

March 2011 Minutes

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

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2011
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: CanadInns-2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg.
Present: Larry Baker, Mo Tipples, Jim Nicholson, Donna Jean Crabb, Gus Wruck, Dave Crabb, Jim Neufeld, Norma Kerr, Pat Dunlop, Marian Jones, Brian Blahey and Shirley Nixon.

Regrets: Lorne Britton and Rilla Britton, Karl Zarn

Guests: Chris Penner

1. **Call to Order** Dave Crabb called the meeting to order at 6:27 pm.
2. **Guest** - Chris Penner biologist was with DU about 8 years now with Scatliff. Working to change how housing and green areas are treated and also restoring ecological function of riverbanks into riprap. Has not yet been to the Beaconia site where there has been wetland destruction done. Will be following up with RM, DFO and owner. Had been to area prior to work being done and thought it was a great wetland with birds etc. Group discussion. What is the protocol? It is illegal to dig up coastal wetlands. Digging up is speeding up problems in L Winnipeg.
3. **Adoption of Agenda** Pat Dunlop moved adoption of the agenda with addition. Seconded by Marian Jones . Carried
4. **Adoption of the Minutes** Pat Dunlop moved adoption of the minutes with changes. Seconded by Donna Jean Crabb. Carried
5. **Financial Report** Jim Nicholson moved adoption of the financial report as presented. Seconded by Pat Dunlop. Carried
6. **Business and Action Arising from the Minutes**
 - East Road write-up for website – Dave Crabb provided 6 links that can be added to the website regarding this. Will write a paragraph or two to go with it.
 - Member orgs to website - Marian and Gus - Carry Forward
 - Wildlife Safety –Lorne Britton - Carry Forward
 - Waste Disposal – Donna Jean Crabb - Carry Forward
 - Provincial Life Planning Survey – Pat Dunlop – Carry Forward
 - Recycling – Mo Tipples -Carry Forward
 - Snowmobile Safety – Gus Wruck – Carry Forward

- Shoreline Protection – Dave Crabb – Pat Dunlop MOVED that it be published to the website. Seconded by Mot Tipples. Carried.

7. **Old Business**

- Eastern Beaches Coalition – Won the fight on the beach. Land deal now a problem.
- Website – Updated information re
Will post editorial from Cox Morris.
Re telephone contact/
Census – Pat moved website census document be published. Gus Wruck seconded. Carried.
- School Taxes – Larry attend RM of Rockwood meeting. Possible meeting with Finance Critic. Add a request to associations to increase fees or give a contribution to MACO this year to assist with the fight on school taxes such as signs, advertising, postage etc. We have signs available.

Gus moved adoption of motion and send out to all municipalities, Jim seconded. Carried.

“Things you can do” – for the website.

- Lake Winnipeg Water Levels – Carry forward. Mo & Dave attending workshop on Lake Winnipeg Water Levels this weekend
- Membership Categories – scraped ratio of fees for different categories and put in amount. Check out by-law 2 regarding fees. Carry forward to next meeting.
- Is MACO Green? - Carry Forward
- Disaster Compensation – Letters received from several read. Appeals being put together. We will be meeting to discuss the next step.
- Letters to all ministers, opposition, etc. - Dave & Pat to follow up.
- Charitable status – Carry forward

8. **New Business**

- Statement re taxes/levies on cottage property in parks -
- Membership – Marian has combined information about associations, current and old. Suggested dividing up and contacting these individuals listed. Norma Kerr, Shirley Nixon, Mo Tipples will assist Marian with phoning associations to get contact list for mailing newsletter.
- Shoal Lake – Had a wind event in Woodlands many years ago that had significant damage. Check Spectator.

9. **Correspondence received/responded to**

- Dealt with in other topics.

10. **Directors Reports**

Pat Dunlop moved that director reports be dispensed with due to lateness of the hour. Seconded by Mo Tipples. Carried.

11. **Next Meeting Dates**

- Tuesday April 19th

12. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm