

January 21, 2014

Minutes

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MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.

Present: Dave Crabb, Jim Nicholson, Norma Kerr, Cathie Zafas (skype), Tom Thorsteinson (skype), Mo Tipples.

Regrets: Marian Jones, Jim Neufeld. Pat Dunlop, Larry Baker, Ken Corbett, Ray Poole.

1. Call to Order

Dave Crabb called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda was approved. (Norma Kerr/Jim Nicholson)

3. Adoption of Minutes

*Motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2013 as circulated. Correction to name of Jim Nicholson. (Mo Tipples/Norma Kerr) Motion approved.

*Final look at the October, 2013 AGM Minutes – table for next meeting.

4. Financial Report

*Motion to approve the Financial Reports of November 30, 2013 and December 31, 2013. (Jim Nicholson/Mo Tipples) (Approved)

*Corporation Report for MACO has been completed and will be mailed. **(Action: Jim Nicholson)**

*Tax Returns to be completed shortly. **(Action: Jim Nicholson)**

*Invoice to Cottage Country to be sent in a PDF format **(Action: Jim Nicholson)**

5. Standing Items

- *Membership:*

*Membership form to be put on website with Association and Individual membership forms to be shown separately.

*Motion to change the individual membership fee to \$25.00 (Norma/Cathie) (Motion approved)

*Mo has drafted a letter to promote membership – to be sent to all cottage associations. Draft has been sent to Marian for approval. **(Action: Marian Jones)**

*Cathie has sent an article on education taxes to the Cottager Magazine. The issue will be out for the Cottage Show in March. The next issue will be the May/June Issue – deadline will be early April. **(Action: ?)**

- *Facebook:*

*Still at 31 “likes.” Emails have to be sent to request that organizations “friend” MACO facebook. Jim to mail Norma the names of the organizations that belong to “Let’s Pay Fair.” **(Action: Jim Nicholson)**

*Norma will locate and e-mail other organizations such as Manitoba Education Finance Coalition. (get list from Lorne Weiss) **(Action: Norma Kerr)**

- *Website-* MACO Brochure to be put on website if it is not already there. **(Action: Norma Kerr)**

- *Education Tax Issue:*

*Dave has contacted D’Arcy & Deacon, LLP and advised we would like to go ahead with our request for an opinion on the Education Tax Issue. Dave has received a reply and will e-mail it to all Board Members. **(Action: Dave Crabb)**

*Suggestions by Cathie and Dave that Lorne Weiss be contacted to see how the letter can be used to get other organizations on board. **(Action: Dave Crabb)**

*Mo has sent a letter to Gord McIntosh regarding the education tax issue in parks and has had confirmation it has been received. Waiting for a reply **(Mo Tipples)**

*Jim Nicholson advised of an article in the Winnipeg Sun by Tom Broadbent – 10 per cent decrease in number of students from 1999 – 2010 and 10% increase in financial support for students.

- *Lake Manitoba-* On hold until next meeting

- *Advertising.*

*Discussion on advertising in “The Cottager.” Decided that the article being sent is a form of advertising. Look at costs at the next meeting. **(Action: Norma Kerr/Pat Dunlop)**

6 Business and Action Items Arising from the Minutes

- *Provincial Land Use Planning Survey*-in progress (**Pat Dunlop**)
- *Tax Rally* – carry forward
- *Skype*: Skype worked well with two members. Suggestions are that we have a dedicated computer, or more than one computer in order to skype with members and have more than one board member skyping at one time. Omni-directional microphone??
- *Cottage Show*:
 - *Dates for the Cottage Show are **March 7, 8, and 9, 2014**. **Dave asked that members try and reserve some of their time for that week-end for the Cottage Show.**
 - *Booth to be obtained. (**Action: Dave Crabb**)
 - *Banner to be updated and re-done. Dave will check estimates. Some suggestions are: Galaxie Printing on St. Annes Road, FAST Signs on Pembina Highway. (**Action: Dave Crabb**)
 - *A significant type of sign to be made related to education taxes.
 - *Next Meeting – a sign related to education taxes to be designed, we need ideas, slogans, etc. and a list of Cottage Show needs, activities, volunteer schedule etc. to be drawn up.
 - *Cathie inquired about selling signs at the Booth.

7. New Business:

8. Correspondence Received/Responded to:

*R.M. of Lac du Bonnet has added a link to their website to our article on purchasing a cottage.

9. Next Meeting Dates:

*Next meeting dates are: February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16.

10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm (Mo Tipples/Norma Kerr)

**2013 FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF Nov 30, 2013**

ASSETS

Chequing account balance as of Oct 31, 2013	\$5,792.79
Savings account balance as of Oct 31, 2013	\$1,004.57
Total	<u>\$6,797.36</u>

Income

Interest (savings) – Nov 2013	\$0.21
Credit Interest (chequing) – Nov 30 2013	\$0.07
Total	\$0.28

LIABILITIES

Copying	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00

Summary

Total Balance forward	<u>\$6,797.36</u>
Total income for the period	\$0.28
Total debit for the period	\$0.00
Total balances as of Nov 30, 2013	<u>\$6,797.64</u>
Chequing account balance of Nov 30, 2013	\$5,792.86
STOP project (included in chequing account = \$300)	
Savings account balance of Nov 30, 2013	\$1,004.78

**2013 FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF Dec 31, 2013**

ASSETS

Chequing account balance as of Nov 30, 2013	\$5,792.86
Savings account balance as of Nov 30, 2013	\$1,004.78
Total	<u>\$6,797.64</u>

Income

Interest (savings) – Dec 2013	\$0.21
Credit Interest (chequing) – Dec 31 2013	\$0.07
Total	\$0.28

LIABILITIES

Copying	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00

Summary

Total Balance forward	<u>\$6,797.64</u>
Total income for the period	\$0.28
Total debit for the period	\$0.00
Total balances as of Dec 31, 2013	<u>\$6,797.92</u>
Chequing account balance of Dec 31, 2013	\$5,792.93
STOP project (included in chequing account = \$300)	
Savings account balance of Dec 31, 2013	\$1,004.99