

October 2008 Minutes

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

Date: Tuesday, October 7th, 2008
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: CanadInns, 2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg
Present: Dave Crabb, Pat Dunlop, Gary Dunlop, Larry Baker, Donna Jean Crabb, Shirley Nixon, Al Perron, Ken Corbett, Rene Comeault, Casey Jones.
Regrets: Marian Jones, Dan Lester, Gus Wruck, Lorne Britton, Rilla Britton, Mo Tipples.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Rene Comeault moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded by Al Perron. Carried.

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

4. Financial Report –

Gary Dunlop moved adoption of the financial report presented. Seconded by Shirley Nixon. Carried.

5. Correspondence Received

- Albert Beach – Letter read. Dave to respond.

6. Correspondence Sent

- Emailed Colin Riley of Tough Built re AGM.
- Emailed Rick Borotsik and Wendy Bulloch re AGM

7. Old Business

a) Website – Carry Forward.

b) AGM

- Larry Baker to present nominations at the AGM.
- Gary Dunlop and Rene Comeault to receipt payments and give out voting cards.
- Dave Crabb to confirm order for speakers.
- Evaluation form to be amended to include question – Would you like to see promotional booths at AGM.
- Pat Dunlop to bring voting cards, felt markers, paper bags, silent auction tickets/signs, name tags, masking tape, “blue stick-um”.
- Gary Dunlop to bring float and receipt books.
- Shirley Nixon to bring cash box.
- Shirley Nixon and Donna Jean Crabb to look after silent auction.

c) School Taxes – Larry Baker to present.

8. New Business

9. Directors' Reports

Larry Baker – Article in Spectator about a few Lundar Beach & Sugar Point Cottage Association members withholding property tax and paying only municipal taxes. Has contacted Keystone Agriculture and the Real Estate Board. Chatted and left petition and letter to editor and asked to encourage getting them signed. Advised that Rick Borotsik is reading them in the legislature and that MACO is planning another rally in the spring in the evening and perhaps others will get involved. Advised that his water test at the lake failed.

Al Perron – The road into Laurentia has been raised and packed. Work party day had more than 50 people. Moved 1200 yards of sod and 20 yards of soil. The play structure was moved and cemented. Work was done on about 1/3 of the park. Engineering study regarding the possible dumping of Shoal Lake into Lake Manitoba. RM is giving \$20,000.00 to the study. It is shallow with unknown organisms. There is a tremendous cost to dig a ditch between them.

Rene Comeault – This is Rene's last meeting. Will continue contact with MACO. Said he remembers Shirley Nixon from first meeting. Indicated progress made over the years. Looking closely at the lot draws, although there will be an increase in taxes, the draws will cost RM's in the end. There is disregard for protocols re development of property. Elevations – lakes to rivers are iffy. Hasn't been out to the lake lately. The ATV By-law in the RM of Alexander is working somewhat. Rene thanked for all his work.

Donna Jean Crabb – Numbers are lessening. Can hear the hunters.

Shirley Nixon – Every property owner received a letter from the Municipal Board regarding a meeting on October 28th to discuss \$240,000.00 debenture to pay for artificial ice and geothermal that has already been done.

Dave Crabb – Ready for association's water to be shut down. Hoping for good weather.

Ken Corbett - OLCOA has had a very attractive cairn, honoring the Henderson family, the original owners of the resort area, and all the area pioneers, installed adjacent to the provincial park. A formal dedication ceremony will be held early next summer.

We had a very successful flea market and craft sale on the Aug. long weekend and realized a profit of approximately \$1800.00 for our organization.

Many of the resort year round residents have been involved in starting a leisure center, and the resort has provided us with a meeting area at a very reasonable cost.

Our COPPS program continues to have lots of volunteers and operates year round. The RCMP advise that the program has made a significant difference in the number of incidents occurring in the resort area.

The Oak Lake water quality remained good for the complete summer season, probably partly due to the relatively high water level, and also the completion of fencing off of all areas adjacent to the lake containing cattle

operations. We would still like to see better control of some feed lots upstream on the Pipe Stone creek that feeds our lake.

At least two sites are still being considered for the new RM of Sifton/Town of Oak Lake sewage lagoon so it will be a while yet before this project is completed.

The RM of Sifton will be repairing the road to the lake control dam this fall, and our local councillor will be looking into repairs needed on, and a possible increase in the height of the dam.

They are also making a proposal to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities to have year round resort residents counted as residents of the resort area. Presently I believe we are counted using whatever postal code we have adopted.

Two additional lines are being added to the existing trans-Canada pipeline which runs east/west just two miles north of our lake. Since this is over the aquifer it will be something else requiring environmental monitoring.

Four Seasons Resort is in the midst of preparing for the winter season. The RV Park, store, and cremee are all closed, and the golf course will close Oct. 15th. Riels restaurant, in the golf course clubhouse, will continue to operate Thur. thru Sun. until at least Christmas. Plans are still in effect for additions to the Marina and RV Park and the installation of the pools and water slide.

Construction continues in the area in general with a number of new lots being developed and several houses still being completed.

Last, and a sure sign of fall, is the number of hunters appearing in the area.

Ken stated that he has enjoyed his time working with MACO.

Casey Jones – Hoping to bring a lot to the table. Perhaps add to membership from the west.

Pat Dunlop – There were 4 swans in the bay this weekend. First time we had seen swans in the fall, normally only see them in the spring.

Gary Dunlop – Everyone is closing up. Beacon not up yet as Reeve has to install a plate.

10. **Date of Next Meeting** – November 18th, 2008

11. **Meeting Adjourned** - Moved by Gary Dunlop, seconded by Pat Dunlop, meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.