

## ***October 2010 Annual General Meeting Minutes***

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**Date: Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**  
**Time: 10:00 AM**  
**Location: Place Louis Riel, 190 Smith Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba**  
**Present: List Attached**

### **Morning Session**

Dave Crabb, President welcomed everyone.

Guest Speakers:

**Vick Burns, Coordinator,  
Foundations in the Lake Winnipeg Watershed  
Community Foundations of Canada**

To protect water

- Reduce your use of phosphorus by making sure that your dishwasher detergent and any other household cleaners contain no phosphorus.
- Create friendly lawn & garden without fertilizers and pesticides and without extra watering.
- Restore shoreline to more natural state. It is the last line of defense.
- Ensure septic system in good shape.
- Some places pay set fee RM pays for pumps no matter how many.
- Don't flush anything that shouldn't go there
- Don't waste water
- Preserve or reconstruct wetlands
- Low impact development in municipal development.
- Rain Gardens - in yards, driveways etc, keep porous surfaces let water sink in
- Spread the word

Projects -

- Village of Dunnottar Waste Water Treatment pilot passive filtration project appears to be removing over 50% at this time.
- Natural marsh filtration.
- Ecole St. Avila Ground Greening Project Environmental Drainage is an environmental drainage and natural playground project.
- Solar powered irrigation systems.
- Sunshine cost BC – provided 2 dual flush toilets and installed for free per household.
- H2o ideas & Action of Canada Water

Make a personal commitment to 1 action to decrease water pollution or increase efficiency of water use.

Give consideration to the need for a strong voice for the lake – a coalition or a new organization devoted to advocating.

How we can all help to clean them!

**Wes Penner, Manager  
Dale Hutchinson and Kristin  
of the Hydraulic Operations Department, Manitoba Hydro**

Manitoba Hydro  
Hydraulic operations department.

Recognizes huge stake of cottagers in Manitoba.

Information back from cottagers to help Hydro make decisions. Questions from attendees will be responded to.

Overview of hydro dam system on Lake Winnipeg

1.2m k of waterway into Hydro system. Winnipeg R large contributor. 5480MW  
and therefore able to export in most years.

6 generator systems

Winnipeg R 585 MW limited control on flows. Regulated by Lake of Woods Control Board.

Lake Winnipeg. 10<sup>th</sup> largest fresh water lake in the world. Lake Winnipeg regulation a provincial initiative.

70% on lower Nelson river (Kettle 1232 MW Long spruce 1023 MW Limestone 1330MW Churchill R

Hi voltage (bi-pole) - largest in world

Decision not to go down the east side was a provincial decision not Hydro.

Brandon Station

St. Leon 99MW wind energy - New one 150 mw.

More than 90% done through hydraulics – hydro.

Medium head high flow – flat province.

#### Operating priorities

- Energy supply
- Reserve
- Reliability
- Citizenship and environment
- Economics

Look to keep lights and heat on

Reserves for 2 years

Reliability determines whether Brandon turned on for example.

Be respectful of other people

Make as much 4 as possible when above done.

Av. Water level

Pre-regulation 713.4

Post – regulation 713.4

Overall 713.4

Hudson Bay at 0 and L Winnipeg above sea level

Drought – or lowest showed in 1940-41

Lake erosion has been eroding for all time. 1955 article ad Sandy Hook 100 feet of erosion in the past decade.

Lake Winnipeg Regulation components

2 Mile channel dug to let water out in winter due to freezing. Then dug 8 mile channel to take water out of Paygreen lake into Kisketoglen Lake. Dug another channel to keep water flowing. 50% more water out of lake than if left to nature.

Control structure – Jenpeg – Jennifer and Peggy (secretaries) Russian technology used due to similar weather etc.

Above 715 must go to maximum discharge by regulation given to Hydro by province. Below 711 Hydro must do what the province directs. In between Hydro can make decisions based on business.

Chart reflects controls have kept level down – level comparisons between 1970 and 1950. Flooding not as bad and low level not as low due to the channels. Flow is importance to Hydro. 160 k on lower Nelson. If too high and need to open it and there will actually be loss in generation.

Measurements taken at by Water Survey Canada.  
Lake Manitoba – Manitoba Water Stewardship.

## Afternoon Session

Date: Saturday, October 23rd, 2010  
Time: 1:00 PM  
Location: Place Louis Riel, 190 Smith Street, Winnipeg

1. Call to Order  
President Dave Crabb called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.
2. Adoption of Agenda  
Rilla Britton moved adoption of the agenda with additions. Second by Marian Jones. Carried.
3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Pat Dunlop moved adoption of minutes as presented. Seconded by Lorne Britton. Carried.
4. Financial Report  
Gus Wruck moved adoption of the financial report. Seconded by Marian Jones. Carried.
5. Membership Report  
Marian Jones advised C her report. Seconded by Shirley Nixon. Carried.
6. Correspondence/Minute Book  
The meeting was advised that the correspondence book was available for perusal. All minutes are now on the website.  
  
Letter from Hydro re bi-pole. Letter from Whiteshell Cottage Owners to be dealt with later in the meeting.
7. Tax Rally Report –  
Dave Crabb read report on behalf of Larry Baker.  
Actions that could be taken by cottage associations
  - tax rally revolt covered by newspaper
  - Recruit candidates. Sponsor for elections.
  - Suggest rebate for all including cottagers.
  - Ask for a change to apportionment.
  - Petition province to fund from general revenue
  - Attend school trustee meetings
  - Information/report now on website.Jim Neufeld moved adoption of the report. Seconded by Gary Dunlop. Carried.
8. Website Report  
Gus Wruck spoke about website. Content is not generated by one person. Strategic plan on website. Reviewed issues section added this year. Suggestions to add green issues on website. Gus Wruck moved adoption of report as presented. Seconded by Jim Neufeld. Carried.

9. President's Report

Dave Crabb provided his report.

- Continued work on taxes working
- Strategic plan helping us move on.
- There is a lot taken for granted. Government not following through with things that they purport to be doing such as wetlands. Lack of policy with regard to environment by the province. No way for people to get response to remedy issues.
- Spoke about wetland issues.

Marian Jones moved adoption of his report. Seconded by Mo Tipples. Carried.

10. Old Business

- Canadian Taxpayers Federation Moved by Gus Wruck and seconded by Rilla Britton that we continue to be members of the Canadian Taxpayer Federation. Carried.
- Let's Pay fair continuing and will fire up for the pending provincial election.
- Reduce Lake Winnipeg levels for all water. Interesting information out of this morning's meeting. Further research Gus moved that in view of the information received thus morning this issue be tabled. Seconded by Lorne. Carried.
- Whiteshell Cottage Association keeping in contact with us. Receiving a copy of the Whiteshell Echo. Received copy of letter re land selection issues to Bill Blakey and Premier of Manitoba. Acknowledge receipt of letter but require more information. Ask for meeting so we can understand better. Provincial parks belong to all Manitobans. Jim Neufeld MOVED that we make contact and reciprocate with the Whiteshell Cottage Owners Association and ask the Director of Parks to attend a meeting to speak on this topic. Seconded by Mo Tipples. Carried.  
We have received contact from a Whiteshell cottage area person asking for information. Request sent on to their association for assistance.

11. New Business

- Board Members – Matter dealt with.
- Beaconia/Wetland – 2044 feet point to point dug as a private canal for 2 boats. Stuff dug put on top of marsh as well there are branches and reeds washed up. DFO gave permission to dig 10 ft and 10 ft wide. What about hearings on this issue as happens in Winnipeg?  
RM put a stop to a similar project on Lake Manitoba at Willow Bay

Lorne Britton MOVED that MACO provide support letter for Willow Bay and Beaconia to request the government to make corrective measures to restore the environment to its original state at those locations as per their recent Wetlands policies. Seconded by Marian Jones. Carried.

10. Elections. Lorne Britton presided over elections.  
President – 2-year term  
Nominating Committee nominated Dave Crabb.  
Members were asked three times for nominations. No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed. Dave Crabb was declared elected.  
Secretary – 2-year term  
Nominating committee nominated Pat Dunlop.  
Members were asked three times for nominations. No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed. Pat Dunlop declared elected.  
Treasurer – 1 year term  
Nominating committee nominated Jim Nicholson.  
Members were asked three times for nominations. No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed. Jim Nicholson declared elected.  
Three Directors - 2-years terms  
Nominating committee nominated Marian Jones, Karl Zarn, Brian Blahey and Mo tipples . Members were asked three times for nominations. No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed. were declared elected.
11. Silent Auction – There were many great prizes donated and attached is a list of donators.
12. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.