

November 2008 Minutes

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MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.
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Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2008
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: CanadInns, 2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg
Present: Dave Crabb, Marian Jones, Pat Dunlop, Gus Wruck, Larry Baker, Shirley Nixon, Lorne Britton, Rilla Britton, Casey Jones.
Regrets: Gary Dunlop, Dan Lester, Donna Jean Crabb, Mo Tipples and Sid Bloomfield.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Marian Jones moved adoption of the agenda with additions. Seconded by Rilla Britton. Carried.

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

4. Financial Report –

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

5. Correspondence Received

- Clear cut at Bird Lake
- Jeff Nobiss email requesting information regarding school taxes. Dave Crabb responded.
- Greg Hanson – Phone call. A member of the Winnipeg Foundation he would like to help out
- Water Connections Newsletter – Newsletter was emailed out to list.
- Alex Salki –
 - Thank you for gift certificate and the invitation to give a presentation at MACO's AGM.
 - Information regarding Lake Winnipeg levels.

6. Correspondence Sent

- EICD response.

7. Old Business

- a) Tembec - Brett McGurk of InterGroup Consultants is working on a power project at Keeyask on the Nelson River and is looking to our membership regarding contacts in this northern area.
- b) Website – Carry Forward.
- c) AGM
 - Draft Minutes – Reviewed. Secretary duties to be reviewed.

- Evaluation – Discussed.

d) School Taxes

- Response to partial payment received by Donna Jean Crabb shared. Rural Municipality's response on tax bill that payment must be made to school division regardless of whether paid or not and responsibility to make payment.
- Importance of continuing to collect names and to obtain them from family, friends etc. – not just cottagers. It is not just a cottage issue.
- Reminder we have signs to distribute. Gus Wruck would like copy of bill to review.

8. New Business

- Dates for 2009 meetings will be the third Tuesday of the month with the exception of October with no meeting in December (January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 6, November 17 – AGM Saturday, October 24). Moved by Marian Jones, seconded by Shirley Nixon. Carried. Pat to advise CanadInn.
- Job Sharing/Changes. There are jobs that can/should be shared among the executive. (Membership, treasurer, Vice-President, funding/grants, newsletter- articles/ideas/writing) Dave Crabb asked that some thought be given to this.

9. Directors' Reports

Larry Baker – No report

Lorne Britton- Shoal Lake study a few years ago water started rising and hasn't stopped. Five rural municipalities are contributing \$20,000 each and the province contributing \$100,000 to a study. There was a public meeting in St. Laurent with Water Stewardship. Unable to attend and has received different stories. Steve Topping, Director of Water Stewardship indicated it was only a study.

Regarding councilor conflict – it has been suggested that since they have contacted Intergovernmental Affairs and Municipal Affairs and the Department of Justice with no results that they proceed to the Queen's Bench on their own.

Reviewed the arena funding issue.

Shirley Nixon – No report

Dave Crabb – Had a call this morning regarding Driftwood/Blueberry estates. They have had no assurance or communication and feel lucky that leadership changed on the reserve. Haven't had their first AGM. They plan to join MACO.

Mary Agnes Welch of the Free Press contacted Dave regarding the cottage lot draw. Discussed impact on cottage areas etc. Discussed also a couple of possibilities as to why there haven't been any draws – First Nation interest and problems building with elevations relating to sewage and fire truck access.

Marion Jones – Pointe du Bois power development will be working on Hwy 313. RM is feeling that there are too many boat launches on the east side compared to the west side of the river. Regarding picnic shelter – they met with Community Places.

Gus Wruck – Commented on development plans and need for public to be aware of what councilors are doing. Gus is Vice-President of Lac du Bonnet Community Foundation. Spoke about relationship funding.

Casey Jones – Advised that he would endeavour to obtain 30 signed tax petition sheets by the next meeting. He will also look into finding associations.

Pat Dunlop – The beacon is up and blinking.

10. **Date of Next Meeting** – January 20, 2009

11. **Meeting Adjourned** - Meeting adjourned.