

August 2005 Minutes

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

Date: Tuesday, August 16th 2005

Time: 6:00 P M

Location: CanadInn, 2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg

Present: Dave Crabb, Daryll Hyslop, Jim Neufeld, Donna Jean Crabb, Shirley Nixon, Rene Comeault, Bill Russell, Gary Dunlop, Pat Dunlop, Gus Wruck

Regrets Joe Younge, Lindy Clubb

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Pat Dunlop moved adoption of the agenda as amended.

Seconded by Daryll Hyslop. Motion carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes of the previous meeting of July 19th 2005

Moved by Daryll Hyslop, seconded by Bill Russell that the minutes be adopted. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report

Bill Russell reported payments received from 4 associations and payment out for post office box of \$111.28. Balance of \$3,741.03. Moved by Bill Russell and seconded by Gary Dunlop that the financial report be adopted. Carried.

5. Correspondence sent

(a) Invoices - Daryll advised that he has sent out 49 invoices.

(b) Newsletters - Pat advised that newsletters had been sent out to all associations paid in 2004 and 2005. Most have been sent to the presidents and will not send to the secretaries.

6. Correspondence received

a) Minister Bjornson - advised that he is unable to attend AGM and is unable to send a representative. Dave will check with Health.

b) Twin Lakes Beach email.

- Email was received from Linda Ripert expressing concern that only Lake Winnipeg was contained in the Winnipeg Free Press article and there was no mention of their issues with high water at Twin Lakes Beach. Dave Crabb responded.

c) Minister of Conservation letter and cheque.

- MACO has received a \$5,000.00 cheque. More

information is required.

d) Paint Lake - email re lot transfer to Boys & Girls Club

7. Old Business

(a) Workshop/seminar -

(b) Planning for AGM

(c) Silent Auction - Letters have been sent out.

(d) Nominating Committee - Donna Jean Crabb is interested. Discussed MACO with Gus Wruk. Moved by Daryll Hyslop and seconded by Shirley Nixon that Donna Jean Crabb be appointed to the board of directors. Carried.

(e) Constitution - Changes suggested for AGM had already been dealt with in 1996.

(f) Website and Internet - Dave reviewed changes to website as per email. Jim will send a replacement for the Clearwater Lake area of the website. Gus Wruk spoke of the lack of access to MTS high speed. Cell phone problems were discussed as well.

(g) Sustainable Development Fund Proposal - Dave hasn't had time to complete. Shirley spoke about park at Laurentia Beach.

8. New Business

a) Media article - Winnipeg Free Press article about Lake Winnipeg was reviewed.

b) Pinawa Bay Sewage Spill.

-Daryll and Bill McKelvey took photos of what was on the beach. There was evidence where it came from. Tank had been emptied 2 weeks earlier. Sample container was not appropriate and was therefore not accepted. When documentation completed, MACO should write to government and find out how these will be dealt with in the future. Tool or guideline should be provided if Conservation not able to respond.

Bill Russell advised of a situation where there was a tank failure and Conservation required the ditch be pumped out.

9. Directors Reports

Shirley Nixon - Shirley advised of several cottages losing fridges/freezers. It appears that it is due to low voltage. It was suggested that the cottagers get together and petition Hydro.

Daryll Hyslop - no report.

Jim Neufeld - met with Gord Jones in July. He confirmed Apaskwayak Cree Nation at The Pas is applying for long-term lease at Hugo Lake

in the park. No knowledge as to what is to be done with it. Jim has provided a list of requirements that should be done before lease granted. Lease fees commensurate with cottage fees would equal approximately \$1m. Hasn't been able to check out old Clearwater site yet. Hasn't been able to get in touch with Dwight Williamson yet. Will try again.

Bill Russell - Spoke to Betty Ann Watts of The Cottager magazine will attend the AGM if requested. MACO has never paid for The Cottager for individual associations. Has not yet received an invoice from Stan. Bill will provide invoice for his use.

Gary Dunlop - Association almost has the money to put up the beacon but are awaiting final approval from Conservation. Annual picnic success.

Pat Dunlop - No report.

Rene Comeault - Association fees are on the way. The association is working with Conservation with regard to a new development of about 70 lots at Lac du Bonnet.

Gus Wruk - Chairman of Fournier Drive Association since 1998. 50 houses, half seasonal and half permanent.

Dave Crabb - RM has not yet provided reflective street signs.

Dr. Dennis Lawson attended the meeting and was provided with the information that he had asked for in advance. Dr. Lawson outlined his credentials - 35 years with the Federal Government. He is a groundwater geologist/scientist/agricultural engineer. He has delivered the Living by Water program in Saskatchewan and Alberta. He talks to government to obtain information appropriate to area and then will deliver program to cottagers. He suggested ground water, septic systems, grey water and healthy lakes.

Would like the seminar ready to go by 9:00 am so we discussed registration at 8:00 am. Starting at 9:00 going to noon and starting again at 1:00 to 3:00 pm. We must be done by 3:00 pm as the room is booked. Cost of \$750.00 plus mileage at 30 cents/mile plus hotel.

We must arrange for door prize and invite Health, Water and Fisheries officials. Press article to be prepared in advance.

10. Date, time and location of next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday, September 20th 2005 at the CanadInn, 2100 McPhillips Street.

11. Adjournment

On a motion by Pat Dunlop and seconded by Gary Dunlop the meeting adjourned at 9:35 P M Carried