

October 2011 Annual General Meeting Minutes

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

Date: Saturday, October 23rd, 2011
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Park West Inn, Dale Blvd., Winnipeg, Manitoba
Present: List Attached

Morning Session

Dave Crabb, President welcomed everyone and thanked the Park West Inn and the Directors for their help.

Guest Speakers:

Mona Brown, B.A., LLB., C.Arb.

Mona Brown is a senior partner at Brown & Associates Law Office, where she has been practicing tax and small business law for the last 32 years. Mona received her B.A. from the University of Winnipeg in 1974 and her LL.B. from the University of Manitoba in 1978. She received the Montague Israel prize in 1979 as the most promising student called to the bar. She is an active member of the CBA and MBA – being a life council member and former vice-chair of the National Wills, Trust and Estate Planning Subsection. She is a frequent lecturer at continuing legal education and private seminars on Tax and Estate Planning, and Cottage Succession both in Manitoba and nationally.

She is a Chartered Arbitrator and a founding member of the Canadian Association of Farm Advisors. In January 2004, she appeared in the S.C.C. on the Monsanto v. Schmeiser case representing the intervener, the Canadian Canola Growers Inc. She and her husband operate an active grain farm at Sperling, MB, and own a cottage at Lake of the Woods.

(Copy of presentation under heading Cottage Ownership.)

Wisam Abdul Razaq, PhD, P.Eng.

-B.Sc Degree in Civil Engineering 1984

-M.Sc. Degree in Geotechnical Engineering 1991

-P.hD. Degree in Geotechnical Engineering 2007

-11 Years Experience with Consulting Firms as a Designer

-9 Years Experience with Government Sectors as Geotechnical Engineer

-Speciality in soil characteristics, Slope Stability; Riverbanks and Shoreline Stabilization.

-Currently the Chairperson of SETC (Shoreline Erosion Technical Committee) within Water Stewardship.

(Copy of information under heading Cottage Ownership):

Afternoon Session

Date: Saturday, October 23rd, 2011
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Location: Park West Inn, Dale Blvd, Winnipeg

1. Call to Order
President Dave Crabb called the meeting to order at 1:55 pm.
2. Adoption of Agenda
Jim Neufeld moved adoption of the agenda with additions. Second by Mo Tipples. Carried.
3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting of October 23rd, 2010
Pat Dunlop moved adoption of minutes as presented. Seconded by Jim Neufeld. Carried.
4. Financial Report
Jim Nicholson moved adoption of the financial report. Seconded by Marian Jones. Carried.
5. Membership Report
Marian Jones provided her report and thanked Mo Tipples, Rilla Britton and Shirley Nixon for help with telephone blitz. Marian Jones moved adoption of her report. Seconded by Lorne Britton. Carried.
6. Correspondence
Pat Dunlop moved that minutes and correspondence be kept electronically and on website. Seconded by Rilla Britton. Carried.
7. Tax Rally Report – Reviewed tax information. Bill 5 had 7 applications for deferring taxes and only 4 were accepted. Not very valuable legislation. Jim Neufeld moved adoption of the report. Seconded by Gary Dunlop. Carried.
8. Website Report
Gus Wruck provided a power point presentation about the website.
9. President's Report
Dave Crabb provided his report. FACEBOOK site suggested by others in a discussion with Dave Crabb. Should be considered.
Dave spoke about the dedicated people working for MACO and hope to we draw more members. He reported that this year MACO worked very hard on a fourth annual Tax Rally just prior to the election hoping to raise awareness of property taxes /education taxes and the expectation that MACO would continue to work in this direction. MACO continueS to be the umbrella cottage organization in Manitoba with Cox Morris Insurance which enables Cottage groups to obtain reduced costs on Liability Insurance for their group's activities, events and projects. It is important that membership has the opportunity to enjoy community events and projects while knowing they are protected. In early 2011

MACO was apprised of the destruction of a natural wetland on property on the shoreline of Lake Winnipeg in the RM of St Clements. Over 2000 feet of marsh was destroyed. MACO was supportive of the lobbying work that the East Beaches Coalition carried on in trying to get this work stopped and helped to get the message out to those who are concerned about wetlands in Manitoba. The next big event was the flood. One that distinctly affected many cottagers because of decisions the government made in redirecting water. This had the largest impact on Lake Manitoba, and continues to trouble many who have lost their cottages forever, and many who face a major rebuilding of their homes and resorts in cottage country. MACO was contacted by the Provincial Government in May and asked to attend an emergency meeting at the Legislature to discuss flooding problems. Many serious issues of huge proportion including the safety of residents and property owners, disaster compensation and managing water levels were brought forward.

Four ministers and several bureaucrats were present and the meeting lasted over an hour. Other meetings have since taken place, and MACO continues to attend these meetings and stay actively involved with resident groups that have risen from the communities. MACO is committed to maintaining our communication and involvement. MACO strives to stay up to date and share information on the website for others to see. Several Directors are working hard on this and are directly involved in the battle to keep their cottages. This is more than just a lobbying effort. One of MACO's primary goals in this flood involvement is to obtain fair and equal disaster assistance for all property owners. MACO wants to end the discriminatory practice of denying property owners compensation because of labeling. A property owner is a property owner and there are signs that some compensation may come about for cottagers. MACO has drawn up many position papers on relevant cottage topics. These are everything from health concerns to wildlife information and safety to buying a cottage. These are all posted on our newly updated website www.macoman.com Anyone who wishes to attend our monthly meetings with particular issues.

10. Old Business

- Let's Pay Fair - we participated once again \$2,000 paid in.
- Lake Winnipeg Hydro Licence -Preliminary work was done but hasn't been finalized. Environmental group started a petition to review work being done.
- Beaconia Marsh - update provided as to the status of this situation.

11. New Business

Constitutional changes - By law No.1, operating rules and responsibilities for office holders in organization. Stress - new classes of membership. The Secretary has also been added as signing officer increasing numbers to 4. Minimum of 5 maximum of 10 directors but the executive may be separate in count. Directors run organization and executive carries it out. Jim Neufeld moved that revised By-Law No 1 be adopted. Seconded by Lorne Britton. Carried.

By-law No. 2 contains fees for each group.

Jim Neufeld moves that we adopt By-Law No. 2 Seconded by Ray Poole.
Carried.

12. Elections. Dave Crabb presided over elections.
Vice-President – 2-year term
Nominating Committee nominated Gus Wruck.
Members were asked three times for nominations. No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed. Gus Wruck was declared elected.
Treasurer – 2-year term
Nominating committee nominated Jim Nicholson
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Four Directors - 2-years terms
Nominating committee nominated. Larry Baker, Mo Tipples, Rilla Britton and Jim Neufeld. Members were asked three times for nominations. No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed. Larry Baker, Mo Tipples, Rilla Britton and Jim Neufeld were declared elected.
Opening for two director for a 1-year period. Nominating committee nominated Ken Corbett and Ray Poole. Nominations closed. Members were asked three times for nominations. No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed. Ken Corbett and Ray Poole were declared elected.
13. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.