

November 2006 Minutes

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

Date: Tuesday, November 21st, 2006

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: CanadInns, 2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg
Present: Dave Crabb, Pat Dunlop, Gary Dunlop, Donna Jean Crabb, Bill Russell, Rene Comeault, Marian Jones

Regrets: Gus Wruck, Ken Corbett, Jim Neufeld

Guest: Mo Tipples, Betty Ann Watts

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 with additions. Seconded by Bill Russell. Carried.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the meetings of October 2006

Pat Dunlop moved adoption of the Minutes of October 10th, 2006. Seconded by Donna Jean Crabb. Carried.

4. Financial Report –

Bill Russell moved adoption of the financial report as presented. Seconded by Gary Dunlop. Carried

5. Correspondence Sent

- Cox Morris – A letter was sent inviting David Swinn to attend our meeting.

Mr. Swinn attended and responded to questions regarding the policy for the MACO executive and the policy for the individual associations. There was concern regarding the exclusion of “athletic activities” might include games and races most often included in association family picnics. Mr. Swinn advised that this was not the case. Exclusion for an athletic activity would be something outside the usual which would not be expected by the insurer such as snowmobile races. He suggested that if there was any activity that most associations would not be holding it would be best to contact him to ensure that it would be covered. In some cases these activities could be covered with an additional payment. The policy for the MACO executive does cover liable and slander. He suggested that we increase our limited to \$5m. It costs about \$50 for \$2m/year. We will make application that will be sent out for pricing.

6. Correspondence Received

- Email from Mo Tipples suggesting that we advertise our meeting dates. These should go on the internet.

- Email from Salin Guttormson requesting information on cottage associations in the interlake area. – To follow up.

7. **Old Business**

- a) Website – New minutes have been added
- b) Water Stewardship Fund – Carry forward.
- c) Cheque for \$5,000 – Carry forward
- d) School Taxes- Information at AGM was excellent. Nothing further to report.
- e) AGM
 - Draft Minutes were reviewed.
 - Evaluation reviewed. Very positive.
 - Working with MACO document reviewed. One included suggestions on Newsletter set-up and possible articles. Mo Tipples volunteered to write an article for the Newsletter.
 - Area Representative – Dave Crabb moved that we accept Lorne Britton's offer to be an area representative for Twin Lake Beach area. Seconded by Bill Russell. Carried.
 - LWRC - Send letter of support including ongoing financial support for the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium.
- f) SFMAC – Dave Crabb gave an excellent report of his tour of the Happy Lake area with members of the Tembec advisory board.

7. **New Business**

- Taxpayer Federation – to be brought forward under School Taxes
- Treasurer - Bill Russell resigned as Treasurer and Gary Dunlop will assume the Treasurer position. Bill will assume Gary's position as Vice-President.

8. **Directors' Reports**

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

Rene Comeault – Advised of planned cottage developments.

Donna Jean Crabb – No report

Gary Dunlop – Ice on lake. Fishing shacks are lined up along the shore.

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 – Quiet in area. Went to speak to the Dobbles Road Association. They will be joining in the New Year.

Marian Jones – Elections in their area had one of the lowest turnouts. The councilor elected does not reside in the area. There are drainage problems expected because of the new road. It is a land-locked community with a bridge over the channel. Beavers are causing problems. Auglen Park has a harvesting permit. Looking into erecting a building for meetings and to store lawnmowers.

Jim Neufeld – By email. Nothing from the north, however, the Conservation Department is close to selecting a consultant to do the new service fee system for park cottages.

Mo Tipples – Advised that she hadn't received anything from her association recently but that a meeting is scheduled for next week. She is still on the board but is no longer the secretary.

10. Date of Next Meeting –
Tuesday, January 16th, 2007

11. Meeting Adjourned Marian Jones moved the meeting be adjourned at
9:29 pm