

July 16, 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, Mo Tipples, Larry Baker.

Regrets: Marian Jones, Ray Poole, Ken Corbett, Jim Neufeld.

Guests: Dr. Mark Hanson, Dr. Charles S. Wong, Gus Wruck.

1. Call to Order

Dave Crabb called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.

A presentation was made by Dr. Mark Hanson, Faculty of Environment, University of Manitoba and Dr. Charles Wong, Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences and Department of Chemistry, University of Winnipeg on a new process for testing lakewater that could involve volunteer collection of water samples by the Cottage Association members of MACO. This is a project that would start next year. Pat Dunlop has a copy of the presentation and can pass it on to Cottage Associations, along with links to their studies.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda was approved with the addition of Resolutions from Larry Baker under Standing *Items*, Signing Authority under *New Business*, and 2 items were added to *Correspondence*. (Rilla/Norma)

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2013 and June 28, 2013.
(Lorne/Mo)(Approved)

4. Financial Report

Motion to approve the Financial Report of May 21, 2013 (Jim/Norma) (Approved)
Motion to approve the Financial Report of June 28, 2013 (Jim/Rilla) (Approved)
Jim will complete the tax returns (**Action: Jim**)

5. Standing Items

- *Membership:*
- *Facebook:* There is now a link on the MACO website to MACO's facebook page. There are 22 "likes" on the facebook site.
- *Website-* All Shoreline Erosion materials are now on the website. Cox-Morris is using the new membership dates on the website and finding it very useful. Dave would like a report from Cox-Morris every September for the AGM stating how many associations have made use of the insurance. **(Action: Norma)**
MACO would like a write-up from Cox-Morris for the newsletter by mid August. **(Action: Norma)**
MACO to request a door prize from Cox-Morris for the AGM in October. **(Action: Norma)**
- *Education Tax Issue:*
Larry Baker handed out the reports he presented to the Manitoba Government during the public presentations on Bill 20. These were extensive packages that were well researched and put together!
Larry also handed out draft resolutions on Education Tax and Disaster Financial assistance. Board members were asked to refine them and bring them back to the next meeting and these will be presented at the Conservative AGM. **(Action: all)**
Larry to get a copy of Handsaard. **(Action: Larry)**

Jim presented information on data collection for the STOP project and explained the glitches in it. Jim will continue to work on this and also speak with MACO webmaster for advice.

Rilla will organize a meeting for legal advice on STOP project.

- *Lake Manitoba-* Larry gave an update on Lake Manitoba class action suit.
- *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 to sit on this committee, but will do so. **(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. To be discussed at the next meeting. **(Action: Pat Dunlop)**
- *Beaconia Marsh Update*-No further information from the Minister or from the Lake Winnipeg Foundation.
- *Provincial Land Use Planning Survey*-in progress
- *Ducks Unlimited*- copies of the anniversary book- Dave Crabb- on hold for now but Dave will get copies. **(Action: Dave)**
- *New MACO Brochure*- In progress **(Action: Dave Crabb)**
- **AGM:** Cost of registration will be \$25.00 for registration (includes dinner) and \$35.00 for late registration. No dates for late registration determined. Colin Craig to speak on school tax issue. AGM to be at CanadInn at 5:30 dinner and 7:00 business meeting. A notice will be prepared. **(Action: Pat)**
The above were moved and seconded at the June 18/13 meeting and voted on by e-mail.
- *Job Descriptions for MACO Board Positions* – Job Descriptions are stated in the Constitution, but additional duties will be posted at the bottom of the Strategic Plan. Descriptions were modified and will be checked at the next meeting. **(Action: Pat)**
- *Tax Rally* – carry forward

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 has asked them for a copy of their reply to government.
- Dave Crabb was interviewed by Cottage Life Magazine and discussed school tax issues with them. They will send Dave a copy of the interview.
- Meeting Procedure – Motion to change the meeting hour of the MACO Board Meetings to 6:30 to allow for meal time and start the meeting at the correct time. (Lorne/Norma) Approved. Norma to change the website. **(Action: Norma)**

Norma will provide members with an abbreviated set of Roberts Rules of Order.
(Action: Norma)

- Signing Authority: Motion to add the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary to the list of signing authority and remove all others. (Pat/Norma)
(Approved) Norma to call the Credit Union for the process and actions required.
(Action: Norma)

8. Correspondence Received/Responded to:

- E-mail from the MACO website from person asking for help with unsanitary conditions and environmental concerns. Norma to e-mail back with information on Manitoba Conservation. Dave to send links on the provincial act on private waste water management. **(Action: Norma)**
- E-mail from MACO website from person asking for help with legal referral and estate planning. Norma to e-mail back information on website. **(Action: Norma)**

9. Next Meeting Dates:

Next meeting dates are: August 20, September 17 and AGM October 22/13.

10. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm (Pat/Lorne)

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

ASSETS

Chequing account balance as of May 31, 2013		\$3,986.16
Savings account balance as of May 31, 2013		\$1,003.52
	Total	<u>\$4,989.68</u>

Income

Interest – June 2013	\$0.21
Property Tax Sign Sales – 0	\$0.00
Memberships - Individual - 0	\$0.00
Memberships - COA - 0	\$0.00
Total	\$0.21

LIABILITIES

Copying	\$10.00
Postage	\$76.22
Supplies	\$7.16
Canadian Taxpayers Federation – 2013 Membership	\$255.00
Total	\$348.38

Summary

Total Balance forward	<u>\$4,989.68</u>
Total income for the period	\$0.21
Total debit for the period	\$348.38
Total balances as of June 30, 2013	<u>\$4,641.51</u>
Chequing account balance of June 30, 2013	\$3,637.78
Savings account balance of June 30, 2013	\$1,003.73

