

Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners
Annual General Meeting via Zoom
October 27, 2021

The Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners (MACO) business meeting was preceded by our guest presenter, Dave Morris of Morris Agencies speaking on *Important Insurance and Liability Issues for your Cottage Association*.

Cottage associations must be members of MACO to be able to purchase insurance which covers all association events for \$2,000,000 liability. Playgrounds, volleyball courts, stairs to the beach, community events and meals, celebrations and fireworks all contain certain risks for which the cottage association executive could be held liable. Special coverage can be added for docks and boat slips. Garages, sheds and equipment are covered up to \$10,000. Water events and water systems are covered under a separate policy. Premium is \$520/year. Contact Morris Insurance for further information, 5250 Roblin Blvd, Winnipeg, MB, Ph 204-885-7582, Email: Info@morrisinsurance.ca

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Attendance:

1. **Call to Order:** 7:25 President Gus Wruck called the meeting to order and welcomed 15 participants
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Hammond/ Campbell
3. **Adoption of Minutes of 2020 AGM:** Morris/ Campbell
4. **President's Report** - Gus Wruck thanked the board for their support in his role as spokesperson. We have had fewer meetings but there have been more actions accomplished this year. Education tax partial rebates have been issued for cottage property owners but the tax rebates still need to be monitored. A letter was written to the Province of Manitoba concerning the possible privatization of provincial parks and a positive response of provincial ownership was received from the province. There is an update about succession planning on our website. Our MACO website has received many visitors this past year. There were concerns raised by the public with the closure of the Manitoba/ Ontario border due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each concern was responded to. There was some media misrepresentation about MACO's position but ultimately we received significant publicity. A Zoom license was purchased and has been used by several cottage organizations to hold online meetings. MACO has supported the Coalition to Save Lake Winnipeg. Two board members serve on the Coalition's steering committee. Newsletters and reports are published on the MACO website macoman.com. Candidates in Manitoba for the Canadian federal election responded to questions posed by the Coalition and their responses were also posted on the MACO website. The Coalition continues to be concerned with the timeframe for improvements to the NEPCC. The increasing problem of zebra mussels expanding in Manitoba watersheds has also been raised by the Coalition.
5. **Financial Report** - Jim Nicholson
The MACO financial report for 2020-2021 was presented.
Moved: Nicholson/ Hammond

6. **Membership Report** – Val Hammond
21 cottage associations have paid their dues, 31 have purchased insurance through MACO.
Moved: Hammond/ Campbell
7. **Nominating Report:** nominated to a two year term were: Gordon Campbell as V.P., Jim Nicholson as Treasurer, Ken Corbett & Ray Poole & Remi Brengman as Directors.
Moved: Corbett/ Nicholson
8. **Strategic Plan Update** – Gus Wruck, MACO President.
9. **Other Business** - next MACO executive board meeting December 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.
10. **Adjournment:** Campbell/ Manness