

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

June 20, 2017

MINUTES

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

Regrets: Mo Tipples, Ken Corbett

Chair: Dave Crabb

Secretary: Shelley Morris

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Pat and seconded by Ray that the agenda be approved. CARRIED

3. Financial Report –

a. *Approval of Financial Reports.

Jim Nicholson reported on the financial statements. The only transaction was interest. Cheques from last meeting will be in the June statement. The closing balance is \$10,640. Val asked about the balance in the chequing account. Jim said that it had previously been higher and traditionally, more cheques are written in the summer. Likely \$2000 and \$2500 will be expended between now and September.

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Val that the financial report to May 31, 2017 be accepted. CARRIED

b. *Receipts from members for purchases.

Receipts from members carried out prior to the meeting

c. *Banking

Signatures on the bank account were last Dave, Jim and Norma Kerr. It was suggested that Val could be an additional signature as it would be good to have a third signature. Under the bylaws, the President, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President are authorized signatures.

It was moved by Pat and seconded by Ray that the Board appoint Val Hammond as Acting Vice-President. CARRIED

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Pat that Val Hammond be added as a signature on the MACO bank account in her capacity as Vice-President and that Norma Kerr be removed as a signature on the MACO bank account CARRIED

- d. *Update on Grant.

Pat has looked into some of the phones and pricing is better through Staples than Best Buy. An order would need to be placed online as they are not stocked in stores. Prices range from \$500 to \$900. The higher priced one may better meet our needs. Jim suggested Memory Express as an option. Val offered that her son could assist. The goal will be to complete by the next meeting. Jim to check on the rental invoice as to the model that was rented.

4. Minutes

Jim put forward a couple of amendments related to the discussion on strategic planning.

It was moved by Pat and seconded by Jim that the minutes of the May 2017 meeting be approved as amended. CARRIED

5. Standing Items

- a. ***Membership** – Val reported that there were 4 renewals that have been passed to Jim.
- b. ***Facebook** – Dave asked for comments/suggestions. Dave emailed the link for boat cleaning with the intent to add it to Facebook to get the message out. Dave welcomed additional editors for the Facebook site. Articles and links can be quickly posted. Pat suggested information on Lyme disease be posted.
- c. ***Website** – Pat asked Bill for requirements to add PayPal to the website and he is working on that. Pat will follow up. Dave asked about adding the links for the cleaning places. Jim will send the info he has collected on woodticks.
- d. ***Education Tax Issue:** *STOP Project* -
Val said that she would be prepared to draft a letter reinforcing this is still an issue in MB that is important to MACO. Jim offered to review and provide his input. A recent article refers to a plan for province wide consultation on the issue and we could offer to participate.
- e. ***Lake Manitoba** - Dave and Pat are planning to go to meeting tomorrow night of Lake MB stakeholders. There is a meeting on June 29 and July 5/6 to address outstanding issues. Lake is 813.6 and flood level is 814' and it has been like that all summer. The diversion has been closed for a couple of weeks.
- f. ***Advertising** - agreed to hold off until after the strategic planning session.

6. Business and Action Items Arising From Minutes

- a. Strategic Plan – Shelley away July 18, will canvass the Board on the possibility of doing it on July 20. Shelley suggested reviewing the past strategic plan and perhaps addressing what will be the priorities for the coming year.
- b. Finalizing grant – covered previously
- c. Pay Pal – covered previously

7. New Business

- a. Val asked about need for monthly Board meetings and it was agreed to address during strategic planning.

8. Correspondence

a. Investor's Group – email received from Investors' Group re: interest in cottage succession planning/taxation seminars, which has been successful in the Whiteshell with 150 in attendance and another seminar planned. Our email list covers the executives of the cottage associations only. The topic has been covered at a previous AGM and the speaker's presentation is on the website with links to information. Gus suggested it was part of our mandate to get information out to the membership. It would be up to the members to decide if they want to take part in the seminar. It's good for members to know about it but questionable how much MACO should do without advertisement or sponsorship support on a solicitation request. It was agreed to send to the cottage association members as an fyi without an endorsement, as well as links to the information we already have on our website.

b. Recycle Everywhere

On request, information has been sent out to the membership to contact Recycle MB directly for bags/bins. There will be an event on July 15th with the Minister to promote bags/bins and MACO will be invited.

Ray noted his annual meeting is taking place and asked if there were anything that should be raised. Boat cleaning and issues with invasive species should be emphasized. On insurance, the understanding is that policies would cost at least 1/3 more if not covered by the MACO umbrella.

9. Next Meeting Dates are Tuesdays: July 20 (TBC, July 18 cancelled), August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21.

10. Adjournment – It was moved by Pat and seconded by Val that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.