

January 2007 Minutes

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

Date: Tuesday, January 16th, 2007

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: CanadInns, 2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg

**Present: Dave Crabb, Pat Dunlop, Gary Dunlop, Donna Jean Crabb,
Gus Wruck, Bill Russell, Rene Comeault, Jim Neufeld**

Regrets: Ken Corbett, Marian Jones

**Guest: George Harbottle Reeve, Diane Dube, Ed Arnold, Ed Forseyth, of
Rural Municipality of Alexander, Mo Tipples Chair of SOUL and Rick
and Barb Storie from Wallace Lake Cottage Association**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

**Rene Comeault moved adoption of the Agenda. Seconded by Donna
Jean Crabb. Carried.**

3. Guest Presentation

**- George Harbottle gave a presentation reflecting the inequities of the
Manitoba system of assessing school tax on property as well as other
problems created for municipalities relating to seasonal properties.
Copy of presentation attached. A copy of the By-law relating to ATV's
was provided to Dave Crabb for future reference/discussion.**

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the meetings of November 2006

**Pat Dunlop moved adoption of the Minutes of November 21st, 2006
with spelling correction. Seconded by Bill Russell.
Carried.**

5. Financial Report -

**Gary Dunlop advised that it will be necessary to move the bank account
to Winnipeg. Jim Neufeld moved that the account from the South
Interlake Credit Union to the Assiniboine Credit Union. Seconded by
Gus Wruck. Carried. Gary Dunlop moved adoption of the financial
report as presented. Seconded by Bill
Russell. Carried**

4. Correspondence Sent

**All correspondence sent was in response to the correspondence
received.**

6. Correspondence Received

- Wallace Lake Cottage Association asking for information on cottage**

inclusion in disaster relief. Response that this would be brought up with

George Harbottle at the meeting. Rick and Barb Storie from Wallace

Lake Cottage Association attended the meeting.

- **Connie Oliver regarding February 1st deadline for article for The Cottager.**
- **George Harbottle - information and arrangements for tonight's meeting.**
- **Grindstone - information regarding tonight's meeting.**
- **Stan Malec regarding information from George Harbottle.**

7.Old Business

a) Email from Salin Guttormson - Carry forward.

b) Website - Story of MACO - Donna Jean Crabb to type up Shirley's brief

history. Dave to ask Shirley for more detailed information for archives.

c) Water Stewardship Fund - No response. Dave Crabb to provide Jim Neufeld with name for follow up with Gordon Jones.

d) Cheque for \$5,000 - December email received had circulated had provided a reporting.

e) School Taxes-Gus Wruck to contact Taxpayer Federation with an invitation to attend a meeting.

f) AGM

- **LWRC**

- **Dave Crabb reported that Gus Wruck attended the meeting where draft by-laws were presented.**

- Classes of membership was the main topic. The meeting was not adjourned because they are awaiting comments. Mostly board members attended the meeting. Disappointed that more did not attend. Province - \$100,000/year City of Winnipeg - \$50,000/year**

Fisheries & Oceans - Contribution of Al Kristofferson's salary

There are two scientists assigned to work full-time on Lake Winnipeg and Lake Erie.

A charitable tax number has been applied for.

It costs \$8,000/day to run the Namao on the lake.

Mo Tipples provided a copy of a poster and an article from The Cottager.

It was suggested that the Newsletter include a picture of the Namao and that the Newsletter be sent to delivery volunteers.

A letter is not needed at this time.

7. New Business

Mo Tipples' article for the Newsletter was discussed.

8. Directors' Reports

Dave Crabb

- Lots of half-ton trucks loaded with summer fishing equipment. Dave thanked everyone for their hard work.

Rene Comeault

- Letter from Lester Beach regarding membership. Rene plans to set up a map to indicate where cottage associations are located.

Donna Jean Crabb - No report

Gary Dunlop

- They are ice fishing on the lake. Some cottages have been rented to movie makers.

Pat Dunlop

- Advised that Shirley would like to wait until January or February to go out for dinner. Pat will follow-up with Shirley.

Bill Russell

- Bill confirms that snow clearing is done within 24 hours as per George Harbottle's comments during the presentation. Poor ice conditions. Grooming now being done. Few neighbours around. Bill advised of incident at his home where a lady showed up at the door about 1:30 am.

Gus Wruck

- Provided information on Community Foundations. Some have funded

Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium. This should be encouraged. Advised that his schedule has been very busy since he retired.

Jim Neufeld

- Commented on Community Foundations history. Clearwater Lake Cottage Association - no report. There is a rumor that the province has

committed with the aboriginal group to fund some overdue roads. A contract has been given to Deloitte & Touche partnered with Ruth Marr

Consulting regarding service fees. - To hold an open house. A letter is to

go to all cottagers in Parks in mid-January regarding dates of

consultations. The consultations will take longer than expected - until about March 1.

Pat Dunlop

- Advised of the new perpetual stamp. To send Gus the list of those who volunteered to work on taxes.

Dave Crabb

- Advised that there had been a movie shooting in the fall. Ice is in good shape but only about 12 inches deep.

10.Date of Next Meeting - March 20, 2007

11.Meeting Adjourned Gary Dunlop moved the meeting be adjourned.