

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

June 21, 2016

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**Minutes**

**Present:** Dave Crabb, Pat Dunlop, Mo Tipples, Jim Nicholson, Norma Kerr, Gary Dunlop

**Regrets:** Ken Corbett, Jim Neufeld, Greg Hamilton, Ray Poole

**Chair:** Dave Crabb

**Recording Secretary:** Shelley Morris

**1. Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

WCA and Overland and Flooding Insurance to be added under New Business

Correspondence from Best Western Plus

It was moved by Norma and seconded by Pat that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED

**3. Adoption of Minutes of May 17, 2016.**

Noted that guest Val Hammond should be shown as individual MACO member from Hillside Beach Area. Minor word changes also submitted by Jim and will be reflected on corrected copy for the website.

It was moved by Pat and seconded by Mo that the minutes of May 17, 2016 be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

**4. Financial Report –**

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

The only activity was interest, memberships and one MACO AGM registration. \$740 in income, no expenses, total balance now \$9741. There is \$1425 remaining from the grant.

Norma noted that organizations must report on their grant within two years – written narrative on project and outcomes, receipts MCSC grants. It's been a year since we received the grant so should look at how the balance will be used.

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Mo that the MACO financial report for May, 2016 be accepted. CARRIED

Dave, Pat and Jim are now set up to view and print online banking transactions.

**5. Standing Items**

**a. \*Membership** – Pat noted that a renewal has just been received. A couple have not renewed. Wellman Lake has come on board as a member as they wanted their group to have access to

insurance. It was suggested that new members be noted in the minutes. Mo noted that she has 18 sheets for groups that have renewed. Jim provided the ledger book with the list of members. Greg has sent renewals by email with PDF attachments, copied to Jim, Mo and Pat. Jim will assist in reconciling and provide copies of forms to Mo for receipts. Pat mentioned some associations that are outstanding since 2014 and wondered if it has to do with change in Board members at the local association level. Some organizations deal with the membership at their AGMs. Norma noted that for insurance, checks are supposed to be made against the website list. Perhaps we can get a copy of those that are insured from the insurance company.

- a. **\*Facebook** – Liz has been doing a good job taking care of Facebook postings, as reviewed by Dave. Unfortunately, Liz is not able to continue on the Board as she has started taking a course.  
It was moved by Pat and seconded by Norma that Liz Speers continue to be a Facebook editor for MACO. CARRIED  
Dave will contact Liz to advise.

- b. **\*Website** – website stats are interesting. Norma noted the number of people that are looking at the minutes and other pages on the site.

Dave said there was previously a link to other cottage associations – FOCA, WCA, PARCS - and it was suggested that those links should be added.

[MACO@mts.net](mailto:MACO@mts.net) – needs to be set up as an alias with someone who is with MTS. Pat will arrange with her daughter.

Fire ban in effect should be removed from the website home page and update with some current information.

- c. **\*Education Tax Issue:** *STOP Project*  
Meeting was held last night with Whiteshell Cottagers. Regarding contacts with government, a connection should be established with the new Minister of Education, Ian Wishart. Dave suggested that a written request should be made to request a meeting and ascertain government's position. Another potential contact is Heather Stefanson who has presented MACO petitions in the past. Questions should be submitted to Dave.
- d. **\*Lake Manitoba**  
Lake level was at 812.24, getting close to the top of the operating level (812.5) (814 is flood level). Sandbags were removed in May.
- e. **\*Advertising** - Norma requested that a copy of the draft letter be sent to her. Some changes have been suggested and will be incorporated. Norma will pursue using the list of business email addresses. There were 2 interested from the last cottage show – Greg may have these names.

It was noted that the Cottager Magazine has been sold and contact will need to be re-established.

Re: number of cottage owners, the MB Bureau of Statistics may be a source.

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

- a. \*Parks Coalition Update – Mo reported there was a meeting in the last week. A constitution has been drawn up with an opportunity for input from all parties – about 10 groups are involved. Mo asked about the possibility of going through address lists from the past to see which associations are in provincial parks. MACO could not distribute such a list but could disseminate coalition information.

Dave, Pat and Garry met with Ron Smith, who is the leader of the new coalition and new WCA chair. Dave suggested that they have representation at MACO meetings and vice versa to better coordinate efforts. The coalition is specific to Parks and could be the lead on this issue under a broader, unified structure. Any proposals would need to be reviewed by respective Boards.

Areas that could be worked on together is advertising to create awareness about who are typical cottage owners in MB to break the stigmas that exist.

First recommended action is to attend each others' meeting and send out each other's information. There is merit in working together but it is not clear on the structures that are being suggested nor the value of starting something new.

It was moved by Pat and seconded by Norma that the MACO Board is willing to name a representative to attend and report to WCA meetings, and invites WCA to similarly appoint a representative to the MACO Board, in the interests of enhancing the working relationship between the two organizations, to the benefit of Manitobans. CARRIED

- b. \*Strategic Plan

## 7. **New Business**

\*Census – an email was received today which will be sent to Dave as he responded to the earlier request. It would be preferable for cottage related questions to be included on the primary census. Forms were hand delivered to cottages before the May long weekend which would garner little response and was a waste of resources.

Overland Insurance – Pat spoke to her experience with looking at this insurance, its cost and inadequacy. There seems to be very limited benefits of the coverage.

## 8. **Correspondence Received/Responded to:**

Pat reported on call from Best Western Plus inviting MACO to hold its meetings there (330 York). Rental is free with guarantee of 8 meals. Preference is to stay in current location and Pat will advise accordingly.

## 9. **Next Meeting Dates are Tuesdays:**

10. **July 19, 2016, August 16, 2016, September 20, 2016 October 18, 2016, November 15, 2016**

**11. Adjournment** – It was moved by Pat and seconded by Jim that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m. **CARRIED**

# MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.

## 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF May 31, 2016

### ASSETS

Chequing account balance as of Apr 30, 2016		\$2,981.51
Savings account balance as of Apr 30, 2016		\$6,019.24
	Total	<u>\$9,000.75</u>

### Income

Interest (savings) – May 2016	\$1.78
Credit Interest (chequing) – May 31 2016	\$0.00
MACO 2015 AGM - registration - 1	\$25.00
Membership (individual) – 1	\$25.00
Membership (C.O.A.) from 2015 - 2	\$283.00
Membership (C.O.A.) from 2016 - 5	\$406.00
Total	<u>\$740.78</u>

### LIABILITIES

Copying	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00
Total	<u>\$0.00</u>

### Summary

Total Balance forward	<u>\$9,000.75</u>
Total income for the period	\$740.78
Total debit for the period	\$0.00
Total balances as of May 31, 2016	<u>\$9,741.53</u>
Chequing account balance of May 31, 2016	\$3,720.51
STOP project (included in chequing account = \$305)	
MB Community Services Council- remaining (included in cheq acc't = \$1425)	
Savings account balance of May 31, 2016	\$6,021.02