

## June, 2011 Minutes

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MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.  
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Date: June 21, 2011

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: CanadInns-2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg.

Present: Larry Baker, Marian Jones, Jim Neufeld, Gus Wruck, Jim Nicholson, Donna Jean Crabb, Brian, Norma Kerr, Dave Crabb, Rilla Britton, Lorne Britton and Pat Dunlop

Regrets: Mo Tipples

### 1. Call to Order

Dave Crabb called the meeting to order at 6:22 pm

### 2. Adoption of Agenda

Pat Dunlop moved adoption of the agenda with additions. Seconded by Gus Wruck. Carried.

### 3. Guests – Introduction of individuals. Real Ouellette and Rene Ouellette of Hills Resort. (15 km north of Benyks Point)

### 4. Adoption of Minutes

Pat Dunlop moved that the minutes be brought forward. Seconded by Jim Neufeld. Carried.

### 5. Financial Report

Jim Nicholson provided Financial Report as of May 30 30, 2011 to members. Jim Nicholson moved adoption of the Financial Report. Seconded by Lorne Britton. Carried. (see attached financial summary taken from report).

### 6. Business and Action Items Arising From the Minutes

- \* East Road Write-up done – link not on website yet.
- \* Wildlife Safety – Lorne Britton – done.
- \* Waste Disposal – Donna Jean Crabb – table for next meeting.
- \* Provincial Land Use Planning Survey – Pat Dunlop – table for next meeting.
- \* Recycling – Mo Tipples – table for next meeting.
- \* Snowmobile Safety – Gus Wruck – table for next meeting.

*All above items be carried forward.*

## 7. Old Business

- Eastern Beaches Coalition – carry forward
- Website: Member organizations on website now. Gus Wruck moved that we add “representing total number of members” to the membership form. Seconded by Lorne Britton. Carried. Most work requested to be done has been completed. Link for Association of Lake Manitoba Stakeholders to be added.
- Education Taxes. Carry forward. At end of May, an advisory note was prepared on education taxes. Gus will resend information.
- Lake Winnipeg levels. Exceed first forecast.
- Is MACO green? Defer.
- Disaster Compensation – carry forward. Bob and Pat are involved with flooding and Norma is away right now.
- Cottage Rentals – no further contact. Remove from minutes.
- Strategic Planning – defer.

## 8. New Business

- **Lake Manitoba Water Levels/ flooding** - Rilla reviewed happenings. Will provide copy of the report to Gus to put on the website. Rilla MOVED that the report be accepted. Seconded by Donna Jean Crabb. Carried.
- **Lake Manitoba Rehabilitation Committee** Tom Tiecrob(sp) & Joe Johnson and 11 RM. Larry Baker MOVED that he represent MACO on this committee. Seconded by Marian Jones. Carried.
- Larry Baker read information from study. Provides that input from Shellmouth and Waterhen was significantly less than the output at Fairford Dam. Information about phosphorus input. Gus Wruck moved that MACO ensure equitable treatment of property owners without regard to how the property owners without regard to how those properties are used. To immediately declare a state of emergency for the Province of Manitoba. Secondly to take action to lower Lake Manitoba. Thirdly to

ensure equitable treatment for all property owners without regard to how those properties are used. Seconded by Rilla Britton. Carried.

Lorne Britton moved that the communication be sent to the Premier's office and a news release sent to the media. Seconded by Pat Dunlop. Carried.

## **9. Correspondence Received/Responded to**

- Maureen and Albert Gerbrandt - Letter of June 15<sup>th</sup> read to meeting.
- Rod McLeod - awaiting lease documents. Carry forward

## **10. Directors' Report**

**Ken Corbett** – Oak Lake having serious problems. Now have a representative on council. Water laying around is ground water. Diking from dawn to dusk. Beach likely won't open Conditions at Oak Island Resort are similar to just about any other lake community in Manitoba this spring; we are in the middle of what is beginning to look like a prolonged flood.

Oak Lake is separated from the Plum Lakes by approx. 8 kms. of dike and a control dam. Normally Oak Lakes level is about 2ft below the top of the dyke, and the Plums are a couple of feet lower than Oak Lake. This year both Lakes are the same level, equal to, and in some spots a little above the height of the dike and well above the height of the dam. This is being caused by an abnormally high input of water to the Oak Lake from the Pipestone creek, and everything downstream ( Plum Creek, Souris River, Assiniboine River, Red River Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipeg ) being at all time high levels. The province has had crews working continuously since May 1<sup>st</sup> trying to stabilize the a/m dike.

The Prov. Park beach (sand area) is under several feet of water. and the adjacent beach front has been eroded an average of about 10 feet. The beach is closed, and probably will remain so for the rest of the season. The marina is also closed due to the high water.

Many homes and cottages are being protected by sandbags and anyone with a basement or crawl space is relying on one or more sump pumps.

Roads in the area vary from broken up to very muddy, to flooded to impassable. This is having a negative effect on the trucking, construction and oil field industries. All

government agencies involved have indicated they intend to look after their share of this problem, but little can be done until the water levels drop.

Our 18 hole championship golf course has 10 holes playable, and 8 either flooded or not accessible.

Last year we only collected dues from about 3/4 of our members, so this year we have started earlier with a more concentrated effort. Early collections look encouraging.

The playground equipment in the Prov. Park is in poor shape, so we have formed a committee to look into replacing it. The plan is to replace the equipment with a new “green” playground. The park authorities have given us permission to go ahead with this project. We have started a number of fund raisers ie produced and are selling cook books, planning a community sale of donated items, selling paving stones to be displayed in the new playground area, and the OLCOA board is donating money we have been saving for any special project.

The RM of Sifton now has a plan for a new lagoon for the use by the town of Oak Lake as well as the munc. The OLCOA is lobbying to have a sewage system installed at the resort in conjunction with the completion of the new lagoon. At the moment sewage disposal is one of our most costly recurring expenses.

We are also still running a COPPS program which the RCMP tell us they feel is effective.

Last, but not least we are still very interested in having school taxes removed from the property taxes.

**Lorne Britton** - front page of Sun today.....Page 3 story quote – Katz said city is not building nitrogen treatment plant.

**Gus Wruck** – Had a call this am from Harbour View in Lac du Bonnet. Gus volunteered to attend.

**10. Next Meeting** –Next meeting dates are Tuesdays, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 4, and November 15. No meeting in December. AGM to be determined.

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by Rilla Britton and seconded by Marian Jones that the meeting be adjourned.

## 2011 FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

AS OF MAY 31, 2011

### Summary

Total Balance forward	\$4,865.16
Total income for the period	120.68
Total debit for the period	154.05
Total balances as of May 31,2011	<u>\$4,831.79</u>
Chequing account balance of May 31, 2011	\$1,638.56
Savings account balance of May 31, 2011	\$3,193.23