

June 2008 Minutes

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MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.
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Date: Tuesday, June 17th, 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, Lorne Britton, Rene Comeault, Rilla Britton, Mo Tipples.
Regrets: Marian Jones, Dan Lester, Shirley Nixon,

Guest Speakers: Darryl Chubak and Harry Crawley of Tuff Built Products Inc. spoke of Tuff Built Products' latest line of home and cottage fire protection equipment. Website www.tuffbuiltproducts.com

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Pat Dunlop moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded by Donna Jean Crabb. Carried.

3. Adoption of the Minutes - Al Comeault moved adoption of the Minutes. Seconded by Al Perron. Carried.

4. Financial Report –

Gary Dunlop moved adoption of the financial report presented. Seconded by Ken Corbett. Carried.

5. Correspondence Received

Petition – correspondence/emails regarding the petition.

6. Correspondence Sent

7. Old Business

a) Website – Ken Corbett moved that the cost for an ad on the website be \$200/year. Seconded by Larry Baker. Carried.

b) Tembec – Passed around 2007 Report. Lorne Britton said that he missed the Tembec advertising with the little girl and her father that worked at Tembec.

c) AGM – No response from the Education Minister.

d) School Taxes - Larry Baker advised that he had a 66% increase in school taxes and he suggested that there be a tax revolt with people paying only the municipal portion of the 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 – Attended Park Fee Service committee meetings. Regarding school taxes, MACO should keep trying for more media coverage. Information sheet for RM's to send out.

Gus Wruck – Attended Eastern Region Association of Manitoba Municipalities meeting in Pinawa. Resolution 14 (Ed Arnold) regarding a "more equitable method" relating to school taxes was approved unanimously.

Attended Doblbas Road Action Group AGM and provided information regarding the RM and MACO and will be attending Wood Duck Bend AGM on Saturday. RM passed a motion to suspend all boat launch construction until settled.

RM is looking for a new Reeve.

Larry Baker – Advised that taxes increased from \$1,300 to \$2,200 plus there will be a \$119 garbage/recycling fee.

Ken Corbett – The Oak Lake Resort area has received over 5 inches of rain (130 millimeters) so far this month so everything is looking very green. The level of the lake has risen closer to 10 inches. Although the rain was certainly needed it has not been a help to all the construction going on in the area. Our new golf course, pro shop and restaurant-lounge complex is now open and getting busier by the day. We have had several tournaments already and the restaurant-lounge has bookings for several weddings. The RV Park is nearly full and the Marina is also very busy. All reports indicate lots of pickerel and jacks are being caught.

The OLCOA annual meeting is scheduled for June 22nd. It will be held in the provincial park and we are hoping for good weather. The annual children's picnic has been scheduled for July 5th and the community craft sale and flea market for August 2nd. Both these events will also be held in the provincial park.

The first application of our annual dust control measure has been delayed about a week due to the unusually wet weather. We should be receiving it this week with the second application scheduled for the first week of August. We are renewing our MACO membership at last years level of 275. If we manage to get the new members we are planning on we will revise that figure.

Our association is still working with the RM and the Dept. Of Highways trying to get cross walks across the highway in the beach area and a walkway from the Marina, on the north end of the resort, to where highway 254 exits the resort on the south east side.

So far, things seem to be shaping up for another great summer at Oak Lake Island Resort.

Al Perron – AGM held June 7th. He made a motion to pay \$135 (being more than \$1 per cottage) to MACO for membership fees next. Petition was circulated and they got 32 signatures. Attendees took petitions with them and those calling to collect dues with take petition with them as well. *The*

Cottager magazines were a big hit. Working on park development. Will also be looking for someone to volunteer to work on the MACO board.

Lorne Britton – In May, Twin Lakes Beach Association President, Michel Coutu, made a presentation to the St. Laurent Municipal Council regarding the public park named Meindl Park. The current park amenities fall short of standards for a public park. The Association, throughout 2007 and early 2008 struck a committee who prepared a park development plan complete with site drawings and cost estimates. In addition we recommended that Council create a Reserve Fund for Meindl Park. When funds reach the total required for the park redevelopment, the Association would offer to become the Project Managers of any park redevelopment. In addition we would also try to secure park development grants from government and other appropriate sources to be added to the Reserve Fund. Lastly we made a strong recommendation that the RM no longer list this park in tourism magazines as it is a local park and not a tourist attraction. All indications are that the presentation was well received and this will hopefully spark a time of renewed cooperation between the RM and the Association.

Donna Jean Crabb – Yard is very wet at the cottage and tanks are full due to amount of rain.

Gary Dunlop – There are a lot back at the lake. 3 new cottage are being built at Sugar Point and possibly one at Lundar Beach. We've applied for permits for use of the park for both the AGM and picnic.

Pat Dunlop – Attended council meeting with association vice-president to discuss drainage, roads and other issues. Had contacted *The Cottager* for magazines for AGM.

Rene Comeault –The AGM held on the May long weekend went well. New dock at the boat launch assisted financially by RM. The seasonal RV park across from them has been well set up. Hopes to be a model for others. Lots are 50'x100'. Everyone has their own holding tank. There is one water tank with a meter to each RV.

Mo Tipples – Provincial government has picked a committee for feedback from CA in parks to consult regarding new fees for services. Sounds reasonable. Pay 80% of gravel road wrecked due to new cottages. Capital cost for first 2 years. There are 2 provincial officers from Winnipeg Beach north to Hecla. Save Our Lake will focus directly on Grindstone area as recommended by Consortium to become a model cottage area in a provincial park. Encouraged to improve environment. Trying to initiate tree planting. There is a Canadian Parks & Wilderness Green Guide (about \$5-ring binder) Mo will send the website.

10. **Date of Next Meeting** – August 19th, 2008.
11. **Meeting Adjourned** - Moved by Al Perron, seconded by Gary Dunlop, meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.