

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

November 22, 2016

Minutes

Present: Dave Crabb, Pat Dunlop, Mo Tipples, Val Hammond, Jim Nicholson, Gus Wruck, Ray Poole (by Skype/audio conference)

Regrets: Ken Corbett

Chair: Dave Crabb

Secretary: Shelley Morris

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Welcome was extended to new Board members Val and Gus.

2. Adoption of Agenda November 22, 2016.

Added communication from Bill, email re: nuclear decommissioning.

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

3. Financial Report –

a. *Approval of Financial Reports.

Jim reported on Sept financial report – income of \$56, expenses \$438 for balance of \$10,795. For Oct, the only activity was savings interest, so no change in balance at \$10,795.

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Gus that the financial reports for Sept and Oct 2016 be accepted. CARRIED

b. *Receipts from members for purchases.

c. *Banking

d. *Update on Grant.

4. Minutes September 20, 2016

It was moved by Pat and seconded by Val that the minutes of the Sept 20, 2016 MACO Board meeting be approved. **CARRIED**

5. Standing Items

a. *Membership

Pat reported on a new membership – Bird River- that will go into 2017 revenues.

Val has agreed to look after memberships replacing Greg. Mo noted that she had been missing information in order to issue receipts. Jim has provided Mo with a list for the last 12 to 18 months and suggested she check against her receipt book and if she doesn't have the corresponding membership applications, Jim will see if he has copies. Up until about June, Mo was receiving a copy of membership app and cheque from Greg to issue receipts

but there may have been a problem with her email after that. Val is amenable to taking over responsibilities for issuing receipts from Mo. Mo will bring things up to date before turning over to Val.

- b. ***Facebook** – Dave put a couple of things on for the AGM. He reminded the Board to send any interesting items or news to him for posting on Facebook with goal of posting something new every week. Pat mentioned there are some cottage associations that have Facebook pages but not websites – there may be opportunity to link through “liking” their pages. Dave will add Gus for posting on Facebook.
- c. ***Website** – statistics were sent out by Pat. AGM minutes will be posted.
- d. ***Education Tax Issue:** *STOP Project*
- e. ***Lake Manitoba** - Pat reported that the level is high, coming in at Waterhen twice the normal. Concerns have been expressed to the Minister about the potential for flooding. Greg was wondering if MACO could also send a letter to the Province. The Throne Speech yesterday indicated measures would be taken and the Minister wrote to Greg to this effect. Dave suggested he could send a letter to Blaine Pederson asking for the current administration’s plan to protect against another 2011 situation, which could be shared with the membership on Facebook and our website.
- f. ***Advertising** - nothing new

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

*Strategic Plan – Pat sent the last version of the strategic plan to the Board. Discussion ensued re: the existing Plan and whether it is too broad for the volunteer resources that are available. It was suggested perhaps holding a Board meeting every second month with a committee meeting in the alternate months to work on specific projects. Possibly there are cottage owners that could be interested in working on specific projects without committing to serving on the Board.

Gus noted that we have an opportunity with the connection with the Minister and that needs to be capitalized on.

It was suggested that each Board member review the plan and identify what they see as their top 3 priorities and what they personally are interested/able to work on.

Val mentioned the value of connecting with the membership to ensure they support identified priorities.

Dave asked about how to fill gaps that will inevitably exist with the resources that we have available.

- a. ***Finalizing grant** – Pat reviewed the grant – the conference phone is \$672 and there are funds remaining to cover it. MLC is recognized on the website. Another option is using funds for a projector, brochures, office supplies. We were granted \$3000 in exchange for working bingos. Other than website development, expenses against the grant have not been incurred. A report will need to be filed. The grant was received in May/June 2015. Dave will confirm some pricing. Val suggested that MACO promote the ability to participate by phone as a way to attract additional people.

7. New Business

- a.** * Review of AGM – it was agreed that it was a great meeting. No suggestions for change were made. Some people were interested but couldn't attend. Information could be posted under the heading "here's what you missed". The cost from CanadInns was just over \$600 as a certain number of meals had to be guaranteed, which is much more reasonable than previous locales. CanadInns has also treated MACO very well at monthly meetings. Dave will try to put together an article based on the Minister's notes that can be posted.
- b.** *Cottage Show (March 24, 25 & 26) – dates circulated. Agreed it is worth participating in / volunteers needed to man the booth. Decisions need to be made re: display and handouts. (Zebra mussel display could be used again as it has attracted attention at previous shows.) Set up at 4:00 Fri, all day Sat, Sun until noon. Individual from Frontier School Division was interested in MACO from a previous show – might be someone that could be invited to speak at an upcoming Board meeting.

8. Correspondence

- Volunteer MB – Community Contact info – approved what was on file previously
- MB Shoreline Permit program – developing regulation for lake front access on Winnipeg River
- Request from Bill re: request for addresses to promote a new business to cottage owners – we only have this information for Executives and can't release. Possibly a small ad could be put on our website in recognition of the work he has done for MACO.
- Meeting re: Whiteshell Nuclear Reactor – Dave was contacted by an individual concerned about meetings on this subject only being held in rural areas at a time when cottagers are not typically there. Gus said this group has taken over from AECL for decommissioning. In the process, they have been very good about making RMs aware of what they are doing. It was suggested that the information she has provided be posted on MACO's Facebook page.
- Driftwood, on east side of Lake Winnipeg, tried to form association previously. Pat was contacted and provided information on forming an association to assist them with another attempt.

9. Next Meeting Dates are Tuesdays:

- 10. Adjournment** – It was moved by Gus and seconded by Jim that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.