

July 15, 2014

Minutes

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MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.

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**Present:** Dave Crabb, Pat Dunlop, Norma Kerr; Jim Nicholson; Larry Baker, Mo Tipples, Ray Poole (by skype) , Ken Corbett (by skype).

**Regrets:** Tom Thorsteinson, Cathie Zarfes. Marian Jones.

1. **Call to Order**

Dave Crabb called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

1. **Adoption of Agenda**

Agenda was approved as amended. (Pat/Norma)

2. **Adoption of Minutes**

\*Motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2014. Approved. (Norma/Marian)

3. **Financial Report**

\*Motion to approve the Financial Report of June, 2014. Approved. (Jim/Mo)

\*Jim has completed and sent income tax return for MACO.

\*Grant Application: Copies of grant application were handed out and discussed. Requested items were confirmed by Board.

4. **Standing Items**

- **Membership:**

**Cottager Magazine** – Cathie forwarding an article as soon as she has the AGM information.

**Facebook:** - Agreement by Board that nothing should be posted on the MACO Facebook page without the permission of MACO.

- **Website-** Pat explained the upcoming and increased costs for the MACO website and why it is necessary to have the website re-done. Old software is slowing

things down for the Web Master.

Pat required all the original files for the website in order to be able to update them. She has now obtained them from Gus and will begin updating. **(Action: Pat)**

- Jim will look at the Shoreline Protection Issue **(Action: Jim Nicholson)**  
Lake Winnipeg Research – The Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium advises that everything must be vetted through the Consortium. Therefore, Mo has agreed to be responsible for anything that goes on the website. **(Action: Mo Tipples)**
- Agreement to advertise the “Fall Home and Design Expo” on the MACO website from now until it’s over and then advertise the Cottage Show for 6 months. Six months for each show.
- no discussion on how often the website should be reviewed and updated.
- **Education Tax Issue: STOP Project:**
  - \* Dave is still waiting to hear from Lorne Weiss. **(Action: Dave)**
  - \* CBC I-Team: Some research into the I-Team to be done. Put on next agenda. **(Action: Cathie/Tom)**
- Board agreed that if Dave has not heard from Lorne Weiss by **August 10<sup>th</sup>**, regarding collaboration with the STOP Project, the individual members of Let’s Pay Fair will be contacted. **(Action: Dave)** Larry has a list of the 42 organizations and will e-mail this to Norma. **(Action: Larry)**
- **Lake Manitoba-** Larry attended the mult-organizational meeting on flood mitigation organized by the Lake Manitoba Flood Rehabilitation Committee. Approximately 200 people attended. There were 20 speakers. Large number of media people. Thirteen politicians invited – only one attended. Every person at the meeting agreed that a channel should be built now.

Motion by Larry and seconded by Pat that the following resolution be passed by the MACO Board and sent to the government.  
Motion Carried.

**WHERE AS** recent heavy rains in western Canada and the operation of the Portage Diversion have raised the level of Lake Manitoba well above the desired operating range, all surrounding municipalities are suffering from serious overland flooding that requires prompt action to prevent harm or damage to the safety, health or welfare of persons located within the region and to prevent damage to property in these areas;

**WHERE AS** the viability of farms, ranches and businesses surrounding Lake Manitoba has been severely affected by the flood of 2011 and the current flooding in 2014;

**WHERE AS** the Government of Manitoba has maintained the level of Lake Manitoba near or at the upper end of the desired operating range since 2006, this action continues to negatively impact farms, ranches, businesses and property owners;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Lake Manitoba Flood Rehabilitation Committee and all municipalities surrounding Lake Manitoba strongly urge the Government of Manitoba to construct an adequate Emergency Channel from Lake Manitoba immediately.

- **Advertising.** – Re: letters on corporate membership. Letters ready to go. MACO Board will collect business addresses. Anti-spam legislation to be considered.

## 6 Business and Action Items Arising from the Minutes

- **Tax Rally** – *Dave had requested that a tax rally be held under the banner of the Canadian Tax Federation in conjunction with MACO and Colin is going to get back to Dave. Otherwise, Larry would organize a rally. This would be in the fall of 2014. Still waiting for CTF Board to approve. Dave will keep in touch. (Action: Dave)*
- Motion to hold a flood rally at the legislative buildings, organized by Larry, if so required. (Larry/Norma) Motion passed.
- **Cottage Show/Fall Home and Design Expo: Dates: for Fall Show are October 24, 25 and 26, 2014.**
- **MACO on Escalating fees in Provincial Parks.** – Although individual parks expect support from MACO on escalating fees, it is impossible for MACO to understand the particular fee issues of each park. MACO will prepare a policy paper on the issue of accountability in parks. Dave is still working on this. **(Action: Dave)**

\* - **New Manitoba Drainage Guidelines for Wetlands.** New policy was announced last week. There should be a link on our website. **(Action: Pat)**

## 7. New Business:

- \* **AGM: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014. 5:30 PM REGISTRATION AND DINNER 6:15 PM SPEAKER, 7:30 PM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. PLACE: CANADINNS, 2100 MCPHILLIPS STREET, WPG., MB. PRIVATE DINING ROOM #4.**
  - \* Discussion on speaker for AGM. Topic: An education session on historical issues in education in Manitoba including evolution of school boards, power of school boards, voting issues, salaries, education taxes, other provinces, etc. Suggestions: Tom Broadbent, Winnipeg Sun /Peter Holly, Frontier Centre for Public Policy/Recommendations from University of New Brunswick/Nick Martin, Winnipeg Free Press. Motion to invite Nick Martin (Pat/Norma). Motion carried. Larry will call Nick Martin. **(Action: Larry Baker)**
  - \* **Road Restriction on Water Delivery** – Dave – move to August Agenda.
  - \***Lake Winnipeg Regulation Review** – Information provided by Tom Thorsteinson should be put on our website. **(Action: Pat)**
  - \***Cottage Association Websites** – Webmaster has advised that to prepare a one-page website for a Cottage Association would be \$100.00 plus yearly cost to maintain. Board agreed that this would be workable if the Cottage Associations were billed separately by the Webmaster. Cottage Associations who already have a website could have their web addresses added at no cost. Norma will contact the Webmaster to see if this is feasible. **(Action: Norma)**
- 8. Correspondence Received/Responded to:**
- 9. Next Meeting Dates:** \*Next meeting dates are: August 19, September 16, 2014, AGM October 21, 2014.
- 10. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm. (Pat/Mo)

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2014 FINANCIAL REPORT  
AS OF June 30, 2014

**ASSETS**

Chequing account balance as of May 31, 2014		\$6,106.14
Savings account balance as of May 31, 2014		\$1,006.02
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$7,112.16</u></b>

**Income**

Interest (savings) – June 2014	\$0.21
Credit Interest (chequing) – June 30 2014	\$0.17
Membership (individual) -1	\$25.00
Membership (C.O.A.) - 20	\$1,395.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,420.38</b>

**LIABILITIES**

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

**Summary**

Total Balance forward	<b><u>\$7,112.16</u></b>
Total income for the period	<b>\$1,420.38</b>
Total debit for the period	<b>\$0.00</b>
Total balances as of June 30, 2014	<b><u>\$8,532.54</u></b>
Chequing account balance of June 30, 2014	<b>\$7,526.31</b>
STOP project (included in chequing account = \$305)	
Savings account balance of June 30, 2014	<b>\$1,006.23</b>