

August 19, 2014

Minutes

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MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.

Present: Dave Crabb, Pat Dunlop, Norma Kerr; Jim Nicholson; Larry Baker, Ray Poole (by skype)
Ken Corbett (by skype). Tom Thorsteinson, Cathie Zarfes.

Regrets: Marian Jones, Mo Tipples.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda was approved as amended. (Tom/Pat)

3. Adoption of Minutes

*Motion to approve the minutes of July15, 2014. Approved. (Norma/Cathie)

4. Financial Report

*Motion to approve the Financial Report of July, 2014. Approved. (Jim/Cathie)

*Grant Application: Completed and signed. Ready for mailing. Norma to add grant application to the MEGA shared files website. **(Action: Norma)**

*Cheque for renewal of P.O. Box to be mailed a.s.a.p.

*Motion by Pat Dunlop, seconded by Norma – that MACO reinstate the annual donation of \$200.00 to the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium. Motion passed

*Pat to write a letter to the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium to enable the treasurer to send a \$200.00 donation to the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium. Pat will also contact them to see if we have a paid up membership as our name is on their membership list on their website. **(Action: Pat)**

5. Standing Items

- **Membership:**

Cottager Magazine – Article has been sent by Cathie for the September/14

issue. Re: Cottager Magazine advertising. Norma to call the magazine to clarify cost and length of ads. **(Action: Norma)**

Facebook: - 44 likes. AGM notice was posted – reached 11 people.

- **Website and Website Updates:** Updating of website still in progress **(Action: Pat)**
- Jim will look at the Shoreline Protection Issue **(Action: Jim Nicholson)**
- Something to be put on the website that requests people to advise MACO if there is broken links. **(Action: Pat)**
- Pat will speak to Bill and ask for suggestions as to why the website links are not leading to where they should be leading. **(Action: Pat)**
- Lake Winnipeg Research – Mo will ask the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium to update their website article and also the information on the Lake Winnipeg Regulation. **(Action: Mo)**

- **Education Tax Issue: STOP Project:**
 - * No word from Lorne Weiss. MACO will try other avenues to contact “Let’s Pay Fair.” Dave will contact Doug Chorney and ask when the next meeting is and if MACO can get on the agenda. Dave will contact Doug Chorney, and if Dave Chorney hasn’t contacted the MACO Board by August 26th with a result, then Larry will call the communications director at “Let’s Pay Fair” again. (or contact Peter Squire.) **(Action: Dave Crabb and Larry Baker)**
- Larry advised that the Opposition is reading our petitions in the Legislature.
- CBC I-Team: Some research into the I-Team to be done. Keep on the agenda.

- **Lake Manitoba-** Rally at Legislature today. Approximately 100 people attended. Three speakers including Brian Pallister. Not much media there. No representation from the NDP.

- **Advertising.** – Re: letters on corporate membership. Letters ready to go but should be re-vamped at some time in the future and focused on community support.

6. Business and Action Items Arising from the Minutes

- **Tax Rally** – Larry will find out when the Legislature is sitting. **(Action: Larry)**
- **Cottage Show/Fall Home and Design Expo: Dates: for Fall Show are October 24, 25 and 26, 2014.** The Ad is on our website.
- **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)**
 Note: Winnipeg Free Press article on Clear Lake sets a precedent for taxation without representation. Larry will make inquiries as to who their lawyer is. **(Action: Larry)**

- **AGM:** Larry has confirmed with speaker, but it must be approved by the Winnipeg Free Press City Editor. Larry to advise the Board when arrangements are confirmed. **(Action: Larry)**

Registration cost for the AGM will be \$25.00, including buffet dinner. Cost, Speaker, and registration information to go on website, a.s.a.p.

The following elections should take place at the AGM:
 President, Secretary, four directors (Marian Jones, Ray Poole, Ken Corbett and Pat Dunlop.)

7. New Business:

- * **Road Restriction on Water Delivery** – Dave – move to September Agenda.
- * **Clean Environment Commission:** Tom to re-send article to Pat and Pat will have it put on the website. **(Action: Tom and Pat)**
- * Discussion on quotes for video conferencing for Board Meetings provided by Tom. Further discussion to take place if MACO receives grant funding.

8. Correspondence Received/Responded to:

Dave received a call from Loni Beach. Cathie to call Dave Philp. **(Action: Cathie)**

9. Next Meeting Dates: *Next meeting dates are: September 16, 2014, and AGM October 21, 2014.

10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. (Larry/Pat)

Financial Statement for July, 2014 on next page.

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2014 FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF July 31, 2014

ASSETS

Chequing account balance as of June 30, 2014		\$7,526.31
Savings account balance as of June 30, 2014		\$1,006.23
	Total	<u>\$8,532.54</u>

Income

Interest (savings) – July 2014	\$0.21
Credit Interest (chequing) – July 31 2014	\$0.21
Membership (individual) -0	\$0.00
Membership (C.O.A.) - 7	\$786.00
Total	\$786.42

LIABILITIES

Copying	\$0.00
Postage	\$13.23
Supplies	\$0.00
MACO Banners (two, 2' X 8' size, for show advertising)	\$192.10
Canadian Taxpayers Federation (MACO's 2014 membership)	\$255.00
Total	\$460.33

Summary

Total Balance forward	<u>\$8,532.54</u>
Total income for the period	\$786.42
Total debit for the period	\$460.33
Total balances as of July 31, 2014	<u>\$8,858.63</u>
Chequing account balance of July 31, 2014	\$7,852.19
STOP project (included in chequing account = \$305)	
Savings account balance of July 31, 2014	\$1,006.44