

Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners

Virtual on zoom

September 24, 2020

7:00 p.m.

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**MINUTES**

**Present:** Gus Wruck, Guy Walker, Shelley Morris, Jim Nicholson, Ray Poole, Ken Corbett, Gordon Campbell, Gina German

**Regrets:** Val Hammond, Dave Crabb,

**Chair:** Gus Wruck

**Recording Secretary:** Shelley Morris

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Nomination for Honorary Membership added to the agenda

Gordon moved Guy and seconded that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED

**3. Minutes – August 20, 2020**

Gordon moved and Guy seconded that the minutes of the August 20, 2020 meeting be approved. CARRIED

**4. Strategic Plan 2020-23 – Draft**

Shelley moved and Gordon seconded that the MACO draft strategic plan be adopted. CARRIED

**5. AGM Planning – Wed. Nov 4**

Board confirmed continuation with plans for a virtual AGM

Shelley to send out promotion re: AGM next week.

**6. Nominating Report**

Guy to chair nominations (Dave Crabb is not available to chair nomination)

**7. Bylaws Review**

Jim reviewed the proposed bylaw changes to ByLaw No. 1 and some minor changes were made.

Guy moved and Jim seconded that the proposed changes to Bylaw # 1 be approved and submitted to the membership for approval at the 2020 AGM.

It was later discussed that clarification was needed to specify that the Board is made up of the 4 elected officers PLUS 5 – 10 Board members – giving us the potential for a Board of 9 to 14 people. Jim to make this further amendment

Bylaw # 2 was then reviewed covering fees to be assessed for membership. Gordon had suggested the idea of a maximum cap to cottage associations. Qualifying information was added to define size of municipalities. We have a fee structure for municipalities but currently don't have any members. Corporate membership was dropped from \$300 to \$100 (we don't have any in this category). Cottage association fee is \$1 per member with minimum of \$30. Gordon wondered if

setting a cap would encourage larger associations to join. Guy suggested looking at our current membership - there are about 4 or 5 in that category.

Gordon moved and Ken seconded that local cottage association fees be capped at \$150. CARRIED

Guy suggested approaching companies for corporate membership to recoup the minor shortfall.

Jim to send Shelley the bylaw amendments to send to the membership next week.

#### **8. Finance Report**

Gordon noted that we have \$13,000 in the bank account and suggested investing in GIC. Jim noted there is a high interest savings account and chequing account so the interest is higher on the savings account. Gordon suggested checking with the credit union on investment opportunities that would garner higher interest.

Jim reviewed financial transactions for August

Guy moved and Gordon seconded that the financial report for August be accepted CARRIED

#### **9. New/Other Business**

Jim moved and Shelley seconded that MACO appoint Dave Crabb as a Honorary Member  
CARRIED

Kevin Crozier is recommended by Gus as an addition to the Board. Another name suggested is Lars Olson – he is in an area that does not have a cottage association.

There are 3 names from the survey with potential interest in volunteering with MACO-Shelley to send to Guy

#### **10. Next Meeting Dates -**

AGM – Wed Nov 3, 7:00 p.m.

AGM prep meeting - Monday, October 26, 2020

Feb/May/August 2021

#### **11. Adjournment** –Guy moved and Ray seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m. CARRIED