

March 2009 Minutes

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**MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.
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Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2009
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: CanadInns - 2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg
Present: Dave Crabb, Marian Jones, Pat Dunlop, Gus Wruck, Gary Dunlop, Donna Jean Crabb, Mo Tipples.
Regrets: Dan Lester, Sid Bloomfield, Casey Jones, Larry Baker, Shirley Nixon, Lorne Britton, Rilla Britton.
Presenter: April Kiers North

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at

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

6. Correspondence Sent

a) Tembec – Two week shutdown extended. Gus proposed that MACO support this type of initiative. Seconded by Gary Dunlop. Carried.

b) Website – Changes suggested. All information on issues that MACO is interested in be presented on website and be posted using an advisory note guideline. Each person interested in a topic to write the paper. Gary Dunlop moved THAT Gus Wruck be the co-coordinator with Bill Campbell. Seconded by Pat Dunlop. Carried.

c) School Taxes

- Petitions – We haven't received any petitions lately but Dennis LeGros advises that he has petitions out and will send them in once he receives them. He also offered to help Larry. There was a good article in the paper. Lots of talk amongst politicians. We need to continue to keep it alive.

d) Signs are available

e) Job Sharing/changes

- Membership - Marian Jones and Mo Tipples volunteered
- Vice-President - Moved by Marian Jones
THAT Gus Wruck be appointed Acting Vice-President.

Seconded by Donna Jean Crabb. Carried.

7. New Business

- Newsletter – Sent out. To discuss putting it on the website at the next meeting. Nordevco Association agreed to pay up to \$250.00. Their pamphlet included in the newsletter.
- Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium – Gary Dunlop will send out cheque.
- Dead carp on Lake Manitoba - The dead carp were confirmed due to the Koi Herpesvirus. Conservation advised that there should be information at their offices soon including proper disposal.
- Netley/Libeau Marsh - April Kiers North presented a slide show with information on the area.

8. Directors' Reports

Dave Crabb – Ice huts to be off this weekend. Water Stewardship survey generated interest. Likes the way website development is going and looks forward to seeing its development.

Marian Jones – Hadn't been out since December. Have asked for sand for beach but delivery not safe yet. There may be a road to swim docks. This would allow emergency vehicle access. Plan on going out this weekend.

Gus Wruck – Lac du Bonnet foundation form handed out. There were 1124 registered at ice fishing derby. Eastman SnoPALS held a get together at a warm up shack. There were 700 passages in front of counter of which 500-600 were on the weekend. Received question about ATV's using trail. Answer – no, trails were made for snowmobiles. It may be issue in future. Asked whether MACO should develop a position as it is an environmental issue.

Donna Jean Crabb – No report.

Pat Dunlop – Fishing day held last weekend.

Gary Dunlop – No report.

Mo Tipples – Reported on Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium Environment Assessment Workshop. Eco Network Group puts people in touch with like groups. Went through provincial and federal regulations. Federal government got rid of about 80% of environmental assessment and turned it over to the province where regulations are less stringent. The change to Navigable Waters has all people up in arms – more or less done away with and left to local groups eg. Culverts that could affect fish habitats.

9. Date of Next Meeting –April 21, 2009

10. Meeting Adjourned - Gary Dunlop moved meeting be adjourned at 9:45pm. Seconded by Marian Jones. Carried.