

Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners  
Garden City Inn, 2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg

November 17, 2015

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**Minutes**

**Present:** Larry Baker, Jim Nicholson, Norma Kerr, Jim Neufeld, Mo Tipples, Greg Hamilton, Liz Speers

**Regrets:** Dave Crabb, Pat Dunlop, Ken Corbett

**Chair:** Larry Baker

**Recording Secretary:** Shelley Morris

**1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Jim Neufeld and seconded by Norma that the agenda be. CARRIED

**3. Adoption of Minutes of September, 2015.**

**4. Financial Report – September, 2015**

- a. \*Approval of Financial Report.
- b. \*Receipts from members for purchases.
- c. \*Banking
- d. \*Update on Grant.

Jim reported that the only transaction in October was .64 interest. Mo has 2 cheques pertaining to annual meeting – Jim will add to next statement.

Jim reported that the credit union won't send out bank statement unless there is activity during the month. Jim outlined options, including ensuring there is some type of activity which could be a transfer between accounts. In the past, MACO has not done on-line transactions for security reasons. There is a viewing option only that is fairly recently available. The Board's preference was to ask about the view/print option to get a copy of the bank statement each month. If this is not workable, then other options will be considered

It was moved by Liz and seconded by Greg that the October financial report be accepted. CARRIED

## 5. Standing Items

**a. Membership** - Marion is no longer participating and had kept track of membership. Larry reviewed the tasks she had taken care of. Jim receives the cheques, Mo prepares receipt and sends letter. Marion had been keeping track of the spreadsheet. Marion also sent reminder letters. Greg offered to take over maintaining the spreadsheet.

It was moved by Mo Tipples and seconded by Jim Neufeld that Greg Hamilton assume the Membership position. CARRIED

The spreadsheet needs to be tracked down. Pat may have a copy or know how to access it.

Gus Wrock, former chair, attended the annual meeting and paid membership dues. It was decided that this would apply for 2016. Membership applies for a calendar year, though payments are received throughout the year.

Discussion re: situation in Gimli and potential for local associations. Jim reviewed his experience recommending options for sewer using new technology that would save governments money, based on work that has been done through the Bill Gates Foundation.

**b. \*Facebook** – nothing to report. Greg noted that the last post is quite old. It may not be a useful tool but will continue to monitor.

**c. \*Website** - no report

**d. \*Education Tax Issue:** *STOP Project* - Nothing is happening currently due to government decision stopping class action. Larry has 40 signs in inventory. Will look at rally in spring, tying in with election.

**e. \*Lake Manitoba** - Larry was not able to attend, but is working to ensure we have representative on Board and cottagers are represented. Lake Manitoba is way down - Greg said it's at 811.9

**f. \*Advertising** - Norma had drafted letter and it was circulated to the Board. Corporations can join for \$300 which includes advertising on website. Norma will be gone until March after this meeting. Norma will circulate the letter again to all Board members and suggestions should be submitted to Norma.

### **g. Business and Action Items Arising From Minutes**

\*Tax Rally – (Larry) – covered above

### **h. New Business**

**AGM** – Board feedback was positive, two new Board members were recruited.

Jim thinks there is potential for further interest in MACO. A lot of people aren't aware it exists. Need fundamental change in education funding and delivery in this province. Larry has not had much response from PCs, may now make contact with Liberal party. Concern with costs of administration, school boards and bureaucracy. There is not good awareness of what is happening with school taxes. Change won't happen until the general public is aware and creates the political will. Jim thinks a good website is part of the answer. Greg suggested aligning with other like-minded organizations and creating media interest in the issue.

**i. Correspondence Received/Responded to:**

**j. Next Meeting Dates are Tuesdays:**

**k. January 19, 2016, February 16, 2016, March 15, 2016. April 19, 2016, May 17, 2016 June 21, 2016 July 19,2016, August 16, 2016, September 20, 2016 October 18, 2016, November 15, 2016**

**l. Adjournment** – It was moved by Jim Nicholson and seconded by Jim Neufeld that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Task	Assigned to:	Deadline
<b>Nov 2015 meeting</b>		
Greg replacing Marion in membership – send spreadsheet to Greg	Pat	
Banking – set up view and print option for monthly statements	Jim N.	
<b>Previous meetings</b>		
Track grant monies and associated expenditures	Jim	ongoing
Cottager magazine –Article due dates first week of October. Submit ideas to Cathie	Cathie	
Send in photos of cottage country for website	all	
corporate membership letter	Norma	asap
Invite Investors to take out corporate membership	Dave	asap
Speakers for tax rally and confirm if it is going ahead	Larry	asap