

April 2009 Minutes

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

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 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, Shirley Nixon, Lorne Britton, Rilla Britton.
Regrets: Dan Lester, Sid Bloomfield, Casey Jones, Mo Tipples.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Gary Dunlop moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded by Rilla Britton. Carried.

3. Adoption of the Minutes - Minutes not available. Carry forward to next meeting.

4. Financial Report –

Financial report not available. Received some membership payments today. Carry forward to next meeting.

5. Correspondence Received

- Lac du Bonnet medical committee. Email from Daryll Hyslop copied to directors. Gus provided background information. It was determined that it was a local issue. Dave Crabb will ask to be kept informed.
- Provincial land use review. Letter from Minister Ashton read. Online www.manitoba.ca/ia/plups
Provincial land use policy review - Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs online plups@gov.mb.ca
- Spruce Grove Cottage Owners Association. Received request for signs.

6. Correspondence Sent

- Disaster Assistance A letter was sent following the announcement that there would be assistance north of Winnipeg. No response or acknowledgment. Dave Crabb was on Larry Updike's show and expressed sympathy and concern for those north of Winnipeg. Gus commented on the Provincial/Federal policy regarding assistance – life/limb.

7. Old Business

- Tembec – There is a Sustainable Forrest Management Committee meeting in May. Will report at the next meeting.

A potential interpretative centre re wildlife and vegetation was discussed. Gus Wruck moved:

THAT MACO support the idea of an interpretive centre for the Pine Falls area. Second by Gary Dunlop. Carried.

- Website – Gus Wruck spoke of potential changes to new system and position papers. Format reviewed. Gary Dunlop moved
THAT MACO adopt the proposed format for Issues/Opportunities Advisory. Seconded by Rilla Britton. Carried.

Topics and assignments suggested:

- Public Health at Cottages (drinking water testing, mosquitoes, closing wells) - Gary and Pat Dunlop
 - Wildlife Safety – Lorne Britton
 - School Tax – Marian Jones
 - Waste Disposal – Donna Jean Crabb
 - Summer Voting – Rilla Britton
 - Purchasing a cottage – Dave Crabb
 - Off Road Vehicles – Gus Wruck
 - Conservation Districts –
 - PULPS –
 - Recreational water safety –
 - Recycling -
 - School Taxes
 - Petitions Several petitions were received from Dennis Legros and will be sent to Rick Borotsik.
 - Signs – It was decided that we should have signs at the Rally and Shirley Nixon moved
THAT 10 signs be given to Larry Baker for the rally. Seconded by Rilla Britton. Carried.
- Larry Baker received notice that his taxes are in arrears. Encourages all to refuse to pay school tax portion. Article appeared in the Stonewall Argus. Will be writing another article. Bulletin board posters were handed out. Proof from *The Cottager*. Proposed Interlake Spectator, Selkirk Journal, Lac du Bonnet Leader. Dave to email the poster out.
- Larry Baker moved THAT the June meeting be moved forward to the 9th. Seconded by Lorne Britton. Carried.

8. New Business

9. Directors' Reports

Dave Crabb – Development proposal to RM of St. Clements. Informed that this is a priority for RM's this year however, due to flood issues no final results. Have received additional donations. Advised Mary Strang of problem with area septic system – Conservation found that the system was non compliant, was never registered, near lake, bordering neighbours, no septic reports available and there are shallow wells. Province refuses to do anything.

Lorne Britton – Dr. Goldsborough Lake Manitoba Stewardship Board met regarding a survey of 1 mile of the lake. The RM of St. Laurent and RM

of Woodlands were sharing costs on roads by exchanging roads for maintenance. In January the agreement was torn up. Under threat of a legal opinion the agreement is in effect again.

Marian Jones – Was out to the lake the last 2 weekends with the last melts and the heavy rainwater paths seem well worn. Three areas are washing away on roads. The runoff is due to poor drainage and left several inches of ice in the garage. The wildlife is out.

Gus Wruck – Fournier Drive Association is concerned regarding one property where there is sewer drainage into river. Ice is out. Water treatment plant not enough customers, may be running further lines. Another \$16,000 donated to Lac du Bonnet Community Foundation.

Donna Jean Crabb – Was out at lake the past weekend. A fitness and wellness centre may be built. There is a proposal by Destination Grand Marais. Vote being taken.

Larry Baker – Having problem with drainage at both the cottage and at home.

Pat Dunlop – No report.

Gary Dunlop – No report.

Shirley Nixon – The Municipal Board made a decision that the \$240,000 debenture for the RM of St. Laurent is to be shared by mill rate. Cannot assess a flat rate per property.

10. **Date of Next Meeting** –May 19, 2009
11. **Meeting Adjourned** - Marian Jones moved meeting be adjourned at 9:20 pm. Seconded by Gary Dunlop. Carried.