

June 18, 2013

Minutes

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MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.

Present: Dave Crabb, Jim Nicholson, Lorne Britton, Rilla Britton, Pat Dunlop, Norma Kerr

Regrets: Marian Jones, Ray Poole, Ken Corbett, Jim Neufeld, Mo Tipples, Larry Baker.

1. Call to Order

Dave Crabb called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda was approved with the exception that the guests were not attending and will attend next meeting.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes were discussed, to be approved at the next meeting, with the exception that the Andrew Marshall be identified more clearly as being a representative of D'Arcy & Deacon LLP.

4. Financial Report

Financial Report distributed and discussed. To be approved at the next meeting.

5. Standing Items

- *Facebook*- Norma is working on getting someone to give the Board a presentation about facebook. A \$50.00 honorarium may be required. The date will have to be later due to upcoming business at the July, and August meetings. Possibly September meeting.
Norma to ask our webmaster to add a link to facebook to our website. **(Action: Norma.)**
- *Website*- Shoreline Erosion Category and articles- Jim Nicholson has now provided the information to Pat Dunlop for posting on the website. The new category for "Shoreline Erosion" has been added and Pat will check to make sure all the articles have been posted under this category. **(Action: Pat)**

- *Education Tax Issue:*
Letter from Richie Davidson of Silver Beach – he would like help with the Education Tax Issue, and would like help from MACO. Pat will send the following to him, and ask him if they would be willing to write a letter to their MLA:

(Action: Pat)

Tax Signs for their distribution (to be delivered through Ray)
Information on Education Tax Issues available on the website.
Sheet of provincial education tax systems in each province.
Petition for signing.
Copies of letters to the editor
Issues around election of school trustees.

Stop Project: Still looking for storage. Jim Nicholson to contact Bill to discuss this. **(Action: Jim Nicholson)** Possible idea that Bill could come to one of our meetings.

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-* Table for Next Meeting.
- *Advertising-* Jim Nicholson to send an invoice to Cottage Country – May 14 – Nov. 14/13. **(Action: Jim)**

6 .Business and Action Items Arising from the Minutes

- 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 a second round of changes to the plan and circulate to the Board. **(Action: Pat Dunlop)**
- Beaconia Marsh Update-No further information
- Provincial Land Use Planning Survey-in progress
- Disaster Compensation- Norma Kerr, Pat Dunlop and Dave Crabb- on hold at this time. To be taken off the agenda for now, but maintained on the Strategic Plan. Present focus is on the Education Tax Issue.
- Ducks Unlimited- copies of the anniversary book- Dave Crabb- on hold pending our contact person's recuperation.
- New MACO Brochure- Dave Crabb- short discussion and decision to have Dave Crabb prepare new brochure. **(Action: Dave Crabb)**

7. New Business

- Dave Crabb has been in touch with the Whiteshell Cottage Association. (WCA) MACO will support WCA in their future endeavours with approval of the MACO Board.
- Dave Crabb was on CBC Radio on May 20 regarding beach changes as well as on CJOB speaking about Lake Winnipeg and the impact of the declining lake on cottage owners. In response to the provincial government's plan for an "accord" with other governments in the watershed, Dave stated the need for more clear government policy on shorelines.
- **AGM:** Discussion on AGM – Tentative plans for October 22, 2013 at the CanadInns in the same room as last year, with buffet at 5:30 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm. Cost of buffet at Seniors rate will be requested. \$25.00 at the door. Moved by Rilla and seconded by Norma that the details of the AGM be sent as a motion to members by e-mail, to be voted on.
Moved by Lorne and seconded by Norma that the Board ask Colin Craig to speak at the AGM, primarily on education taxes – to be sent as a motion to members by e-mail, to be voted on.

Nominating committee – Rilla, Pat and Norma. Positions to be filled: Treasurer and V.P.

8. Correspondence Received/Responded to:

- Canadian Tax Payers Federation – request for donation – done.
- Manitoba Real Estate Association – golf tournament.

9. Next Meeting Dates:

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

July 16 meeting will have guests Mark Hanson and Charles Wong regarding water sampling on lakes by cottage associations.

10 Adjournment

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

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

ASSETS

Chequing account balance as of Apr 30, 2013		\$3,377.16
Savings account balance as of Apr 30, 2013		\$1,003.31
	Total	<u>\$4,380.47</u>

Income

Interest - May 2013	\$0.21
Property Tax Sign Sales - 2	\$8.00
Memberships - Individual - 1	\$20.00
Memberships - COA - 12	\$581.00
Total	\$609.21

LIABILITIES

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

Summary

Total Balance forward	<u>\$4,380.47</u>
Total income for the period	\$609.21
Total debit for the period	\$0.00
Total balances as of May 31, 2013	<u>\$4,989.68</u>
Chequing account balance of May 31, 2013	\$3,986.16
Savings account balance of May 31, 2013	\$1,003.52

