

July, 2011 Minutes

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

Date: July 19, 2011

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: CanadInns-2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg.

Present: Larry Baker, Mo Tipples, Gus Wruck, Jim Nicholson, Donna Jean Crabb, Norma Kerr, Dave Crabb, Rilla Britton, Lorne Britton, Ken Corbett and Pat Dunlop

Regrets: Marian Jones, Jim Neufeld, Brian Blahey

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

Lorne Britton moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded by Donna Jean Crabb. Carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Pat Dunlop moved adoption of May minutes. Seconded by Rilla Britton. Carried.

Pat Dunlop moved adoption of June minutes with changes. Seconded by Mo Tipples. Carried.

4. Financial Report

Jim Nicholson provided Financial Report as of June 30, 2011 to members. Seconded by Mo Tipples. Carried. (see attached financial summary taken from report).

5. Business and Action Items Arising From the Minutes

- * 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.

6. Old Business

- Eastern Beaches Coalition – No report.
- Website: All changes have been made.
- Education Taxes – September 15th Speakers – Colin Craig, government representative, opposition, Jon Gerrard, Ed Arnold (RM Alexander), Lorne Weisse, David Christianson, Tom Brodbeck.

Advertising – Larry will check into costs.

Lorne Britton moved that Larry Baker put together the list of \$ spent last year and proposal for this year. Seconded by Rilla Britton. Carried.

Signs – Larry Baker MOVED that MACO donate 100 signs to people at the rally. Seconded by Lorne Britton. Carried.

- Lake Winnipeg levels. Levels going up. Sandbagging at several places around the lake.
- Is MACO green? Defer.
- Disaster Compensation –Pat will contact Bob to see if he is available to continue with this issue. Norma and Pat and Bob will meet – likely in September. To check out wording of other provincial legislation.
- Lake Manitoba water levels/Association of Lake Manitoba Stakeholders
 1. Larry Baker outlined different flood committees around Lake Manitoba. Reported on meeting of the Lake Manitoba Flood Rehabilitation Committee.
 2. Flood Statement –Dave Crabb to be sent to Gus Wruck to be posted on website.

Strategic planning – Gus to send out to all for comment and then to post.

7. New Business

AGM

- Date – Gus Wruck MOVED AGM to be held October 29th, 2011 Seconded by Rilla Britton. Carried.
- Place - Place Louis Riel location not as good as CanadInn on McPhillips. Should check out cost etc. Rilla Britton will look into costs for alternative places.

- Speakers/theme – Shoreline Erosion – Jim Nicholson to check for speaker, property succession planning – Lorne Britton to check for speaker, media relations – cottage and association insurance – Lorne Britton will follow up.
- Nomination Committee – Vice-President and Treasurer. Pat to let us know who is up for election. Gus Wruck to chair committee.

8. Correspondence Received/Responded to

- Rod McLeod - Have now received copy of lease – delayed during postal strike. Dave Crabb will consult with Jim Neufeld and follow up.
- Website contacts – Mike Sambork – Email sent to Dave Crabb for follow up.
Rosa Hutchings – Ken Corbett will contact her.

9. Director's Reports

Ken Corbett - Conditions at Oak Island Resort, and adjacent communities are starting to improve now that the rain has eased off, the sun has started to shine, and the water levels are beginning to recede. The 4 1/2 km dike from the resort to the control dam between the between Oak Lake and the Plum Lakes has been stabilized, but the 3 1/2 km section from the dam to the SW side of Oak Lake is still breached, and still being worked on.

The Prov. Park Beach is still closed due to shore line erosion. The marina opened last week. Although road ban restrictions are being lifted many of the roads in the area poor to impassable. The 18 hole golf course now has 12 holes playable, and the owners are commencing building dikes along all the fairways bordering the lake on the assumption water levels will still be high next year.

Our association has been working with an architect and we now have design plans started for the green playground we will be building in the Prov. Park, and donating to the Park. We have also had a number of fund raisers, with more planned, and to date have raised approx.\$15,000.00. We expect the project to cost about \$80,000.00.

The new lagoon for the town of Oak Lake and the RM of Sifton is still in the early planning stage. The high water levels have meant only sewage from the town, which is on line, can go into the current lagoon so sewage from the Resort must be trucked to the Alexander lagoon, about 40 miles extra per round trip, resulting in slower service, and an approx. 25% extra surcharge per pump out..

When our community was on leased lots the lease agreement stated you must belong to the OLCOA, so collection of dues wasn't too difficult. Now approx. 70% of the lots are privately owned (and this percentage is increasing quickly) and dues collection has become an ever increasing problem. Also we have a number of lots where the cottages have been removed from a previously leased lot, but the lot has to date not been sold. The result of all this is our assoc. membership is lower this year. We anticipate that in the next few years the membership will surpass previous totals as the cottage area is expanding rapidly.

Last, but not least, we feel our Reeve and Municipal Council Members are doing their best to cope with the current emergencies we are experiencing, but the support they are receiving from all levels of government, and government agencies they are dealing with has been less than adequate.

Mo Tipples – Grindstone geologically is a swamp wasteland and water is high this year. Lake has taken out chunks of shoreline. The public beaches were very badly eroded with weather bomb last fall and there continues with high waters. Water in main swamp land is nearly as high as road and mosquitos are bad. 265,000 mosquitos in 10 days in mosquito trap. New lagoon built last year with federal money is very large. There is still concern about way lagoon was exiting. They had been told that because of the size there would be no need to pump. It is now ready to over flow.

Lorne Britton – RM of St. Laurent is building 3 major road dikes, one in Oak Point and one in town proper and one in Sandpiper. Road is being built to 823. Woodlands area of Twin Lake Beach is now being done and is being built 20' wide. Some access is being done for removal of items by barge. Association now has a new executive.

Gus Wruck – Things are normal in Lac du Bonnet – farmers got crops in. Spent time at Riding Mountain and next campers from Snow Lake and have encouraged them to join MACO.

Donna Jean Crabb - Fundraiser (pig roast) raised about \$1,000.00. Work done on water/sewage for cottage.

Dave Crabb – High water has affected water use ie boating. Bears are extremely active in area right now and appear to be mostly 1 – 2 yr olds with no parents in sight. CJOB contacted about weather and flooding situation.

Pat Dunlop – Update on status of flooding at Lunder Beach/Sugar Point.

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

Larry Baker MOVED that September 20 change to September 13 prior to the tax rally. Move October 4th meeting to October 11th Seconded by Rilla Britton.
Carried.

11. Adjournment

MOVED by Larry Baker that the meeting be adjourned at 9:49 pm.

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2011 FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

AS OF June 30, 2011

Summary

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| Total Balance forward | \$5,238.82 |
| Total income for the period | 50.68 |
| Total debit for the period | 120.00 |
| Total balances as of June 30,2011 | <u>\$5,169.50</u> |
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| Chequing account balance of June 30, 2011 | \$1,977.61 |
| Savings account balance of June 30, 2011 | \$3,191.89 |