

May 21, 2013

Minutes

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MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.

Present: Dave Crabb, Mo Tipples, Jim Nicholson, Larry Baker, Lorne Britton, Rilla Britton, Pat Dunlop

Regrets: Marian Jones, Ray Poole, Ken Corbett, Jim Neufeld, Norma Kerr

Guest: Andrew Marshall, Representative of D'Arcy & Deacon LLP, 2200-One Lombard Place, Winnipeg, MB

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1. Call to Order

Dave Crabb called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

It was noted that item three on the agenda was included in error. It was intended to be on the June meeting agenda.

Motion by Lorne Britton/Pat Dunlop that the agenda be adopted as amended. Carried

3. Adoption of Minutes

Rilla pointed out that New Business had an error. It had been decided to invite Mark Hanson and Charles Wong to the June meeting.

Motion by Lorne Britton/Mo Tipples that the minutes be adopted as corrected and circulated. Carried

4. Financial Report

Jim noted that he had not seen a cheque from Cottage Country and will contact Norma on the matter.

Motion by Jim Nicholson/Lorne Britton that the April Financial Report be adopted as circulated. Carried

5. Standing Items

- *Facebook*- Norma is working on getting someone to give the Board a presentation about facebook.
- *Website*- Shoreline Erosion Category and articles- Jim Nicholson has now provided the information to Pat Dunlop for posting on the website.
- *Education Tax Issue*: (a) STOP Project- Jim Nicholson provided the Board with a handout of pertinent websites. Dave has info on Google doc's and will send to

those present. Further discussion was held on various types of controls for a site as well as the need to create a search tool list of phrases that will help us to find information on education taxes. (Continued after agenda item #6)

6. Guest Presentation- Andrew Marshall

Mr. Marshall spoke to the Board on the Lake Manitoba Class Action and provided those present with a handout for reference. We have extras for those Board Members not in attendance. Mr. Marshall asks only that we help to make members aware of the class action and who they can contact if they are interested or if they have questions. Persons should contact Andrew Marshall at 204-318-2232.

5. Standing Items Continued

- *Education Tax Continued*

(a) *STOP Project* discussion continued. Based on questions Larry Baker asked Mr. Marshall, the Board discussed how to proceed. Jim Nicholson summarized the issue into three main points which he will email to the Board to facilitate further discussion at the next meeting. **(Action: Jim Nicholson)**

(b) *Plan Tax Rally for Fall*- Since we cannot confirm dates for the fall sitting of the Legislature, no further plans were discussed. Larry Baker indicated he needs a month of lead time for planning.

- *Lake Manitoba*-Larry Baker. Larry reported that he and Pat Dunlop, representing MACO, as well as numerous other farmers and cottagers attended the rally at the Portage Diversion.
- *Advertising*-tabled

7. Business and Action Items

- Shellmouth Dam- Larry has not yet sent the letter requesting representation on this committee. **(Action: Larry Baker)**
- Strategic Plan-The Board reviewed and updated the plan. Pat Dunlop agreed to make the changes to the plan and circulate to the Board. **(Action: Pat Dunlop)**
- Beaconia Marsh Update-Dave Crabb reported that Vickie Burns has been unable to get any more information from the Minister of Conservation.
- Provincial Land Use Planning Survey-in progress
- Disaster Compensation- Norma Kerr, Pat Dunlop and Dave Crabb- on hold at this time.
- Ducks Unlimited- copies of the anniversary book- Dave Crabb- on hold pending our contact person's release from hospital.
- New MACO Brochure- Dave Crabb- short discussion and decision to have Dave Crabb prepare new brochure. **(Action: Dave Crabb)**

- New Headings on Website-Shoreline Erosion and Cottage Ownership- Jim Nicholson has forwarded information to Pat Dunlop for action. (**Action: Pat Dunlop**)
- Maskaw Ecological- refer to email sent from Dave Crabb referring to this topic. All present see no problem with making the membership aware. Motion by Pat Dunlop/Lorne Britton that MACO send the communication received from Hydro regarding the Maskaw Ecological to our members. Carried

8. New Business

- Pat Dunlop has received a call about recycling lake water. Does anyone know anything about this?
- Dave Crabb needs to call Tom from the Whiteshell Cottage Association.
- Dave Crabb was on CBC Radio on May 20 regarding beach changes.

9. Correspondence Received/Responded to:

- Conservation and Water Stewardship- Pimachiowin Aki Project
- Conservation and Water Stewardship- Provincial Park Management Plans

10. Next Meeting Dates:

Next meeting dates are: June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17

June 18 meeting will have guests Mark Hanson and Charles Wong regarding water sampling on lakes by cottage associations as well as an agenda item on planning the fall annual general meeting (AGM), including the striking of a Nominating Committee.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Pat Dunlop/Lorne Britton to adjourn at 9:45 pm.