

July 2008 Minutes

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

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Gary Dunlop moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded by Lorne Britton. Carried.

3. Adoption of the Minutes - Gus Wruck moved adoption of the Minutes. Seconded by Gary Dunlop. Carried.

4. Financial Report –

Gary Dunlop moved adoption of the financial report presented. Seconded by Lorne Britton. Carried.

5. Correspondence Received

- CPAWS Green Guide – Email asking to promote Cottagers Green Guide on MACO website.

MOVED by Gary Dunlop, seconded by Larry Baker THAT MACO charge a fee for website link or advertising of \$200 per year except where it is a free product or service to cottagers. Carried.

- Tough Built – After the last meeting Dave Crabb emailed Tough Built about advertising on website. Received email from the President who was in Arizona at the time. Agreed to discuss further upon return.

6. Correspondence Sent

- Vera Cardinal is carrying the tax petition with her while she is campaigning in Lac du Bonnet area.

7. Old Business

- a) Website – Susan Dunlop has the Dreamweaver program for website development and is finding it a good program to work with.
- b) Tembec – Carry forward.
- c) AGM – The Education Minister once again has a prior commitment and won't be attending our AGM. **Pat to email Rick Borotsik and get in touch with Wendy Bulloch (Lac du Bonnet).**
Nominating Committee to consist of those present.
- d) School Taxes – Discussion held regarding a rally for next year. Consideration to be given to having it on a weekday evening.

8. **New Business**

9. **Directors' Reports**

Dave Crabb – CBC called late last week re Hollow Water. The province is purchasing the roadway to take cottagers to the area.

Bonnie Baltesen a reporter with the Manitoba Co-operator contacted MACO. She advised that phosphorus loading is a major concern these days for the farm community, and farmers are certainly changing their habits. She wanted to put forward an article about what some cottage associations are doing to address their footprint.

In June the RM hosted a Presidents meeting to allow for the sharing of ideas. There is a fire truck pull fund raising at Grand Beach in August for a new doctor's office. They will take any teams. The public water system was knocked out by the storm and Dave and his neighbour now have it back up.

Gus Wruck – When cutting grass be careful of toes – Voice of experience! There is a bi-election in Lac du Bonnet. Reeve and councilor to file papers.

Larry Baker – No report.

Lorne Britton - AGM was held on Sunday. Michele Coutu resigned for personal reasons. Lorne is now President (was Past President). Now anyone hauling in fishnets will be reimbursed fuel costs. Thanks to Rudy, Conservation had brought in 12 nets. Many people took petitions for signing. Putting artificial ice in the area for 56 skaters is underway at a cost of about a half million. It was not passed by council, there is no engineering plan. \$100,000 was raised and about \$50,000 in cheques signed although there was a lack of understanding. There is to be a \$250,000 debenture. Council meeting tomorrow night and there is a special meeting on the debenture. The area is being compared to Woodlands who had 600 skaters and rent out. Good news is the new Reeve is not signing cheque unless completely satisfied. Attended St. Laurent Rural Ratepayers Association yesterday.

Rilla Britton – Provided copies of her presentation to St. Laurent council "A Case for Summer Elections in the RM of St. Laurent" and a copy of her letter to the editor published July 4, 2008 of the Interlake Spectator. Of particular interest the comments by a member of council who stated that seasonal residents should not be given the right to vote.

Donna Jean Crabb – Bear trap in yard. Probably an orphan bear.

Pat and Gary Dunlop – AGM held and Pat is president of association. Beacon is a go and is on order.

10. **Date of Next Meeting** – September, 2008.

- 11. Meeting Adjourned** - Moved by Gary Dunlop, seconded by Pat Dunlop, meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.