

## May 2008 Minutes

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**Date:** Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
**Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Location:** CanadInns, 2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg  
**Present:** Dave Crabb, Pat Dunlop, Gary Dunlop, Larry Baker, Donna Jean Crabb, Ken Corbett, Gus Wruck, Al Perron.  
**Regrets:** Rene Comeault, Marian Jones, Dan Lester, Lorne Britton, Shirley Nixon,

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:24 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Donna Jean Crabb moved adoption of the agenda with additions. Seconded by Gary Dunlop. Carried.

**3. Adoption of the Minutes** - Al Perron moved adoption of the Minutes. Seconded by Gus Wruck. Carried.

**4. Financial Report –**

Gary Dunlop advised that there is a balance of \$1290 left of the \$5,000 grant money. Gary Dunlop moved adoption of the financial report presented. Seconded by Ken Corbett. Carried.

Pat Dunlop moved that Larry Baker be reimbursed for the total money spent on advertising for the rally. Seconded by Al Perron. Carried.

**5. Correspondence Received**

Comments - Dave Crabb advised that comments received by phone, in person and email have all been positive. He hasn't received anything negative.

**6. Correspondence Sent**

A Letter to the editor was sent with an email to Dan Lett (Winnipeg Free Press) in response to his article *Who's Running Manitoba Schools?*. Some signed Petitions have been sent to Rick Borotsik.

**7. Old Business**

**a) Website –** Pat Dunlop showed the meeting the beginning of suggested website changes and asked for comments and suggestions.

- There should be a page for presentations and background information.
- There should be a property tax "button"
- There should be a stat counter
- Pdf files
- Regarding sponsor advertising

- information on who to contact
- what to charge for advertising \$/yr.?
- what do others charge?

MACO was not registered properly with Boat Licencing. Has now been changed and MACO will received \$10 for each person signing up.

- b)** Tembec – Pine Falls is one part of the organization that made money. The de-inking plant is mothballed but not permanently shut down. Government has asked them to harvest in the damaged zone in the Whiteshell. It is not cheaper but the net is same. Animal tracking has increased (GPS). They are planting \$2m trees this year. Some of the forest near the Ontario border is getting old and past harvesting. There is a danger of fire. This area is similar to the basis of fires in southern California. (Over 120 years = 70% death rate)
- c)** AGM – Potential speakers Rick Borotsik, Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium, Canadian Taxpayer, Wendy Bulloch from the Association of Water Conservation Districts.
- d)** School Taxes - Larry Baker thanked all. Rally discussed and there was a short discussion on withholding the school tax portion of property taxes
- e)** Boat Launch – Three councilors attended Wassahow by the Lee AGM this weekend. The boat launch will be moved to Wood Duck.

## **8. New Business**

## **9. Directors' Reports**

**Dave Crabb** – Thanked everyone for the work on the Rally. Hope to do the same thing next year. There is a project that is hoped to become a template for others for a set of steps to the lake that would be easy to maintain. The public water system was up and running this weekend.

**Gus Wruck** – RM supportive of tax issue. Water quality – Pinawa Bay is murky mid to late summer. Water testing \$5,000. Applied to Conservation to assist but were refused because this was done about 10 years ago. A Conservation District on the east side of Lake Manitoba was formed. The RMs' contributing will be matched 3-1 by the government. There will be a garage sale in their area on Saturday.

**Ken Corbett** – Good results were achieved with the use of aerators in Oak Lake last winter. Despite having thicker ice than normal the oxygen levels remained high and there was virtually no fish kill.

Presently there is a dike road between the resort and the control dam between Oak Lake and the Plum Lakes. Both the road and the dike are in need of major repairs due mostly from damage caused by shifting ice in the spring. The RM and the Conservation Authorities are addressing this problem. Some consideration is also being given to a small increase in the height of the dam, however, care must be taken to ensure the adjacent low lying hay lands are not flooded.

Soil testing, drainage, elevation and topography studies are ongoing with regard to the location of our planned new sewage lagoon. The new lagoon will be shared by the RM and the town of Oak Lake. When a decision is made on the final location the resort waste transfer site will be relocated

near to it. Hopefully the new lagoon will be operating in 3 years. A low pressure sewage system for the resort is still in the future plans.

Several new streetlights have been installed on existing resort streets, and lighting has also been installed in the new Chokecherry Lane development. A start should be made on the new covered pool and water slide and the conversion of the old barn to a rec. area with a stage, BBQ pits this summer. Construction is still going strong in the resort area with at least 9 new homes in various stages of completion. Also further expansion is planned for the RV Park and the Marina.

The new 6650 yard championship golf course, pro shop and restaurant opened on Fri. May 16<sup>th</sup>. The course is in great shape, the pro shop well stocked, and the restaurant is large (seating for 250 between the bar and dining room) and very attractive decorated.

The RV Park is filling up quickly. The Resort Store, Creme and Marina are all open and busy.

The OLCOA annual meeting is scheduled for Sun. Jun. 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are hoping for a good turn out, and an increase in our membership.

That's the latest from Oak Lake.

**Al Perron** – Grant for field development for new park from Hometown Manitoba approved and RM. Awaiting CDC. AGM will be Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the St. Laurent Parish Hall. Al advised that they had received copies of *The Cottager* to give out at the AGM. Each magazine contains a form noting that it is provided for the Laurentia Beach Association AGM and contains a subscription form for two years for the price of one.

July 5<sup>th</sup> will be Family Fun Day and August 15<sup>th</sup> the corn roast will be held at Links Field.

**Donna Jean Crabb** – AGM held this weekend. Councillor attended. Opened cottage.

**Gary Dunlop** – No report.

**Pat Dunlop** – It appears that the beacon may not be dead. Ralph Eichler asked about it at the Rally and said that he would be contacting the RM..

**Larry Baker** – No report.

10. **Date of Next Meeting** – July 15th, 2008.

11. **Meeting Adjourned** - Moved by Al Perron, seconded by Gary Dunlop, meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.