

## *January 2009 Minutes*

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**MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2009  
**Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Location:** CanadInns - 2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg  
**Present:** Dave Crabb, Marian Jones, Pat Dunlop, Gus Wruck, Gary Dunlop, Larry Baker, Donna Jean Crabb, Casey Jones, Mo Tipples, Sid Bloomfield and Greg Hanson.  
**Regrets:** Dan Lester, Mo Tipples. Shirley Nixon, Lorne Britton, Rilla Britton.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Marian Jones moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded by Gary Dunlop. Carried.

**3. Adoption of the Minutes** - Pat Dunlop moved adoption of the Minutes. Seconded by Gus Wruck. Carried.

**4. Financial Report –**

Gary Dunlop moved adoption of the financial report presented. Seconded by Gus Wruck. Carried.

**5. Correspondence Received**

- Email from Erik Dickson re Pointe du Bois Dam Modernization Project Consultation - Dave Crabb and Rene Comeault attended meeting and briefed directors by email. Information read with suggestions of possible issues with construction. One question related to the fact that there isn't going to be a hospital built in Lac du Bonnet at this time. Will be increasing personal care home. Due to increase in population and number of construction workers there is a need to move people from the hospital to the personal care home and there is a need to increase home care workers.
- Email from CJOB re question relating to nitrogen levels – Dave Crabb emailed Larry Updike. Clean Environment Committee will be taking over and the government will go with recommendation.
- Email from Nicolas Peleato re Water Systems – Dave Crabb responded by email. Email briefly reviewed.
- Email from Anita Moyse re waste tanks. – Dave Crabb responded by email.

**6. Correspondence Sent**

- Letter to the Editor regarding Throne Speech taxes and hydro lines.
- Email to Brett McGurk with contact information re Paint Lake Cottage Owners Association.
- Email to Angela Haas of Paint Lake Cottage Owners Association. Advising of the power project and that we would be forwarding the information. Also asking about decrease in their membership.
- Email re Tembec and ban re provincial parks. – Circulated.
- Email to Brett McGurk re website funding.
- Email sent out advising that restrictions have been changed regarding water delivery trucks.

## 7. **Old Business**

a) Tembec - Carry Forward.

b) Website – Gus Wruck provided information regarding development of new website. Projected cost would be host fee of \$214.20 plus GST of \$10.71 plus \$290.00 for 3 years to a total of \$515.00.

Moved by Larry Baker - THAT Gus Wruck proceed with website development to a maximum of \$600.00 on Host Papa Website which includes the 3 year hosting fee. Seconded by Pat Dunlop. Carried.

c) School Taxes

- Read email to Association of Manitoba Municipalities regarding the 1% provincial tax to be used for infrastructure. Importance of continuing to collect names and to obtain them from family, friends etc. – not just cottagers. It is not just a cottage issue.
- Tax Rally – Proposed for an evening in early June when the House is sitting.
- Send a general email to send out petitions and information sheet. Also advising that there are signs available.

d) Meeting dates were confirmed. Dave Crabb reminded members that the room was free so long as we had enough people attend and buy their suppers. Otherwise, we would have to pay for the room or the extra meals.

e) The draft AGM minutes to be sent out with the membership renewal forms.

f) Job Sharing/changes

- Membership - Marian Jones and Mo Tipples volunteered
- Vice-President - Moved by Marian Jones  
THAT Gus Wruck be appointed as Acting Vice-President.  
Seconded by Donna Jean Crabb. Carried.

## 8. **New Business**

- Pointe du Bois (January Meeting) - Update provided earlier in meeting.

## 9. **Directors' Reports**

**Larry Baker** – Water is clear and cold on Lake Manitoba.

**Dave Crabb** – Happy New Year to all and thanks to those picking up jobs.

**Marian Jones** – Out just before Christmas. Snow machines around/nothing happening.

**Gus Wruck** – Spoke about Lac du Bonnet Foundation website. Spoke of Snowpals activity on Sunday with over 300 snowmobiles.

**Shirley Nixon** – Report by email. - The RM of St Laurent. A taxpayers group asked and got a special meeting with the Municipal Board. That was more than a month ago, but we finally got a reply to all tax payers, that they were going to allow the RM to raise the money for the artificial ice with the \$240,000 00 debenture, and they said they couldn't recoup it evenly, but it has to go on the special assessment. I can't believe we were so let down. With our higher assessments, we will be paying the lion's share or more.

**Donna Jean Crabb** – No report.

**Casey Jones** – No report.

**Pat Dunlop** – No report.

**Gary Dunlop** – No report.

**Mo Tipples** – New lagoon is four times as big as present that had never met any standards. The new lagoon will have 4 cells. Will hold effluent 365 days before being moved. Government is still to determine cottagers' share of cost. There are 408 cottages. Gordon Goldsborough asked for a copy of their survey. He is looking to doing a survey on Lake Manitoba (Delta). It is great information but it is a lot of work.

**Gregg Hanson** - Was out to the cottage about 10 days ago and there weren't many around.

10. **Date of Next Meeting** – February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009
11. **Meeting Adjourned** - Marian Jones moved meeting be adjourned at 9:33 pm. Seconded by Larry Baker. Carried.