

## **Annual General Meeting 2007 Minutes**

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**MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.  
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**Date: Saturday, October 20th, 2007**

**Time: 1:02 PM**

**Location: Place Louis Riel, 190 Smith Street, Winnipeg**

### **1. Call to Order**

President Dave Crabb called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

It being determined that there were no changes, the agenda was adopted.

### **3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting of October 21st 2006**

Rene Comeault moved adoption of minutes as presented. Seconded by Lorne Britton. Carried.

### **4. Financial Report**

Gary Dunlop moved adoption of the financial report. Seconded by Marian Jones. Dave Crabb explained the status of the \$5000 grant and other funding for the translation. Carried.

### **5. Membership Report**

Rene Comeault advised that 39 associations and 3 individuals have paid totaling approximately 3000 members.

### **6. Correspondence**

The meeting was advised that the correspondence book was available for perusal.

### **7. President's Report**

Dave Crabb provided his report.

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- Membership could be set up as a yearly automatic payment rather than waiting for approval of executive or membership.

- Failure of associations to have a constitution or following it.

- Provided information regarding Pelican Bay, Ayers Cove area and the blockade by Hollow Water.

There may be access granted today and maybe tomorrow to allow for winterizing.

Responsibility rests with the province for process - not RCMP.

- Management of cottage lot draws not managed well. Development not done through agreement with First Nations. There was no response from First Nations regarding this.

- With Adrienne Batra's help, MACO became part of the Let's Pay Fair group (Manitoba Education Financing Coalition.)
- The need to sign petition.  
Refusal of the Education Minister to attend MACO annual general meetings.
- Protest is planned for spring. Larry Baker is in charge of the planning. Numbers are important. It will be a short event. More information to follow. Please provide email addresses if possible. Will need volunteers to fan out and telephone.
- Outlined collection responsibility of rural municipalities to collect school taxes. The municipality doesn't set the tax.

#### 8. Old Business

"Living by Water project. Information provided on book. There is \$5000 in the bank being held due to delay in producing French brochure. It will be a first in Canada.

"Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium (LWRC). Website information changes often with new information and images. Dave Crabb explained that the letter pursuant to the motion at last year's Annual General Meeting wasn't sent as Dr. Kristofferson advised that at that time the letter wasn't required as there was lots of funding coming in from governments. Mo Tipples spoke about the need for corporate support and the need for a tax number.

#### 9. New Business

- Canadian Taxpayers Federation - MACO is a member and paid a membership fee of \$250.00. Gus Wruck moved that MACO continue to be a member. Seconded by Donna Jean Crabb. Carried.

- Let's Pay Fair - Dave advised that Let's Pay Fair group may be hiring The Navigator and MACO's share, to stay in the group, will be \$2,000.00 to cover costs such as legal fees, advertising. Lorne Britton moved that MACO pay the money to stay part of the group. Seconded by Marion Jones. Carried.

- Tembec - 26 board members including Dave Crabb and Gus Wruck went on an information session and tour about harvesting how and why. Hunters do most damage. They saw 20 - 30 eagles in one place. Gus advised that present forestry problems are due to high Canadian dollar. They have shut down a couple of plants in the last 2 months but are still continuing public involvement.

a) Elections. Dave Crabb presided over elections.  
Vice-President - 2 year term

Nominating Committee nominated Dan Lester.  
Members were asked three times for nominations. Nominations closed. Dan Lester  
was declared  
elected.

Treasurer - 2 year term  
Nominating committee nominated Gary Dunlop

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Dunlop declared elected.  
Three Directors - 2 years terms

Nominating committee nominated Donna Jean Crabb, Gus Wruck and Larry  
Baker. Members were  
asked three times for nominations. Nominations closed. Donna Jean Crabb, Gus  
Wruck and  
Larry Baker were declared elected.

One Director - 1 year term  
Replacement for Jim Neufeld. Nominating committee nominated Al Perron.  
Members were  
asked three times for nominations. Nominations closed. Al Perron was declared  
elected.

Silent Auction  
Oak Lake Cottage Owners Association, Four Seasons Resort, Dave's company and  
Cox Morris  
donated silent auction prizes.  
Prizes were won by Carol Corbett, Poppy Cummings, Noreen Sealy, Gary Dunlop,  
Anita Moyse,  
Joel Bretecher, Ken Corbett, Shirley Nixon, Marian Jones, Anita Comeault and Gus  
Wruck.

10.Meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm.