

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

November 21, 2017

AGENDA

Present: Dave Crabb, Val Hammond, Jim Nicholson, Gus Wruck

Regrets: Ray Poole, Ken Corbett, Brian Smiley

Chair: Dave Crabb

Secretary: Shelley Morris

1. **Call to Order – 6:55 p.m.**
2. **Adoption of Agenda** – June agenda followed in absence of a meeting agenda.
3. **Financial Report** –
 - a. *Approval of Financial Reports.
 - b. *Receipts from members for purchases.
 - c. *Banking
 - d. *Update on Grant.

Sept/Oct reports circulated and reviewed by Jim. Balance on account at end of Oct is \$11,520.

Jim moved and Val seconded to approve the financial reports to end of October 2017. CARRIED

Banking – Val is signed on and we have 3 signatures on the account.

4. Minutes

There were some people in attendance at the AGM who may be prepared to assist MACO– Brian Smiley, Kim Krahn and Brennan Childs.

Phone meeting to be held on December 7 to address minutes from the annual meeting.

Noted that October 17 to be date of resignation for Pat Dunlop and Mo Tipples and addition of Brian Smiley to the Board.

Minutes from September meeting – Dave to circulate to the Board.

Gus moved to table the approval of the September 2017 minutes until they have been circulated to the Board.

5. Standing Items

- a. ***Membership** - No new memberships since AGM. One association paid for 2 years' dues. Jim noted the COAs that paid in Sept/Oct. Suggested that a reminder be sent regarding payment of membership dues. There may be a template that could be used. Dave noted that there is an error on the membership application form on the website. Only the association

application appears on the website and not the individual application. (Dave to address)

- b. ***Facebook** – nothing new to report, other than AGM reminder was posted.
- c. ***Education Tax Issue:** Val drafted letter that was sent to Jim for review.
- d. ***Lake Manitoba** - Letter from RM of Grahamdale re: Option D for final design of Lake MB outlet. This was addressed at the August MACO Board meeting with a motion of support passed. Dave to provide response based on the earlier motion.
- e. ***Advertising** - nothing new to report

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

a. **Strategic Plan**

Gus moved and Val seconded that the 2018 meeting dates be Feb 20, May 15, Aug 21 and Nov 20.

CARRIED

The Feb meeting will allow for prep for March cottage show and the Aug meeting would focus on AGM planning which will take place Oct 16.

b. **Finalizing grant** – review of options for telephone equipment purchase with Polycom being the preferred option. Dave to price and order, equipment can be stored at the hotel. Letter would need to be written to advise on use of the funds. There is \$1425 remaining.

c. **Pay Pal** – Once MACO has the Paypal account, Bill can set up the link. Treasurer to set up account.

7. **New Business**

- a. **Pat's Duties** – Gus' view is that Pat was instrumental in keeping the MACO Board organized. Pat served as the unofficial chief administrative officer and did a very good job. Question re: the distribution of Pat's duties.

maco@mts.net email address on the website – arrangements should be made to forward to a MACO representative. Dave to check with Pat re: how it works. Currently paying \$419 annually for website hosting and maintenance (set number of hours)

Shelley will be responsible for drafting the agendas and circulating to the Board a week in advance, with the suggestion that the strategic plan be the foundation for the agenda.

Val will get in touch with George and Brian re: dates of Board meetings as well as some of the other AGM registrants to ascertain their interest. Suggested to send strategic plan to prospects so that they are aware of upcoming priorities and asked if they are interested in volunteering in certain areas.

Question re: website maintenance - Shelley can send minutes to Bill as well as meeting schedule. Membership may also need to be updated – Val has been submitting updates.

Val has second key to mailbox.

Gus offered to take his AGM presentation to other COAs should it be of interest.

8. Correspondence

- a. **Annual Return** to be filed specifying Directors and Officers. Dave to be added as a Director. Officers are Dave, Val & Jim. Jim will submit.
- b. **Insurance** – Dave has had a number of discussions with Plezia. They have membership based insurance plans with police, firefighters, Whiteshell and Grand Beach. They are interested in also working with MACO. There is a monetary advantage to joining MACO if they can save a percentage on personal insurance. The ownership group at Morris that we currently deal with are also potentially interested in meeting to discuss. 10% would be the start point for a discount but with higher participation, it could increase, in some cases to 20%. Dave asked if anyone had any issues with discussions continuing. None was raised.
- c. **Storage** – Dave has archives and signs, but there is additional boxes that Pat has dropped off. Val has some materials for the cottage show and has also organized the tax materials into one binder. Jim has corporate filings and financial statements. Val questioned if we should be renting storage space. There is likely a maximum of 10 boxes. Iron Mountain may be an option – Val will investigate
- d. **211** – Volunteer Hotline – Pat had us signed up – it's been renewed and updated. Dave will circulate info to the Board.
- e. **Grahamdale/Lake Manitoba** – contacted MACO re: issue with fishermen setting up in front of houses. They would like support to talk to government re: restricting fisherman access in cottage areas. There is also a problem with abandoned nets sunken in lake that are too heavy to be retrieved by provincial boats. Board's view is that it is not possible for MACO to become involved as we do not have the resources. Further, it is an issue for the provincial or federal government depending which has jurisdiction.

9. **Next Meeting Dates are Tuesdays: February 20, May 15, August 21, October 16 (AGM), November 20.**

10. **Adjournment** – 8:45 p.m.