

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –
Sunday March 26, 2017 2:00PM
DRAFT MINUTES**

Location: Howard Park Tennis Club

Board Members: John Formosa, Simone Stock, Chris Diceman, Jeff Todd (regrets), Sarah Doucette, Mat Scolozzi (regrets), Julia Lewis (regrets), Tarang Khare.

Chair: John Formosa

Minutes Transcribed By: Esme Markle

Meeting Opened: Motion to Open Meeting: 2:13 pm

1. Welcome & confirmation of quorum

- Number of members in attendance: 2 or more, quorum established

2. Meeting called to order and approval of Agenda

- **Motion to approve agenda. Moved by Virginia. Seconded by Robin. Motion carried.**

- Introduction by Sarah Doucette

i. Existing Board: Simone Stock, John Formosa, Chris Diceman, Tarang Khare, Sarah Doucette, Jeff Todd (regrets), Mat Scolozzi (regrets), Julia Lewis (regrets).

ii. Recognition of volunteers; thank you by Board

iii. Recognition of City Members: Donna **Kovachis** (assisted with Capybara capture), Doug **Bennet** of Partnership office (provides guidance with Master Plan), Karinthia **Battig** (supervisor of High Park)

iv. Arif Virani, MP: When **Federal**, provincial and city are lined up on an initiative, makes the sell for funding easier; kudos to FHPZ. Important zoo to champion, an important part of the park. Need to encourage it and help it flourish. Is dedicated to promoting funding at the federal level.

v. Cheri DiNovo, MPP (regrets): seeking funding for the Zoo at the Provincial level

vi. Sarah Doucette: Councillor: thank you to all those who donate time or money to the Zoo. High school students can obtain volunteer hours at the zoo (ages 15+)

vii. Doug Bennet, City of Toronto: Parks, Forestry and Recreation – Partnership group

viii. Tanya Brown, DTAH: Planner

3. Approval of minutes from Annual General Meeting, March 13, 2016

- **Motion to approve minutes. Moved by Virginia; Seconded by Robin. Motion carried.**

4. Vision, Mission, Values

- Master Plan aligned to mission and vision; vision and mission keeps FHPZ's actions focused
- Values: Accountable: audited financial statements; Professional: conduct ourselves at all times; Collaborate: work collectively together to achieve our goals; Community-Oriented: Engagement with community; increases the amount of visitors

5. Financial Statements and Auditor's reports

- **Motion to approve 2016 financial statements. Moved by Chris Diceman; Seconded by Tarang Khare. Motion carried.**

- Solvent; focused on more capital funding and spending on the Master Plan in 2016

6. Appointment of Auditor for 2017

- **Motion to approve minutes. Moved by Chris Diceman; Seconded by Simone Stock. Motion carried.**

- Sloane Partners, auditors for past few years

7. Election of 2017 Board of Directors

- Introductions of Board of Directors
- Proposed Board of Directors with a 2-year terms

i. John Formosa (renewal)

ii. Chris Diceman (renewal)

iii. Simone Stock (renewal)

iv. Esme Markle

v. Luana DiCandia

vi. Catherine Murray

Proposed Board of Directors with a 1-year term

i. Matt Scolozzi (renewal)

ii. Jeff Todd (renewal)

iii. Tarang Khare (renewal)

Ex-Officio City Councillor Sarah Doucette

- **Motion to elect the proposed slate. Moved by Sarah Doucette; Seconded by Robin. Motion carried.**

8. King George: Rocking Reindeer

- First Lego League (FLL) Competition - Robotics Team: Animal Allies Challenge (how humans and animals interact)
- Reviewed Reindeer pen, met with keeper, discussed various issues being faced
- Discussed solutions with MNRF researcher i.e. Plexiglass fence (so deer tongues don't get stuck on metal in winter)
- Keep animals in mind with changes for Master Plan
- Built a 3D clay model; incorporated features such as larger pen
- Presented to Sarah Doucette & John Formosa Nov 3rd
- Won FLL's Research Award!
- Sarah Doucette: Ideas will be considered during Master Plan's Phase 2 during renovation of animal enclosures; hoping similar input for other pens
- John: **EPDI** consultants are being engaged to assist with animal pen layout

9. Naming Competition

- Competition to name the three Capybaras, genders are unknown. **This will begin in April when the Llama pen opens for the season.**
- Competition will also look to raise funds.

10. Reports

• **Report from the Chair - Master Plan - Enhance & Sustain**

- i. Operating Fund - Programming
- ii. Capital Fund - Enhancement
- iii. Endowment Fund – Sustainability

- Master Plan & Llama Pen: applications will be submitted to City shortly
- Fundraising Strategy: Government (City has committed over \$1M), looking for Feds & Province to match; look next for funding from Corporations; working with Toronto foundations to partner with (especially on programming); In Kind (products); Community
- Met with Arif Virani, MP in Ottawa Sept 2016 to promote Zoo and its funding
- 3 Funding Phases (5-10 years):
 - Phase 1: \$4.2 M, washroom facilities, Deer Pen Rd, green initiatives, heritage building remediation, storm water management
 - Phase 2: animal pen upgrades, accessibility upgrades, First Nations exhibit, small playground, entry gates & signage
 - Phase 3: Additional upgrades, signage

Donor wall to be created (**using the** existing manure area)

• **Report from the Treasurer**

- i. \$68.6K of revenue; grant of \$2.5K received; \$117K invested in capital improvements
- ii. 2000 volunteer hours
- iii. 750K visitors; 2/3 volume of visitors of Toronto Zoo
- iv. 2017 Funding Match launched

• **Report from the Vice Chair – Scotiabank Marathon**

- i. \$3,400 raised
- ii. This year's date is October 22nd, 2017

• **Report on Grants – Tarang Khare**

- i. Lessons learned – need to heavily involve the community
- ii. Seeking application of several grants in 2017

11. Master Plan

- Video
- DTAH Update (Designers): in detailed design phase; 60% design submitted to the City

12. Q&A

- Motivate the community to write to Councillors, MP's, MPP's. Suggested FHPZ offers a standard letter for this effort
- Possibility for synergies with the Toronto Zoo?

13. Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Simone Stock; Seconded by Tarang Khare. Carried.**
- Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.