

November 20, 2012 Minutes

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MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.
P.O. Box 281 Station Main, Winnipeg, MB, R3G 2G9

Date: November 20, 2012

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: CanadInns-2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg.

Present: Norma Kerr, Dave Crabb, Marian Jones, Mo Tipple, Pat Dunlop, Larry Baker, Gus Wruck.

Regrets: Lorne Britton, Rilla Britton, Ken kCorbett.

Guest: Fred Mannes, President, Boulder Bay –

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda was adopted with the following amendments: Additions to *New Business*: Streamline Deposit Process; Class Action Lawsuit, Lake Manitoba Cottages; Treaty Land Entitlements; Radio Towers. Additions to *Correspondence Received*: Edward Brown of Pitblado.

3. Adoption of Minutes – September 18, 2012

Motion to adopt the minutes of September 18, 2012 made by Pat Dunlop and seconded by Marian Jones.

Comments on draft AGM Minutes of October 16, 2012: Reports from Dave Crabb and Marian Jones to be sent to Pat Dunlop to be added to the minutes before they are put on the web site. **ACTION: Dave Crabb and Marian Jones.**

4. Financial Report

Moved by Jim Nicholson and Seconded by Marian Jones that the Financial Reports of September, 2012, and October, 2012 be accepted. (see attached).

5. Standing Items

- *Let's Pay Fair*: Letter to be sent requesting a reduced rate for MACO to maintain membership. **ACTION: Dave Crabb.**

- *Education Tax Issue:* Jim Nicholson presented a paper showing the 11 organizations that belong to “Let’s Pay Fair and noted there are approximately 48 organizations that are part of the Education Finance Coalition. Jim outlined a draft plan of action for a process for the province to remove school taxes from all property taxes. Jim will send a copy of this to all board members so they can see what tasks they can take on. **ACTION: Jim Nicholson/Board.**

Previous to MACO working on the plan of action that Jim presented, MACO will contact Let’s Play Fair and ask the following: Do they have a strategic plan?; Can MACO attend a meeting to present their plan of legal approach?; Can they hold an evening meeting? **ACTION: Dave Crabb.**

An Article will be sent to the Cottager magazine outlining school tax issues. **ACTION: Larry Baker**

Larry will update the Manitoba Education Fact Sheet with the new frame numbers, and will send out a digital copy. **ACTION: Larry Baker**

Gus Wruck suggested MACO keep in touch with Carolyn Giles as a resource.

- *Facebook:* Facebook had only 12 “likes”. Ways to promote facebook will be explored and a link to facebook will be put on the MACO website. **ACTION: Norma Kerr.**
- *Website:* All Director information on the web is now o.k. Each director should submit their area so it can be displayed on the Director list on the website.

Jim Nicholson suggested that a new heading be put on the website called “Shoreline Issues” and that the Shoreline Erosion information be a sub-category of that. Also, that a new category for “Cottage Ownership” be made, and that Mona’s presentation from the AGM, 2011 be put under there. **ACTION: Pat Dunlop.**

6. Business and Action Items Arising from the Minutes

- *Shellmouth Dam:* MACO will send a letter to the Shellmouth Dam committee requesting that Larry Baker and Lorne Britton sit on their committee. **ACTION: Larry Baker**
- *Review Advertising Policy:* A letter received from “Cottage Country” was received requesting continued banner advertising on the MACO website with a reduced fee. Advertising Policy was discussed. Due to time constraints, a

review will be postponed until the next meeting, but it was moved by Norma Kerr and seconded by Mo Tipples that Cottage Country be advised that the current \$100.00 per month charge be maintained. **ACTION: Pat Dunlop.**

Discussion took place re charging \$100.00 per month for banner advertising on the MACO website and \$50.00 per month for icon advertising on the MACO website.

- *Balance of Strategic Plan:* Gus Wruck will make changes to the plan and e-mail it to MACO Directors. **ACTION: Gus Wruck**
- *Beaconia Marsh Update:* Nothing new. **ACTION: Dave Crabb**
- *Provincial Land Use Planning Survey:* *Not completed.* **ACTION: Pat Dunlop.**
- *Waste Disposal and Recycling:* This has been completed by Mo Tipples and should be on the website. Members will search for this paper so it can be added to the website.
- *Disaster Compensation:* Nothing new. **ACTION: Norma Kerr**

Student from Stanford University in California working on a project on flood compensation has contacted Pat Dunlop asking for possible interviewees. MACO will assist in supplying names. **ACTION: Pat Dunlop/Dave Crabb.**

7. New Business

- *MACO's position on introduction of fee-for-service charges to cottage leases in Provincial Parks:* **Add to agenda for next meeting.**
- *Pat Dunlop – election to board.* Moved by Marian Jones and seconded by Norma Kerr that Pat Dunlop be elected to the MACO board.
- *2013 Meeting Dates on the Web:* 2013 Meeting dates will be put on the website and Adam at CanadInns will be advised. **ACTION: Norma Kerr**
- *Streamline Deposit Process:* To facilitate a quicker process to allow Morris Insurance to see Associations on the website, names of new or returning members with dates of membership will be put on the website as soon as the mail is picked up. **ACTION: Norma Kerr**

- *Class Action Law Suit:* Larry Baker is part of a class action suit against the Manitoba Government for damages incurred during the 2011 flood. (Information Sheet attached).
- *Treaty and Land Entitlements:* First Nations beginning the process to claim lands in the R. M. Of Lac du Bonnet, and Alexander under the Land Entitlement Act.
- *Radio Towers:* There is opposition to Radio Towers in Lac du Bonnet and a public hearing is coming up. No date for hearing as of yet.

8. Correspondence Received/Responded to

- * *Armand Barbeau, Northern regional Director, Aboriginal and Northern Affairs.* Enquiry about insurance, responded to by Pat Dunlop.
- * *CWRA Luncheon Presentation November 29, 2012* – information passed on to Board.
- * *Edward Brown, Pitblado* – Letter requesting MACO lawyer to look at issues around cottagers in provincial parks using their land as collateral for loans. Norma will send a letter acknowledging receipt but stating we cannot assist at this time. **ACTION: Norma Kerr**
- * *Cottage Show:* Dave has met with reps from the Cottage Show. They are interested in MACO having a booth at the cottage show, and also interested in advertising on our website. Dave Crabb to follow up. **ACTION: Dave Crabb**

10. Next meeting dates are Tuesdays,

No meeting in December, 2012. Next meetings are: January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.

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2012 FINANCIAL REPORT

AS OF Sept 30, 2012

ASSETS

Chequing account balance as of Aug 31, 2012	\$4,070.63
Savings account balance as of Aug 31, 2012	\$1,001.65
Total	<u>\$5,072.28</u>

Income

Interest – Sept 2012	\$0.21
Property Tax Sign Sales - 0	\$0.00
Memberships - Individual - 1	\$20.00
Memberships - COA - 2	\$80.00
Total	\$100.21

LIABILITIES

Canada Post Corp - PO Box renewal rental (next 12 months)	\$147.00
MB prov companies office (annual return of info, director changes)	\$25.00
Copying	\$0.00

Postage	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00
Total	\$172.00

Summary

Total Balance forward	<u>\$5,072.28</u>
Total income for the period	\$100.21
Total debit for the period	\$172.00
Total balances as of Sept 30, 2012	<u>\$5,000.49</u>
Chequing account balance of Sept 30, 2012	\$3,998.63
Savings account balance of Sept 30, 2012	\$1,001.86

**MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS
FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF
OCTOBER 31, 2012**

Chequing account balance as of Sept 30, 2012	\$3,998.63
Savings account balance as of Sept 30, 2012	\$1,001.86
Total	<u>\$5,000.49</u>

Income

Interest – Oct 2012	\$0.21
Property Tax Sign Sales - 0	\$0.00
Memberships - Individual - 1	\$20.00
Memberships - COA - 5	\$413.00
MACO – 2012 AGM Registrations	\$440.00
Total	<u>\$873.21</u>

LIABILITIES

CanadInns McPhillips – 2012 AGM dinner buffet	\$494.93
MACO – 2012 AGM speakers gifts (via R. Britton)	\$45.31
Copying	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00
Total	<u>\$540.24</u>

Summary

Total Balance forward	<u>\$5,000.49</u>
Total income for the period	\$873.21
Total debit for the period	\$540.24
Total balances as of Oct 31, 2012	<u>\$5,333.46</u>
Chequing account balance of Oct 31, 2012	\$4,331.39
Savings account balance of Oct 31, 2012	\$1,002.07