

January 2008 Minutes

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

Date: Tuesday, January 15th, 2008
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: CanadInns, 2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg
Present: Dave Crabb, Pat Dunlop, Gary Dunlop, Al Perron, Gus Wruck
Regrets: Marian Jones, Dan Lester, Larry Baker, Donna Jean Crabb, Rene Comeault, Lorne Britton, Ken Corbett, Shirley Nixon.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Pat Dunlop moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded by Al Perron. Carried.

3. Adoption of the Minutes - Pat Dunlop moved adoption of the Minutes as presented. Seconded by Gus Wruck. Carried.

4. Financial Report –

Gary Dunlop moved adoption of the financial report presented. Seconded by Gus Wruck. Carried.

5. Correspondence Received

- Contact
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Twin Lakes Beach Newsletter

6. Correspondence Sent

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7. Old Business

- a) Website – Tabled until next meeting due to attendance.
- b) Water Stewardship Fund – Confirmed that there were no funds and there are monies available only twice per year.
- c) Grant of \$5,000. – First payment made re French language brochures.
- d) School Taxes – No recent communication with group.
- e) Rally – Continue planning.
- f) Parks & District Service Fees (Parks Fees) – Dave Crabb outlined history. There are 3 kinds being limited, one being limited use, which would be like an ice stand and 5 months use. Two is seasonal which would be the average cottager or about 7 months use. Third is full time or 12 months use. 2008 is the beginning of the implementation of the new system based on shares assessed on basic criteria – A: human capacity of one share

which is based on a 3 bedroom cottage (6 people), B: water, sewer, garbage and roadwork as a base. C: Then other assessments like administration and other local assets.

Number of shares should increase due to accountability. Government included in shares. Deloitte & Touche is the contractor managing review. Includes any Manitoba parks.

8. New Business

- **Newsletter** – Suggestions – report on Parks Review, article by Dr. Tim Hilderman, Info on new directors, AGM report, Membership report.
- **Conservation District** – focus primarily on conservation of soil and water resources. Received good portion of funding (75% provincial and 25% local) for worthwhile project to enhance soil and water conservation. eg: promote use of phosphate free dishwasher detergents. Perhaps it would be worthwhile for MACO to become involved. Government website – conservation districts. Gus is to keep us up to date.

9. Directors' Reports

Gus Wruck - Some debates regarding boat launches in RM of Lac du Bonnet over the last two years. New counselor/contractor installed many boat launches. Shared article in Newsletter. Lac du Bonnet Community Foundation is progressing. Warm weather has been an issue to Snow Pals swamp area grooming recently.

Dave Crabb – Great Christmas. Has one snowmobile going, another should be going shortly. Bush trails are rough.

Al Perron – The private park used for years by the association has now been sold. Our association approached the RM regarding the possibility of leasing a scrub piece of land, of which it was agreed upon. Volunteers cleaned the property last fall. We have a 5 year project plan to develop. Looking for funding from Government Grants, RM and CDC for assistance. We have held two sanctioned events on the previous park space which we plan to continue, Family Fun Days and Corn Roast. At these events we provide games for all ages, silent auction, 50-50, drinks, popcorn, hot dogs, ice cream, and corn on the cob at the corn roast. The tradition in the past is to burn an old "outhouse" at the corn roast with music as entertainment. Fireworks with glow-in-the-dark toys for kids are also sold.

Gary Dunlop – Fishing shacks are out on the ice. Have been notified about a garbage surcharge.

Pat Dunlop – No report.

10. Date of Next Meeting – March 18th 2008.

11. Meeting Adjourned - Pat Dunlop moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 pm.