

June 2009 Minutes

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

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2009
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: CanadInns - 2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg
Present: Dave Crabb, Pat Dunlop, Gus Wruck, Gary Dunlop, Larry Baker, Donna Jean Crabb, Shirley Nixon, Rilla Britton.
Regrets: Dan Lester, Marian Jones, Casey Jones, Lorne Britton, Sid Bloomfield, Mo Tipples.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

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

4. Financial Report –

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

5. Correspondence Received

- Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium reconvened AGM was completed.
- Carp – Koi Herpesvirus. Gus Wruck provided list of requested area.

6. Correspondence Sent

- Obtained two addresses of people in Breezy Point were sent an email re flooding.

7. Old Business

- Tembec – There is a 3 week complete shutdown in the June schedule.
- Website – Gus Wruck MOVED that MACO do a position paper on Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium.
Seconded by Gary Dunlop. Carried.
- School Taxes - Sent notice to the media. Heather Robinson of the Interlake Spectator will be there. Confirmed that it will be the front steps of the Legislative Building.
Karl Larson who had called regarding sales tax being originally for supporting schools. He advised that he had contacted Archives and when

he got there an hour later they already had half of the articles. Provincial Sales Tax bill included credit to Duff Roblin accepting Roland Mitchner Report. All money to go to consolidated fund. Information in newspapers gave the political spin about going to education but it was not contained in the legislation.

8. **New Business**

Canadian Taxpayer Federation - Pat Dunlop

MOVED that MACO pay membership to the Canadian Taxpayer Federation.

Seconded by Rilla Britton. Carried.

9. **Directors' Reports**

Dave Crabb – A thank you to Stan for our previous website. He had problems because the ownership of his internet changed hands. Has put connection from old site to new one. Received an honorarium. Launched the water system. Was necessary to halt it down the side because they were unable to use the stairs due to high water levels. There is no beach left. High water is beating on the banks and also causing damage to docks and breakwater. South breakwater is only 1 foot above water level. Lake Winnipeg is not suitable yet for boating or swimming. Birds – orioles, hummingbirds and red-breasted grosbeaks. Highway 500 has lots of survey markers but whether it will produce work or not is unknown.

Rilla Britton – The association has a portable signboard and has posted the rally notice. The koi pamphlet is at the local store and will be available at the AGM on July 12th.

Gus Wruck – Has completed an application for National Trails Association for \$16,000. Attended Snopals volunteer windup in May. Will give a presentation at the next meeting regarding governance of volunteer associations – what it takes to make it work. Property assessment is up tremendously. Attended a retiree luncheon and saw Jim Neufeld. Jim remains interested in MACO. The association is planning to go to council regarding roads. RM is gearing up to pass an ATV by-law but offences and fines not included – may attend council meeting.

Donna Jean Crabb – There is lots of water and has finally been able to cut the grass. Due to the water has had to empty the holding tank 3 times. Thanks to her grandson for his help.

Shirley Nixon – RM has raised dump fees originally from \$4 - \$5 and now to \$10 for half a load. Their line of credit has been increased from \$400,000. - \$800,000. The French school is coming along. People are being asked to billet seniors for the senior games.

Larry Baker – The humming bird feeders once filled were extremely busy. The provincial government has stopped development in Stonewall due to the lagoon. Thinks that due to the pollution from the Assiniboine diversion, it should be shut down. Water is running over highway 415 east of Oak Point. Went home by way of highway 518 because water up passed shores. Without a truck he wouldn't have been able to get home. However Edmonton area and Saskatchewan was dry.

Pat Dunlop – Have had an executive meeting for LBSP Association. Newsletter has been delivered. Because there is a by-law in the RM of Coldwell prohibiting plastic bags, the RM has given each household 2 cloth bags and these were delivered with the newsletter.

Gary Dunlop – Good year for birds. They are busy eating to keep warm. Not many people outside if they are at the cottage.

10. **Date of Next Meeting** –July 21, 2009

11. **Meeting Adjourned** - Rilla Britton moved meeting be adjourned at 8:19 pm. Seconded by Gary Dunlop. Carried.