



Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Moose Lake Cottage Owners Association (MLCOA)

The 2015 Annual General Meeting of the MLCOA was held at Camp Moose Lake, Moose Lake Provincial Park on 5 September 2015 at 10:00a.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 10:25 with President Verna Danylchuk presiding and sharing responsibility with Vice-President Nichola Wigle. Voting cards had been issued to representatives of those cottages in attendance with additional ones to proxy holders.

2. Quorum

Treasurer Pat Weiss reported that representatives of 31 cottages were represented of which 9 were by proxy. The quorum requirement of thirty cottages including a quorum of the Executive Committee being present, a quorum was declared.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

It was moved by Dave Ennis seconded by Wayne Hiltz that the agenda posted on the Association's website, and distributed at the meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Introduction of the Executive Committee

Verna Danylchuk introduced the members of the Executive Committee in attendance – Nichola Wigle; Dave Ennis; Pat Weiss; Wayne Hiltz; Peter VanderLinden; Doug Thiessen, and noted that one member, Dave Friesen (west side) was unable to attend.

She thanked all for attending the meeting.

5. Minutes of the 2014 AGM

Dave Ennis noted that the minutes of the 2014 meeting had been posted on the Association's website since December of 2014 and provided a brief summary. He noted to corrections: (a) that the word "pasted" in the motion regarding the minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting be replaced with "posted", and (b) that "2012" in second motion be changed to "2013".



It was moved by Dave Ennis and seconded by Nichola Wigle that the minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting as posted on the Association's website and now amended be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2012 AGM

a) Fire Suppression Services/911 service

Verna Danylchuk noted that 911 service had come into effect since the previous meeting and noted that, as part of that service, cottagers are expected to have easily readable signs on both the road side and water side showing the block and lot numbers. No specifications other than "easily readable" are available.

7. Reports of Officers

a) President

Verna Danylchuk provided her report. Some of the items addressed and comments were:

- The Executive Committee met six times since the previous AGM;
- There has been collaboration with local Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship staff,
 - a meeting on 22 January 2015 with discussions on
 - the aerator,
 - plans for an enhanced group use area in the vicinity of the horse shoe/volley ball area,
 - changes to the Park boundaries, and
 - through numerous emails.
- The changes to the Crown Land rent and Park Service Fees developments are being monitored and an MOU to collaborate with the Whiteshell Cottagers Association has been signed (see item number 8)
- Cottagers who passed on over the year (Selma Loewen, Len Gladish, Mary Miller) have been remembered with donations to charities
- There has been an overhaul to the website and implementation of a system to pay cottagers' annual dues through PayPal
- The annual Family Fun Day and Moose Music concert were successful and the contributions of the many volunteers are much appreciated
- Cottagers are strongly encouraged to volunteer for "one off" initiatives in support of the Association's activities to ease the work of the Executive Committee, and
- She will not stand for reflection and is thankful for the experience from having served.



There were no questions following the report.

It was moved by Dave Ennis and seconded by Pat Shymko that the report of the president be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Treasurer

Pat Weiss presented and spoke to her treasurer's report dated 5 September 2015 (Appendix A). It was noted that 20 cottagers had paid their dues through PayPal, and that there had been substantial in-kind donations in support of both Family Fun Day and Moose Music

There were no questions following the report.

It was moved by Pat Weiss and seconded by Peter VanderLinden that the report of the president be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Crown Land Rents and Service Fees – Whiteshell Cottagers Association & MOU

Frank Weiss addressed the meeting regarding the initiative of the Whiteshell Cottagers Association initiative to implement a fair and reasonable transparent process to for the setting of charges to cottagers in Provincial Parks.

He noted that:

- At the 2014 AGM the Executive Committee was asked to investigate if any other provincial park cottage associations were looking at forming a coalition with respect to the New Parks Strategy for Cottage Service and Lease Fees.
- He and Dave Ennis volunteered to look into this, and we were invited to meet with the Whiteshell Cottager's Association's (WCA) AGM and Executive Committee earlier in the year.

From that it was learned that:

- The WCA objective is to bring the provincial government back to the negotiating table regarding service and lease fees and related issues.
- Part of its strategy is to form a coalition of cottage associations within Manitoba Provincial Parks, to gain a stronger voice when dealing with our government.
- The strategy is based on the model in Saskatchewan where the Saskatchewan Provincial Parks Cabin Owners' Association was able to effectively negotiate a suitable arrangement with their Provincial Government.

It was also noted that:



- Earlier in the year WCA had negotiated a tentative agreement with the civil service that was subsequently rejected at the political level.
- MLCOA and several other Manitoba cottagers Associations have signed the MOU of support for WCA on the initiative.
- MLCOA has no financial commitment as a result of signing the MOU.
- WCA has asked its members for a voluntary \$100 contribution in support of its initiative.
- Donations from individual MLCOA cottagers would be much appreciated.

Additional details on WCA's intended implementation of the strategy were provided.

On an indication of intent to put forward a motion, it was agreed to consider the matter further under the other business agenda item.

9. Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship (MCWS) Liaison

MCWS representatives Dave Cove (NRO) and Bill Prevost (Park Foreman) joined the meeting.

Mr. Prevost brought greetings and reported as follows:

- two new bins have been obtained for the garbage transfer station, and that should help reduce operations costs – one will be for shingles only;
- water services will be available at the camp ground until September 20th;
- the garbage bins will be available until September 16th;
- the availability of the washrooms with sanitary service has been delayed by environmental and contractual issues but should be available soon – once available showers will \$1.00 for three minutes;
- there is now signage with boundary markers at 200 metre intervals at the ecological reserve has been established south-east of the camp ground;
- motorized vehicles and bicycles are not allowed in the reserve;
- additional graveling and grading of the roads is scheduled to happen later in the month;
- the Department's policy on camping on cottage lots has been revised – a no-charge permit will be required for each camping item; and
- cottagers were reminded that bears would be in their vicinity and of the importance of eliminating garbage and food opportunities that attract them.

Discussion took place on the issue of permits for camping on cottage lots. Cottagers expressed concerns that:

- cottagers need to know what the rules are;
- camping visitors to cottages often just "turn up" on a weekend when the permit issuing person is unavailable;



- the generic permit application from is complicated and there should be an uncomplicated permission slip; and
- there is no policy on the storage of camper vehicles on cottage lots.

Nichola Wigle undertook to raise those issues with the District Park Supervisor and Park Specialist at the next meeting.

On the graveling and grading of the roads:

- a concern was raised that the grading not create a bump at the boundary of the road and cottage driveways;
- a concern was raised that road maintenance work puts stones in the roadside grass that are damaging to lawnmowers; and
- while individual cottagers are not allowed access to gravel pits, there is typically a pile of gravel at the transfer station, which can be accessed by cottagers.

The meeting expressed its appreciation to the guests for attending and their dialogue.

Secretary's Note:

Subsequent information on this item was provided by the MCWS Regional Park Specialist.

- a) A person whose chief place of residence is on their lot may park their trailer on their lot, currently there is no provision for other cottagers to store a trailer on their lot.
- b) The Park Activity Regulation also stipulates that one cannot "park or erect" a camping unit on one's lot without a permit, i.e. no storing. That is a regulation and not a policy.
- c) To help the process, as a province-wide initiative MCWS is currently developing an application form for a permit. There will be no charge for the permit. Once the application form is available, it will be forwarded through the Association for distribution.
- d) A permit will not required for tents on a cottagers lot, however, they must be removed after 21 days.
- e) Cottagers can obtain gravel from local pits. However, a Casual Quarry Permit is required and a royalty applies. Additionally, a work permit (free) must also be obtained from the local MCWS office.
- f) The Casual Quarry Permit can be obtained from
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10. Election of Officers and Directors

Dave Ennis briefed the meeting on the requirements of the constitution and by-laws regarding the terms of office of members of the Executive Committee. It was noted that, accordingly, Peter VanderLinden would continue as an East Side Director, and Doug Thiessen would continue as a West Side Director with all other positions expiring.

He then called for nominations for the position of President.

It was moved by Peter VanderLinden and seconded by Dave Morrow that Nichola Wigle be elected as President.

There being no further nominations Nichola Wigle was declared elected as President.

Dave Ennis called for nominations for the position of Vice-President.

It was moved by Nichola Wigle and seconded by Verna Danylchuk that Wayne Hiltz be elected as Vice-President.

There being no further nominations Wayne Hiltz was declared elected as Vice-President.

Nichola Wigle called for nominations for the position of Secretary.

It was moved by Wayne Hiltz and seconded by Frank Weiss that Dave Ennis be elected as Secretary.

There being no further nominations Dave Ennis was declared elected as Secretary.

Dave Ennis called for nominations for the position of Treasurer.

It was moved by Verna Danylchuk and seconded by Dave Ennis that Pat Weiss be elected as Treasurer.



There being no further nominations Pat Weiss was declared elected as Treasurer.

Dave Ennis called for nominations for the position of East Side Director.

It was moved by Pat Weiss and seconded by Joan Sawyer that Karen Taraska-Alcock be elected as East Side Director.

There being no further nominations Karen Taraska-Alcock was declared elected as East Side Director.

Dave Ennis called for nominations for the position of West Side Director.

It was moved by Doug Thiessen and seconded by Pat Shymko that Dave Friesen be elected as East Side Director.

Dave Friesen not being in attendance, Verna Danylchuk reported that he had indicated willingness to let his name stand.

There being no further nominations Dave Friesen was declared elected as West Side Director.

All positions being filled elections stopped.

11. Other Business

a) Support for Whiteshell Initiative on Rents and Fees

The earlier expressed intent to propose a motion (item number 8) on was acknowledged by the Chair.

It was moved by Joan Sawyer and seconded by Frank Weiss that the Executive Committee consider making a monetary contribution on behalf of MLCOA, in addition to any individual donations, in support of the Whiteshell Cottagers Association's initiative on establishing an agreement with Manitoba Parks that provides for fair charges arrived at with transparency and consultation.

Discussion took place on the motion; the amount of the Association assets, potential other uses of funds to enhance Moose Lake Provincial Park, and providing other services to cottagers.



It was moved by Eric Sawyer and seconded by Karen Taraska-Alcock that the motion be amended by inserting the words "of up to an amount equal to an entire year's collected fees" after "MLCOA".

There was consensus on inclusion of the amendment in the motion.

Eric Sawyer asked that the following statement be recorded.

"I would like to go on record that the minutes reflect my opinion that the MLCOA dues would be put to better use in support of the Whiteshell Cottagers Association's efforts to oppose the Manitoba Government's cottager fee increases for the future. The increase will affect all cottagers, rather than spending excess monies on a brief, one time social event which would be attended by only some cottagers"

On a vote the motion, as amended, was CARRIED with two abstentions noted based on a condition of proxies.

The adopted motion as amended then reads,

... that the Executive Committee consider making a monetary contribution on behalf of MLCOA of an amount up to the entire year's collected fees, in addition to any individual donations, in support of the Whiteshell Cottagers Association's initiative on establishing an agreement with Manitoba Parks that provides for fair charges arrived at with transparency and consultation.

- b) The meeting recognized and expressed its appreciation for service of Verna Danylchuk as President on the Association.

Adjournment

On a motion by Peter VanderLinden the meeting adjourned at 11:39.

Dave Ennis
Secretary

Appendix A



Moose Lake Cottage Owners Association

Annual General Meeting Sept. 5, 2015 Income and Expense Report

Non-Profit Chequing			
Balance Forward			4458.94
Income			3000.27
Expenses			2552.23
Current Balance			4906.98
Plan 24			
Balance			3449.58
GIC			
Maturity Oct. 19, 2015			2594.19
Total Assets			10950.75

Treasurer's Report

Please see above for a summary of income and expenses for 2014-2015 year ended Aug. 31, 2015.

Highlights of the report are as follows:

Dues collected in 2015 - \$2050

Donations on Family Fun Day - \$110

Family Fun Days expenses - \$1221.75 (some expenses still outstanding)



Moose Music Expenses - \$98.31

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