies of the Club, except as specified in Article 11.5.2.