

October 2009 Minutes

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**MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.
P.O. Box 281, Station Main, Winnipeg, MB, R3G 2G9**

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2009
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: CanadInns - 2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg
Present: Dave Crabb, Pat Dunlop, Gus Wruck, Gary Dunlop, Casey Jones, Rilla Britton, Lorne Britton, Larry Baker, Shirley Nixon, Marian Jones and Donna Jean Crabb.
Regrets: Dan Lester, Mo Tipples.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:21 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Gary Dunlop moved adoption of the agenda with additions. Seconded by Gus Wruck. Carried.

3. Adoption of the Minutes - Rilla Britton moved adoption of minutes as amended. Seconded by Gary Dunlop. Carried.

4. Financial Report –

Pat Dunlop moved that the financial report be adopted. Seconded by Marian Jones. Carried.

5. Business & Action Items Arising From the Minutes

- East Road Write up for website, Dave – Carry forward
- Member orgs to website, Pat & Gus – Determined that name, location and number of members will be put on – Carry forward
- Publish LWRC, Mo & Gus – Mo to follow up
- Short report on tax rally, Larry – carry forward
- Public and Animal Health at the Cottage – Gary & Pat
 - Closing Wells – carry forward
 - Hantavirus – carry forward
 - West Nile Virus – Carry forward
 - Human Anaplasmosis - added
 - BGA Poisoning of Pets – added
- Garbage poisoning – Gus
- Porcupine quills – Gus
- Blastomycosis (animal) – Gus
- Wildlife safety – Lorne Britton - carry
- School Taxes – Marian Jones – carry
- Waste Disposal – Donna Jean Crabb – carry
- Conservation districts – Shirley Nixon –carry

- Provincial Land Use Planning S – carry
- Recreational water safety – Rilla Britton – carry
- Recycling – Casey Jones -carry

6. **Correspondence Received/Sent**

- Minister of Education – Again responded that he is unable to attend the AGM.

7. **Old Business**

- Tembec – Still in lock down mode. No new information.
- Website – Good participation from group and wish to encourage. Turn around within a day from Bill Campbell.
- Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium – Carry forward. Comments regarding nitrogen removal. Clean Environment Commission is determined to do so regardless of what scientists say. Suggested that MACO contact them for an explanation. ACTION: DC
- School Taxes -
 - Signs – September 3 appointment in Selkirk Larry took signs and put up signs on Hwy 9 and on Hwy 8 on the way home.
 - Larry handed out copies of Letters to the editor in Selkirk Journal by Dave and article by Gus Wruck and articles re highest school taxes in Canada and letter to the editor regarding poor fiscal management by NDP, article Taxed to Death. Discussion regarding increase in tax over the years.
- Newsletter – Done.
- AGM
 - Gary Dunlop Moved that we invite this company to come and set up a table. Cost being \$30 per person to cover the cost of meals. Seconded by Lorne Britton. Carried.
 - Nomination Committee – Jim Neufeld has agreed to return to the board. Larry Baker and Donna Jean Crabb have also agreed. Gus has agreed to run as Treasurer. Rilla Britton has agreed to run as Vice-President.
 - Supplies – Remind Gus. Anything else let us know. Name tags.
 - Evaluation form - Reviewed.
 - Silent Auction items – Tickets will be same price.
- Meeting with James Bezan – Gus Wruck, Gary & Pat Dunlop met at Constituency Office in Selkirk. Well aware of all issues we discussed and was willing to listen.

8. **New Business**

- Canadian Taxpayer – Larry Baker contacted Colin Craig to discuss tax information.
- Cottages for sale – Article in Free Press regarding large number of cottages for sale and probable issue was reassessment and potential increase in taxes.
- Sewage – Province chasing others for spills etc. but not looking after their own. Article of Portage Ditch polluting Lake Manitoba. Article about West St. Paul homes dumping directly into river. Elimination of septic

fields. Concerned expressed about where dumping will be done for septic tanks. Discussion.

- Hydro – Article in paper re Lake Winnipeg water levels.
- Provincial basketball hall of fame. – See Larry Baker's director report.
- Strategic Planning – Brought forward at a previous meeting and suggested that this group do some naval gazing on what we have done that is good and what is weak and develop some plans for the future. Decided to proceed at the next two meetings. Marian Jones Moved that we include the item Strategic Planning in the next agendas after the Financial Statement until completed. Seconded by Lorne Britton. Carried. Gus will forward documents again and asks that we respond to him by email prior to meeting.

9. **Directors' Reports**

Gus Wruck – Footnote to last month. – Saw sign Wanted New Reeve, RM of Siglunes. Advised that there was a new resident to their area who was looking for boat launch for subdivision because there was a boat launch supposed to be there. Confirms Dave's advisory note regarding buying a cottage. Where areas have retiring seniors in cottage areas – what are areas doing for seniors when the need arises. Autopac outlets will be selling snowmobile passes.

Larry Baker – Daughter and members of the Warren Wildcats were inducted into the Provincial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Marian Jones – Great fishing in Lee River, Lac du bonnet area. Decided not to apply for community places grant due to them wanting to build a certain type of building. Will be acquiring a garage package instead and has been put in RM budget to be turned over to them. Discovered that the land when being changed from LUD to RM of Alexander was changed to crown land. Must apply for permission to put a building up on what used to be public reserve. Drainage problems – RM dug a ditch and left dirt that has now been spread somewhat but now more difficult to pick up. Further drainage problems are causing a road nearing to wash out. Someone lives there permanently as well as other lots that are up for sale are now flooding. RM had promised that they were going to acquire a machine to cut the bull rushes to ensure safe travel out. Work is being done in other areas but are having trouble getting a permit from Oceans and Fisheries due to spawning grounds.

Shirley Nixon – Will start working on phoning associations re coming to meeting or joining MACO.

Rilla Britton – Dropped into Water Conservation and picked up maps re basins and watershed in Manitoba. Copies distributed.

Lorne Britton – First St. Laurent visioning survey report. To give everyone a voice, to reduce conflict in area and project needs for the future. 81 people did survey. Main agreement was to improve RM management.

Dave Crabb – St. Clements is busy and word is that they may back away from assessing St. Clements for the East Selkirk sewer system and may use gas tax instead. They are still collecting signatures. Received Grand Marais Bay Area Planning Pamphlet explaining redevelopment of marsh. Suggested Dave write to the Editor. Bush has been cleared bush to get ready to move pump house because land has receded from about 40 feet to 4 feet since 1995.

Donna Jean Crabb – Has been at cottage all summer with grandchildren and received help from Dave and a grandson in getting things done. While in Thunder Bay she noticed that beaches there have grown in also.

Sid Bloomfield – Council in RM, formerly known as the three amigos has been changing and a member attended the Laurentia meeting and answered questions. They have a park with a 99n year lease from the RM. The lease has been paid in full. Grants had been applied for and a \$300,000 grant received. RM backed off with support. There has been some confusion and changes are being made to the plan and it will have to go back to the federal government for approval.

Casey Jones – Acquired \$50,000 to fix the dam and \$60,000 to repair the roads.

Gary Dunlop – No report.

Pat Dunlop – No report.

10. **Date of Next Meeting** –November 17, 2009
11. **Meeting Adjourned** - Gus Wruck moved meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.