

September 17, 2013

Minutes

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MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.

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**Present:** Dave Crabb, Jim Nicholson, Lorne Britton, Rilla Britton, Pat Dunlop, Norma Kerr, Larry Baker, Cathie Zafas, Tom Thorsteinson, Ken Corbett, Ray Poole, Mo Tipples.

**Regrets:** Marian Jones, Jim Neufeld.

**1. Call to Order**

Dave Crabb called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Agenda was approved. (Norma Kerr/Rilla Britton)

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of August 22, 2013 as circulated. (Lorne/Ken) Motion approved.

**4. Financial Report**

Motion to approve the Financial Report of August 31, (Jim/Pat) (Approved)

Treasurer renewed the Post Office Box.

Treasurer to Pay Morris Insurance. **(Action: Jim Nicholson)**

**5. Standing Items**

- *Membership:* Cathy Zarfes and Tom Thorsteinson agreed to sit on the Board for one year but not be voting members. Pat has asked them to consider being voting members.
  
- *Facebook:*
  
- *Website-*

- *Education Tax Issue:* Larry Baker made changes to the resolutions to be presented to all levels of government at the last MACO Board as per the Board's suggestions, and will e-mail copies to MACO Secretary. **(Action: Larry Baker)**

Dave presented the August 22<sup>nd</sup> letter from D'Arcy Deacon outlining the legal work and costs involved in working with MACO to determine if MACO had a workable case to apply to the courts for a Declaration or Interpretation of statute regarding the collection of school taxes on property bills. Dave explained the lead-up to the letter. Start-up costs would be Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) + disbursements and MACO would like to share this cost with other like-minded organizations.

The following motion was presented by Lorne Britton and seconded by Ken Corbett:

WHEREAS MACO has sought legal advice regarding education taxes

AND WHEREAS D'Arcy & Deacon has provided MACO with a letter outlining a researched legal opinion on the present education tax regime in Manitoba in letter dated August 22, 2013 from Andrew Marshall

AND WHEREAS MACO would like approval from the members

THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED that the Board of Directors recommend that MACO proceed with D'Arcy Deacon for this purpose.

**Motion Passed.**

It was moved by Lorne Britton and seconded by Pat Dunlop that the MACO Board recommend that MACO contribute Two thousand, Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to proceed with the D'Arcy Deacon letter of August 22<sup>nd</sup> outlining a legal opinion on the present Manitoba provincial government education tax regime.

**Motion Passed**

- *Lake Manitoba-* Larry gave an update on Lake Manitoba class action suit.
- *Advertising.* Advertisements for Cottage Country were inserted in the latest newsletter and also placed on Facebook.

## 6 Business and Action Items Arising from the Minutes

- *Strategic Plan*- Pat Dunlop will make second round of changes for the September meeting.
- *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*- Dave to re-do brochure and send out for changes so it will be ready for the AGM. **(Action: Dave)**
- **AGM:**
- *Job Descriptions for MACO Board Positions* – Completed.
  
- *Tax Rally* – carry forward
  
- *AGM:* AGM to be in Room #4 at Canad Inns – 5:00 – 7:00 pm dinner and speaker at 6:15 pm. Business Meeting at 7:00 pm  
Welcome Table, U-shape table for guests, Ice Water, Podium, table at door.  
**Dave needs a projector – lap top LCD.**

## 7. New Business:

Tom Thorsteinson will look into using skype at meetings with an omni directional microphone to make it easier for rural members to think about becoming board members.

**8. Correspondence Received/Responded to:** Two letters from Manitoba Hydro – Dave to e-mail the link.

## 9. Next Meeting Dates:

Next meeting dates are: 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 Aug 31, 2013**

**ASSETS**

Chequing account balance as of July 31, 2013		\$4,913.78
Savings account balance as of July 31, 2013		\$1,003.94
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$5,917.72</u></b>

**Income**

Interest – Aug 2013	\$0.21
Credit Interest – Aug 31 2013	\$0.01
Cottage Country.com – MACO web site ad for May-Nov 2013	\$600.00
Memberships - Individual - 0	\$0.00
Memberships - COA - 5	\$371.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$971.22</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Copying	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00
MACO meeting speaker visitor's meals – 2	\$28.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28.90</b>

**Summary**

<b>Total Balance forward</b>	<b><u>\$5,917.72</u></b>
<b>Total income for the period</b>	<b>\$971.22</b>
<b>Total debit for the period</b>	<b>\$28.90</b>
<b>Total balances as of Aug 31, 2013</b>	<b><u>\$6,860.04</u></b>
<b>Chequing account balance of Aug 31, 2013</b>	<b>\$5,855.89</b>
<b>Savings account balance of Aug 31, 2013</b>	<b>\$1,004.15</b>

