

Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners
Virtual on zoom
June 1, 2022
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Gus Wruck, Shelley Morris, Jim Nicholson, Gordon Campbell, Ray Poole, Val Hammond, Remi Brengman, Kevin Crozier

Regrets: Dave Crabb, Ken Corbett

Chair: Gus Wruck

Recording Secretary: Gordon Campbell

1. **Call to Order** 7:10

2. **Adoption of Agenda-** moved by Gordon seconded by Shelley

3. **Minutes – March 2, 2022** moved by Jim seconded by Ken. Passed with minor changes submitted by Jim

4. Strategic Plan

i. Review of 2022-24 Strategic Plan –
Roles updated

MACO Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- Set date
- Book room
- Program development
- Distribute notice of meeting
- Nominating report
- AV equipment
- Confirm #s with hotel and room set-up
- Registration fees
 - November
 - Shelley/Gordon

Annual membership invoicing & collections- Shelley

Annual budget- Jim

Regular financial reports- Jim

Review website to ensure up to date Shelley/ Gordon

Board meeting notices/agenda distribution- Shelley

Board meeting minutes- Gordon

Facebook posts- Shelley / Gus

MACO contact for general inquiries - Gus

Strategic Plan update- Gus/ Kevin

Insurance program review- Shelley/ Gordon

Cottage show- Val

Strategic plan update revisions accepted- moved by Gordon seconded by Ken

ii. Public Policy

- a. **Water levels / media call**- Gus was contacted by the after Press
- b. **Zebra mussels**- Candace Parks from Invasive Species, Manitoba Provincial government invited MACO to participate in a webinar on the zebra mussels in Lake Manitoba and its watershed and requested that MACO disseminate info on zebra mussels.
- c. Coalition to Save Lake Winnipeg (**CSLW**) - newsletter published today. Gus will ask Bill to post to our website.
- d. **Education Taxes**- continue to monitor

iii. Information Services

- a. **Facebook Group** - Shelley has set up and will host. A Facebook group allows for members to have a direct exchange among themselves. Shelley will send an invitation to executive members of cottage associations to join the MACO Facebook group. Moved by Ray, seconded by Kevin

iv. Organizational Effectiveness

a. Membership - Shelley

Shelley has/ will continue to follow up with groups who have not paid their membership fees but who purchase insurance. There seems to be good communication between Morris Insurance and Shelley so it is easier to determine if membership fees have been paid.

Shelley circulated her membership report.

5. Member Requests

a. Request from new member Woodland Drive Cottage Owners Association re: dealing with RM of Alexander

Gus will respond to this request encouraging the group to consider 1. the capital expenditure necessary to put a dock in place 2. to consider the on- going maintenance and 3. Liability.

Who ultimately will own the dock, can ownership be transferred to the RM? In high water who is responsible for dock replacement, repair? Winter maintenance responsibility? Is the local association willing to take on liability for the dock and pay for the insurance?

b. Zoom account usage

Several membership groups have been using our account. Members should be reminded of this benefit.

6. Finance Report for March and April, 2022 circulated. Moved by Jim, seconded by Kevin.

- Jim will continue to follow up with Assiniboine credit union to set up e-transfers using the email address treasurer@macoman.com

Once e-transfers are set up, both Membership chair and Finance chair need to know who has paid.

7. New/Other Business

Garbage collection is an issue for many associations. Each group is unique so MACO will not recommend any particular sort of garbage collection, except to remind people to check local RM burning by-laws, secure refuse, prevent wildlife intrusion and to consider their natural environment.

Volunteers and succession planning are a concern for many groups including MACO. How do we encourage new members to participate in our executive board.

8. Next Meeting Dates

Sept. 7, 2022 – AGM planning