

Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners

Virtual on zoom

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

AGENDA

1) Call to Order Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Shelley, Ken, Kevin, Jim, Gordon, Gus, Ray

Regrets: Remi, Val

2) Adoption of Agenda- Kevin/Ken

3) Minutes – June 7, 2023 with amendments as provided by Jim: moved Jim/ /Shelley

4) AGM Planning

Discussion about the future of MACO in light of difficulties in getting people to sit on our executive. Jim reminded us that to maintain our corporate status we must hold an AGM at least once every 15 months. Gordon will compose a letter to be sent to member associations asking for people to come forth to serve on our executive.

i) Date: to be confirmed **either** Nov 7, 14 or 15

A: Topic: Emergency Preparedness. Barb Gillis, Emergency preparedness coordinator for several Manitoba RM's has agreed to speak. Date to be confirmed with her. Gordon will confirm with her and prepare an outline for her presentation.

B: Future of MACO : there is value to the organization: insurance, advocacy, zoom licence. We were contacted by the Winnipeg Free Press with regards to short term rental properties and Global News about zebra mussels. We can represent our stakeholders on a variety of issues.

C: Nominations: Gus, Kevin and Shelley have another year on their term

Ray, Remi (Shelley to confirm), Val (Jim to confirm), Kevin, Gordon will continue for a two year term

Ken will step down but will try to find a replacement.

(D) Insurance- Shelley will review at AGM. Gordon will speak to Morris Insurance about what would happen if MACO did not continue. Also will let them know we don't have the capacity to monitor participants for individual group insurance.

(E) Bylaws

(F) Zoom license- Gus will share accessibility info with Shelley so at least two people can set up other associations to use our zoom licence.

5. Membership report: Shelley included her report with the agenda. We currently have 35 associations and 1 individual member.
6. Finance Report: Jim shared the report with us in an email. We currently have a balance of approximately \$18,758. How can some of this money be used to encourage new members/ executive members? Moved by Jim/ Kevin.
7. Website review- Shelley will put together all that has been submitted to date. Facebook page has been set up and she will monitor to see its usage.
8. Other: The Coalition to Save Lake Winnipeg is in a similar situation to MACO with a small executive but general member interest. A letter was sent to all provincial party leaders asking them to state their goals with regards to the lake. The province has initiated an Aquatic Invasive Species Committee. Gordon represents MACO and the Coalition on this committee.
9. Date of next meeting: will be decided dependent on availability of speaker due the AGM.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 PM