

January 2005 Minutes

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

Date: Thursday, January 26th, 2005

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Garden City CanadInn, 2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg

Present: Daryll Hyslop, Jim Neufeld, Dave Crabb, Bill Russell, Doug Neal, Lindy Clubb, Shirley Nixon, Lorraine Neal

Regrets: Pat Dunlop, Gary Dunlop, Rene Comeault, Joe Younge

1. Call to Order

President Neal called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Daryll Hyslop, seconded by Bill Russell that the agenda is adopted with the addition under New Business of d) Report on RM of Alexander Association meeting. Motion Carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting of November 16th, 2004

Moved by Lorraine Neal, seconded by Bill Russell that the minutes of the previous meeting of November 16th, 2004 are adopted as presented. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Russell presented a financial statement showing a balance of \$3,378.37. Bill reported three new associations, Booster Lake, Fournier Dr. Association and Hillside Beach Trailer Park. Bill reported that our income from the AGM was:

registration of 57 participants
\$850

Silent auction \$323.

Cost of rental and lunch
\$1,075.51

Profit \$ 97.49

Bill moved acceptance of his report, seconded by Daryll Hyslop. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence sent

a) Submission to Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board
Copy of letter circulated for information

6. Correspondence received

a) Correspondence received in the past 30 days was circulated as information.

b) Shirley Nixon presented a letter from an individual in B. C. interested in Manitoba Parks cottage appraisal formula. Jim Neufeld to study the request and respond.

c) CCPCA
Information

d) Jim Neufeld - suggestions re planned workshop
Material was utilized at planning session of January 8th, 2005

6. Old Business

a) Meeting protocols (Groundrules for effective meetings)
Information was distributed re effective groundrules and the necessity of following Robert's Rules of Order for effective meetings.

b) Workshop/seminar planning
Ideas were expressed re our target market. It was agreed that we should be inviting MACO members (association cottagers) to attend. This should be an ongoing project that evolves with time. We can take the program "on the road." Further names put forward to do the presentations on Water Quality and how we get there. Dr. Gordon Goldsborough or Tim Ness. Can we present more than one speaker? The date of the next planning session will be Saturday, February 26th, 2005 at 10:00 AM. Shirley offered the use of her home. Donna Crabb's home was also suggested.

7. New Business

a) Report on news conferences re: education funding
Doug reported on his attendance at a news conference held by Keystone Agricultural Producers, the Manitoba Real Estate Board, Winnipeg Real Estate Board and other organizations on the topic of removing education funding from property. Doug to send a letter to this group suggesting that all the involved organizations form an named ad hoc committee identifying a specific spokesperson (possibly the person representative of the largest group) to present the views of the total members of the committee. The numbers of the total membership should also be put forward.

b) Lake Winnipeg Consortium
Discussion ensued on this topic. Questions arose as to the validity of MACO's financial support of the Lake Winnipeg Consortium. Consensus was that we support the Consortium as our previous motion says. This issue will go to the AGM for approval of the membership.

c) Begin planning for 2005 AGM

Shirley presented a letter from Conservation "Beach Safety" brochure. We received 100 brochures in 2004. Shirley to respond with a request for 200 brochures for 2005. Planning will be ongoing.

d) Report on RM of Alexander meeting with cottage associations
Daryll reported that the RM of Alexander will form a consortium with several other RMs to utilize the services of Prairie Bylaw Enforcement. The RM is developing several hundred new cottage lots.

8. Directors Reports

a) Shirley Nixon

Shirley reported she had received a letter from Jason McKee of Dauphin DFO requesting information. Lorraine to send a letter inviting him to a future meeting.

Lindy Clubb

Lindy asked MACO for a letter of support for the Village of Dunottar who are investigating a gravity fed sewer system.

Daryll and Dave expressed reservations with the planned sewer system, therefore asked that MACO be presented with a plan of the system. Lindy also asked for a letter of support for Erosion and Sediment Control. She would the letter to be presented to Mark Marawich who will then present the letter to Minister Ashton. More information is required.

Daryll Hyslop

Daryll reported on his meeting with the RM of Alexander.

Jim Neufeld Jim reported that Parks personnel have the ability to test holding tanks for leakage. Total containment is now mandatory at Clearwater Lake.

Dave Crabb

Dave reported that the civic address signs are now in place in Boulder Bay, however there are no street signs. He has talked to Reeve Steve Strang on this. Dave also commented on the re-introduction of wildlife in his area.

Bill Russell

Bill would like to ensure that the Lake Winnipeg Consortium is on the agenda for the AGM. Bill reported the three new MACO members.

9. Adjournment

On a motion by Shirley Nixon the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

10. Next meeting

Next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 15th, 2005 at Garden City CanadInn Planning meeting Saturday, February 26th, 10 AM