

## *May 2009 Minutes*

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**MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.  
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**Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 2009  
**Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Location:** CanadInns - 2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg  
**Present:** Dave Crabb, Pat Dunlop, Sid Bloomfield, Gus Wruck, Gary Dunlop, Larry Baker, Donna Jean Crabb, Casey Jones, Lorne Britton, Rilla Britton.  
**Regrets:** Dan Lester, Marian Jones, Shirley Nixon, Mo Tipples.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Gus Wruck moved adoption of the agenda with additions. Seconded by Lorne Britton. Carried.

**3. Adoption of the Minutes** - March minutes were read. Pat Dunlop moved adoption of minutes. Seconded by Gary Dunlop. Carried. April minutes were read. Pat Dunlop moved adoption of minutes as amended. Seconded by Gus Wruck. Carried.

**4. Financial Report –**

Gary Dunlop moved that the financial report be adopted. Seconded by Pat Dunlop. Carried.

**5. Correspondence Received**

- Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium – Acknowledged receipt of MACO's financial contribution to be used towards school educational activities.
- Pointe du Bois – Email from Hydro that they have final engineering proposal for dam location.
- Wallace Lake – Email asking for flood assistance for Breezy Point and that MACO say something about flooding. Advised them that this had been done.

**6. Correspondence Sent**

**7. Old Business**

- Tembec – Gus Wruck gave a presentation at the Tembec meeting regarding eco tourism. Their community funding has been temporarily cancelled. Presentation was left with them. They reported that the market is flooded.

- Website – Position statement was reviewed. Sample of school tax issue is done. Suggested that a copy of the newsletter be put under membership and it was suggested that there be a heading there for newsletter. Reviewed draft of summer elections position paper.

Gus moved

THAT elections in rural areas be held at a time convenient to taxpayers and allow for their full participation.

Seconded by Rilla Britton. Carried.

- School Taxes

- Advertising done. Bills given to Gary for payment. Speakers will be Rick Borotsik, a representative from Canadian Taxpayer Federation and the Manitoba Real Estate Board and Larry and/or Dave will speak. There will most likely also be a representative from the NDP government asking to speak.

- Petitions - carry forward.

- Signs Larry Baker is putting up signs wherever possible and asks that board members to the same. He has about 50 signs.

## 8. New Business

- *The Cottager* Pat Dunlop advised that the cost of providing *The Cottager* to directors and individual members would be increasing to \$10 annually. Pat moved

THAT MACO continue to provide subscriptions of *The Cottager* to directors and individual members at the increased price of \$10.

Seconded by Rilla Britton. Carried.

- Disaster Assistance Response. Assistance is not available for cottages, which are considered secondary residences and not considered a basic or essential need.

- Subdivision along Trans Canada Trail near Sunset Beach approved by the RM of St. Clements. There is an individual taking over a portion of the Trans Canada Trail digging holes etc. Hasn't provided proof of ownership and has scared off by-law officer.

- Request for information on purchasing property in the Lac du Bonnet area. Dave and Gus responded to email.

## 9. Directors' Reports

**Dave Crabb** – Association meeting. Water system couldn't be turned on yet (at Victoria Beach either). Ploughs were out Friday and there were 4-6" more of snow on Saturday. The average depth at the mouth of the Red River is 4' but had always been maintained at 21'. Perhaps may be causing flood issues. Need to look at dredging again. Hydro was in discussion with city when Gillam Dam. Land is disappearing due to wind - banks caving in. Water a way up. Waves are crashing pier on north side. Will do an issues paper on shoreline degradation. Park was dedicated to oldest couple in area that passed away within 6 weeks of each other. They were both very interested in community.

**Lorne Britton** – The spring newsletter out and delivered last weekend. Hope to get people out to tax rally.

**Casey Jones** – Oak Lake Beach thriving. There have been a couple of three storey cottages built. On July 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a dedication ceremony

to celebrate the founders, in particular the Henderson family to honour a family whose members had been stewards of the land for more than a century. A time capsule will be placed in a cairn located SW corner of The Store formerly known as The Booth. The campground was  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. There are now some open air spots. The golf course was open and the pool will open soon.

**Gus Wruck** – Spoke about ATV's. When Vic Toews was at Snowpals races in February he mentioned some funding available with matching provincial/local sources. They are looking at needed improvements. There is a need for a co-ordinated approach for ATV's (an umbrella association). Plans to expand at next meeting. Is on a Senior's Housing Committee in Lac du Bonnet area. Questionnaire has been distributed to residents asking what is wanted for senior housing. There is very little affordable housing available to seniors.

**Sid Bloomfield** – To the lake on the weekend. Association had an executive meeting. AGM scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Catholic Parish Hall. Water is 10 – 12' up the beach and over the road in the back.

**Donna Jean Crabb** – No mice first time but second time out found some in trap. Water main break, things very wet. The wellness centre will be built in Grande Marais.

**Larry Baker** – Article about pollution of Lake Manitoba by Portage diversion. Several years ago lost some lakefront, now has it back.

**Pat Dunlop** – Moved to the lake for the summer. Information on dead carp on Lake Manitoba is available from the Conservation office.

**Gary Dunlop** – Lake up a little. Fishing day was a success, mostly social. Some new cottages built over the fall and winter. Looking to summer.

10. **Date of Next Meeting** – June 9, 2009
11. **Meeting Adjourned** - Gary Dunlop moved meeting be adjourned at 8:25 pm. Seconded by Lorne Britton. Carried.