

**Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners
Board of Directors**

Virtual on zoom

October 26, 2020

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Gus Wruck, Shelley Morris, Jim Nicholson, Gordon Campbell, Val Hammond, Guy Walker, Ken Corbett

Regrets: Ray Poole, Dave Crabb

Chair: Gus Wruck

Recording Secretary: Shelley Morris

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

It was noted that Gina German has opted not to continue on the Board.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

3. Minutes – September 24, 2020

Guy moved and Gordon seconded that the minutes of the September 24, 2020 meeting be approved as amended. CARRIED

Val referred to the motion to cap dues at \$150 and asked if something should be sent out. It was agreed that it needed to go to AGM first. Guy raised the possibility of providing a rebate to those that have paid and encouraging those that haven't paid to do so at the reduced rate.

4. AGM Planning – Wed. Nov 4

a. **Attendance** – Shelley noted there are 13 registered with half being Board members

b. Presentation

- i. President's Report on Activities - Gus
- ii. Finance report for the year – Jim
- iii. Membership Report – Val is up to date on membership. There are a few outstanding which is normal. Jim noted there are 32 paid this year. Of those, 4 are individual. Since end of Sept last year, 28 association and 4 individual. Question re: drop in membership revenue, what the cause might be. Gus suggested increasing value to members. He noted the support of the CSLW has been a positive step. The information on the website is a good service to

members. Guy suggested identifying the associations that have dropped, contacting them and finding out reasons for dropping.

iv. Strategic Plan – Guy – noted that it is ready to go

c. **Bylaws Review** – Jim had provided the revised documents to Shelley

d. **Nominating Report**

Gus and Shelley are up for election plus a minimum of 3 directors. Gordon could fill one of those spots. Gus noted that Kevin Crozier is a candidate that he has approached. Guy suggested explaining that Board requirements are limited with only quarterly meetings and not likely to be a cottage show.

For election in 2020

President – Gus Wruck

Secretary – Shelley Morris

3 directors – Gordon, Kevin Crozier (to be confirmed)

Elected to 2021

VP- Guy Walker

Treasurer – Jim Nicholson

3 directors – Ray, Ken, Val

Past President – Dave Crabb

5. **Provincial Parks Upgrades & Privatization**

<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=49409&posted=2020-10-16>

Reference made to the agreements that we have with Whiteshell Cottage Association and the fact that cottage owners in provincial parks will have an interest in this issue. Question whether privatization relates to sale of land, elimination of 100 year leases, or provision of certain services. Since it's not clear what are government intentions, it was agreed that a letter should be written expressing our interest and asking for clarification. Gordon to prepare first draft for Gus' review.

6. **Provincial Investment in Lake Winnipeg Monitoring and Data Collection**

<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=49412&posted=2020-10-16>

Gordon will check with Lake Winnipeg Foundation for their position on this investment.

7. **Finance Report**

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

CARRIED

The report for the year end Sept 30, 2020 – total income was \$2161, expenses of \$1953, for surplus of \$200 for the year. Cash on hand \$13,580 comparable to last year. The only thing flagged was drop in membership revenue, 39 cottage associations in 2019 and this year 28 cottage associations. Gordon asked about membership in CTF and what are the benefits for the \$250 investment.

Re: members in default, we need to cross check who has insurance and also send a communication outlining accomplishments. Val has been letting the insurance company know

who is paid and who has lapsed. Gordon said that Lester Beach didn't pay MACO dues and the insurance company was not too stringent about membership. Suggested having the insurance company do a presentation to the Board when in person meetings resume. RMs apparently offer insurance as well and it sounds like it is not any cheaper than what is available through MACO.

Question if associations know the ramifications of lapsed membership and lack of insurance should there be incidents at local cottage association events.

In April/May, communication should go out with Morris insurance brochure, list of membership benefits, Board list – to increase understanding and awareness and to ensure that new local association executives are plugged in.

8. New/Other Business

9. **Next Meeting Date** - Thursday, January 14th, 2021 (Gord moved/Jim seconded)

10. **Adjournment** – Ken moved and Val seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

**MACO
AGM**

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**
- 3. Adoption of Minutes of 2019 AGM**
- 4. President's Report - Gus Wruck**
- 5. Financial Report - Jim Nicholson**
- 6. Membership Report – Val Hammond**
- 7. Strategic Plan 2020-24**
- 8. By-laws Amendments**
- 9. Nominating Report**
- 10. Other Business**
- 11. Adjournment**