

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

The 2021 AGM of the MLCOA was held at the Campground field, Moose Lake Provincial Park on September 4, 2021 at 10:00 am.

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### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting came to order at 10:13 am. with President David Morrow presiding. Voting cards were unavailable for meeting (a single cottage owner to raise hand for voting purposes only) and two proxy holders were recorded as present.

### **2. Quorum**

David Morrow confirmed with Nicola Wigle and Verna Danylchuk (at registration table) that quorum had been met by both cottage reps., proxy holders and Executive Members – quorum was declared.

### **3. Adoption of Agenda**

President David Morrow noted that the proposed agenda had been posted on the Association's website and was also available to attendees at the registration table. It was moved by Wayne Hiltz and seconded by Kim Rose that the agenda be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

### **4. Introduction of the Executive Committee**

President David Morrow introduced Executive members who were present at AGM

Vice President – Tyler Vander Linden

Treasurer – Erin Danylchuk (report submitted with Verna Danylchuk reporting)

Secretary – open

Past President – Nicola Wigle

East Side Director – Ashley Hiltz

West Side Director – Joelle Ragot

East Side Director – Dale Wiebe

West Side Director – Phil Fontaine

As Secretary was currently vacant, Lena Morrow volunteered to take minutes for meeting.

### **5. Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting**

President David Morrow called for any and all concerns with respects to errors or omissions from the minutes of the 2020 meeting which had been posted on the Association's website and copies were also available at the meeting. No concerns raised. There was a motion put forward by Tyler Vander Linden and seconded by Jim McCullough that the minutes of the 2020 AGM be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

## 6. Updates on matters arising from the minutes of the 2020 AGM

Rescheduled until after remarks from Parks representative – Bill Prévost

## 7. Remarks from the Parks and Protected Spaces Branch

Bill Prevost

- It was a very challenging year and the park was very busy.
- A new operator has been hired to assist with the maintenance of the park.
- Dust Control: The park now has own pump available for next year, however having no rain this year hindered it's effectiveness.
- Aeration: Bill thanked Steve for maintenance of aeration pump over the winter. There was very little winter kill this year and quality of lake water has improved with it's use.
- A new fishing dock has been installed and next year Bill is hoping to install a new boat launch dock.
- Dredging needs to be done at Birch Point before September 15, 2021.
- Group Use Area, no update.
- Speed Bumps: Concerns were raised regarding placement of speed bumps on west side. A request was made to move one speed bump closed to bend in road (similar to last year) as it worked better there. Bill requested that cottagers determine where they want bumps placed before next spring.
- Patrick is the new Conservation Officer for the park and works out of Sprague.
- Questions Raised for Bill:

Fire Plan for Moose Lake – Bill informed cottagers that there is a fire/emergency plan for the lake. It was requested that the MLCOA be provided a copy to the membership and Bill said that would be provided in the spring.

STARS (Emergency transport) – The east side is challenging at the north end of the road as a 35m sq. area of clearance is needed for helicopter landing area and is currently unavailable at this time. This concern was raised with Bill and he said he would look into it

Zebra Mussels – Cottagers using Birch Point were advised to keep boats out of water for 24 hours before entering Moose Lake again to help avoid any contamination.

Providing a washing station (high pressured, high heat) may be problematic for parks, but Bill will look into it.

Dam – Bill suggested as a collective, cottagers get the phone number of Infrastructure (Manitoba Government) and make calls to get dam repaired. It is on their list, but at this time is not a high priority.

Bear – issues at all provincial parks and other areas this year. Moose Lake was one of the least affected areas this year.

Dogs – must be maintained on cottage yards and leashed while on walks.

## **6. Updates on matters arising from minutes of 2020 AGM**

Past President Nicola Wigle provided update on Manitoba Provincial Park Cottage Owners Association, MPPCOA

MPPCOA 2021 Summary: Rollercoaster of a year!

A positive this year was the access to expense records which allowed for a more accurate summary of the cost to run each park area. This led to the discovery of at least a 3 million dollar surplus in the fees charges to cottages in comparison to the cost of cottagers in the parks. The revenue calculation for this only take into account the service fees and lease fees for cottages, it does not include the additional revenues from park passes, which may increase that surplus. These values have been confirmed and acknowledge by the director of Parks to central government

MPPCOA is hoping this information will move the rhetoric away from “cottages are not paying” to a more accurate reflection of the situation with government and we can focus on an equitable and sustainable approach to parks management - So our work with Parks, directly, has been a positive exercise

Unfortunately our efforts on the political front with government have been less successful

As previously reported, MPPCOA worked with Parks to create three ‘made in Manitoba models’ for fee structures 1) access fee model 2) modified municipal model with land values built on Sask’s provincial park strategy 30 a blend of these two approaches

In the spring, the Minister for sustainable development, informed MPPCOA that the government would pursue a municipal model that include land and building values for fee assessment and would require all lots to assessed value over a three year time period at the cost of

over 3 million dollars just to set up the fee structure

This announcement was met with very strong opposition 1) the costs to implement would be placed on the cottagers 2) cottagers lease land and pay for service separately so the assessed value should be on the land not buildings 3) this essentially equates to taxation without representation which is not allowed

MPPCOA has been rallying our community to reach out to MLAs to increase awareness of the issue and put pressure on central government to revisit the 'made in Manitoba' models that were jointly created between Polaris and MPPCOA

We have had a letter acknowledging the current government approach is not finalized and there is room for discussion  
Some uncertainty if MPPCOA is being placated or not

MPPCOA has a meeting with DM Forester in mid-September to discuss and review more closely the proposed models  
I have a draft letter that cottagers can send to MLA expressing concern - we can send this out to the community so you can send to your MLA to bring awareness this is an issue - cottagers represent about 80,000 votes in the province

Recently, MPPCOA has reached out to Heather Stephenson for a meeting to discuss - initial contact seems favourable

## **8. New Business**

Vice President Tyler Vander Linden proposed that a Cottagers Owners survey be developed to gain knowledge of any specific issues/concerns of interest. It was agreed that an email should be sent out to association members for survey question suggestions and to see who would be interested in participating. For those without email, survey information would also be provided on website.

Speed Bumps on West Side – It was requested that the first speed bump be moved to original location near the bend of road.

Children Playing signs – It was suggested that interest in signs could be part of survey.

## **9. Reports of Officers**

- a) - **President** David Morrow reminded membership because of the impact of Covid-19 there was no Family Fun Day or Moose Music.

- The position of Secretary has been open for three years and he reminded those in attendance that everyone's involvement is needed.

- b) **Treasurer** (report was submitted by Verna Danylchuk on behalf of Erin Danylchuk)  
Please review the printed report (attached) summarizing the income and expenses for the past year. Report currently N/A. Will be updated ASAP and provided to the membership.

## 10. Election of Officers

- President:** Tyler Vander Linden  
**MOTION:** To nominate Tyler Vander Linden as President.  
Moved by Jeff Wigle, seconded by Phil Fontaine.  
Nomination accepted.
- Vice President:** David Morrow  
**MOTION:** To nominate David Morrow as Vice President  
Moved by Karen Taraska Alcock, seconded by Doug Shymko.  
Nomination accepted.
- Treasurer:** Rachel Wahl  
**MOTION:** To nominate Rachel Wahl as Treasurer  
Moved by Karen Taraska Alcock, seconded by Phil Fontaine  
Nomination accepted.
- Secretary:** Jeff Wigle  
**MOTION:** To nominate Jeff Wigle as Secretary  
Moved by Dale Wiebe, seconded by Kim Rose  
Nomination accepted.
- East Side  
Directors:** Dale Wiebe (2<sup>nd</sup> year of two year term)  
Ashley Hiltz (end of second year). Agreed to continue.  
**MOTION:** To nominate Ashley Hiltz as East Side Director  
Moved by Doug Shymko, seconded by Jeff Wigle  
nomination accepted
- West Side  
Directors:** Phil Fontaine (2<sup>nd</sup> year of two year term)  
Joelle Ragot (end of two year term)  
Taylor Mackenzie volunteered.  
**MOTION:** To nominate Taylor Mackenzie as West Side Director  
Moved by Karen Taraska Alcock, seconded by Kim Rose  
Nomination accepted.

## 11. Other Business None

## **12. Adjournment**

On a motion by Wayne Hiltz and seconded by Doug Shymko the meeting adjourned at