

September 13, 2011 Minutes

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MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS INC.
P.O. Box 281 Station Main, Winnipeg, MB, R3G 2G9

Date: September 13, 2011

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: CanadInns-2100 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg.

Present: Larry Baker, Mo Tipples, Gus Wruck, Jim Nicholson, Dave Crabb, Rilla Britton, Marian Jones, Jim Neufeld, Norma Kerr, Ken Corbett, and Pat Dunlop

Regrets: Brian Blahey, Donna Jean Crabb, Lorne Britton

1. Call to Order

Dave Crabb called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

2. Adoption of Agenda

Rilla Britton moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded by Mo Tipples. Carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Pat Dunlop moved adoption of August minutes as circulated. Seconded by Gus Wruck. Carried.

4. Financial Report

Jim Nicholson provided Financial Report as of August 31, 2011 to members and moved adoption of the report. Seconded by Rilla Britton. Carried. (see attached financial summary taken from report).

5. Business and Action Items Arising From the Minutes

- Add in member orgs. Will update once telephone calls are done.
- Waste Disposal – Donna Jean Crabb – table for next meeting.
- Provincial Land Use Planning Survey – Pat Dunlop – Carry forward
- Recycling--Mo Tipples – Carry forward.
- Snowmobile Safety – Gus Wruck – Carry forward.

6. Old Business

- Eastern Beaches Coalition – Waiting to hear if there will be an appeal and public hearing of the canal and marsh destruction. Anyone who has written in a request for the appeal should be contacted. Appeal is directly supervised by the Minister.
- Website – Last month's request for updating has been done.
- Education Taxes – Ad appeared in papers. Good looking ad for a good price. Has both Let's Pay Fair and MACO signs on stakes.

Speakers – Conservative representative, Dave, Larry and possibly Colin Craig. Will contact NDP.

Larry Baker MOVED that MACO put an ad into the 5 Interlake .paper with school tax information. The cost is \$500.00 and Larry will pay one-half. Seconded by Ken Corbett. Carried. Ad to be put in prior to election.

Mo Tipples posted all the tax rally posters in libraries in area.

- Lake Winnipeg levels – table to next meeting.
- Disaster Compensation – Norma, Bob and Pat are postponing meeting until things slow down on Lake Manitoba. Both Bob and Pat are involved in this. There is a need to go ahead and Dave has a person who may be interested in helping. Norma will proceed with that person.
- Lake Manitoba water levels/Association of Lake Manitoba Stakeholders

Water about 816.14' . The ALMS group had a meeting with PC's and asked a set of questions. The ALMS group are asking that the NDP and Liberals (separate) receive the same questions either in person or in writing.

Larry spoke about pollution that went into Lake Manitoba from the Portage Diversion and provided copies of the letter to the editor that was published in this regard.

- AGM
 - Nomination committee – Gus cannot attend. Dave will run the election. Lorne will do nominating.
 - Silent auction co-ordinator – Still needed.
 - Invasive species presentation at noon.

- Membership – Marian thanked people who helped with phoning.

7. New Business

8. Correspondence Received/Responded to

- Website contacts – contacted about signs and belonging to MACO.

9. Director's Reports

Gus Wruck - Gus attended Bird River cottage assn. meeting. About 50 people attended. They are not members of our association. Last weekend Fournier Drive had AGM. Gus is the president again.

Larry MOVED that MACO purchase another 100 signs at a similar price. Seconded by Marian. Carried.

Ken Corbett– Contacted person from Otter Lake but no arrangements were made yet to attend a meeting there. The levels of Oak Lake and the Plum Lakes, while still above normal, are receding but will still probably be well above normal at freeze-up. This will mean we can expect possible/probable flooding to some degree next year. The Oak Island golf course operated with 12 holes for this summer, but should be okay next year as diking of the low areas around the course has been completed. The Prov. Park beach was able to be opened in late July by trucking in several loads of sand, but major work is still required to restore the complete beach to normal. At the moment the normal sand beach is still under water. The association. is still fund raising for the new green playground planned for the Prov. Park. In the last report I stated we had raised approx. \$15,000.00. This figure has now been increased to approx. \$26,000.00 so we are getting close to the amount required to support a request for grants from the Governments. The project is expected to cost approx. \$80,000.00. The Oak Lake town sewage lagoon is open again to trucking from the resort so our pump out fees have returned to normal. Due to the many unexpected expenses the municipality is facing this year the building of the new sewage lagoon will probably be further delayed. Summer activities in the resort are rapidly coming to an end for another season. The Store and Creamery have closed, the RV park will close this weekend, and the golf course will close early in Oct. Winter residents are starting to think about winter activities such as ice fishing, seniors center activities etc. The OLCOA board have held their last meeting for this season, but are still actively collecting cottage owner dues.mail to follow.

Rilla Britton – Pilot projects to put geo tubes in the lake to build a wave break.

Dave Crabb –There are a lot of bears in the area.

Jim Nicholson – passed out communication from...re flood meeting 2 weeks from today.

Marian Jones – Haven't heard about new subdivision but it appears that there is some work going on. Working with DFO regarding removal of bull rushes in navigation channel going into lake. Has been ongoing for about 35 years. Hoping to get some of the vegetation removed. It is the invasive species and not native. Also have curly leaf...underwater. Has been checking on web. Looking to removed inn a safe manner so as not to destroy fish habitat etc. Also working with province for grants from Community Places to build next year. Number of boat launches to be reduced in the area. Going to about 8 or 9 associations in area to see how many will be retained.

9. Next Meeting –Next meeting dates are Tuesdays,

October 4, and November 15. AGM – October 29th

No meeting in December.

Rilla Britton moved that the October meeting be moved to October 11th, 2011. Seconded by Gus Wruck. Carried.

12.Adjournment

Mo Tipples MOVED by that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 pm.

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2011 FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

AS OF August 31, 2011

Summary

Total Balance forward	\$5,492.13
Total income for the period	1,283.68
Total debit for the period	0.00
Total balances as of July 31, 2011	<u>\$6,775.81</u>
Chequing account balance of August 31, 2011	\$3,580.56
Savings account balance of August 31, 2011	\$3,195.25