

Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Moose Lake Cottage Owners Association (MLOCA)

The 2023 Annual General Meeting of the MLOCA was held at the East End of the Campground Common Area on September 2nd, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 10:11 with Dale Wiebe standing in for Tyler Vanderlinden (president) who was unable to be present. Voting cards had been issued.

Dale mentioned the appreciation of the board for Tyler's role with the association, and the collective wishes for his family. Dale introduced the current executive who were able to be present. Dale asked if there were any new cottagers present who have recently joined the community. No parties spoke up.

2. Quorum

Substitute secretary Janine Ennis reported that representatives of 31 cottages were represented of which 5 were by proxy. With the requirement of 30 cottages including the executive committee, a quorum was achieved at 10:25 a.m. (See below).

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Dale indicated that the agenda had been posted on the association website. Dale stated that it was planned to move item number 8 on the agenda to number 5, after the executive introductions to allow The Parks presentation to proceed first.

It was moved by Dave Friesen and seconded by Eugene Fillion that the amended agenda be adopted. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Introduction of the Executive

Dale Wiebe noted that Secretary Jeff Wigle was unable to attend the meeting and West Side Rep Janine Ennis would take the minutes.

He introduced himself as vice president,
Lindsay Sawyer Fay as Treasurer
Vern Bergen and Ashley Hiltz as East Side Directors
Janine Ennis as West Side Director

It was noted that Taylor McKenzie West Side Director was unable to attend.

5. Introductions and remarks from the Parks and Protected Spaces Branch

Dale welcomed PPSB representatives:

Bill Prevost, District Park Manager for Moose Lake Provincial Park & Birch Point Provincial Park and St. Malo Provincial Park

Chris Ciporski, Natural Resources Officer.

Bill Prevost introduced Chris Ciporski who has been working in sprague for one year.

Chris introduced himself, and indicated that he has 10 years experience in the province. Chris indicated that while he has solely covered the area himself, there is a new class of recruits and he anticipates an additional officer next season. Cottagers should keep in mind that Chris could be at least two hours away if called to Moose Lake.

Bill addressed the meeting with topics that have come up from Cottagers over the year:

- A. Complaints about the roads: Parks have had problems with gravel, equipment and staffing. Gravel screener part is missing. Gravel contractor coming in September 2023. There is \$50, 000 available for roads coming this year. Speed bumps come out second week of September 15th approx. for the road work. Question asked about what happened to the roads at the beginning of the year: rocks were added. This year frost boils were problematic and affected many other communities including Moose Lake. The plan is to try to get rid of large boulders however utility Line locations have to be done for each rock. Statement re: greyhound busses heading to the camp and the wear and tear on the road. Parks Response: there are no restrictions on "school busses" buses as a category. The planned new road work should help with the wear and tear. Bill sated he will talk to the school division to be part of helping keep roads in good condition.
- B. Recycling: For the past two years a contractor from St. Malo took recycling to St. Malo. This year they didn't reapply. One bid had been received from Winnipeg, but minimal recycling has been removed thus far. The current Contract will be canceled if the individual doesn't have a load gone by today. Parks might have to purchase "BFI"-type bins. However there is concern about people putting in inappropriate things. Contractors can refuse loads for being too big or incorrect content. The demand for the items has declined considerably. RM of piney has a truck but its a front mount truck and we would need the appropriate types of bins. A new solution is needed. Recycling Manitoba might be able to help with some sort of funding. An Aside: the St Malo building is not big enough for trailers/dumping. Parks will look at bin purchases.

QUORUM ACHIEVED AT 10:25 WITH 30 COTTAGES

C. Road widening project at the beach. - due to so many "close calls" the decision was to move the road. Reduced equipment and person power has delayed completion. Will be finished this fall. It helped with snow accumulation this winter in terms of moving snow. Didn't have to hire a cat to push snow aside. Grader was sufficient. A new Tractor obtained for Moose Lake. Has a snowblower on it. Bill will be checking it out in the winter. Cottager stated that the beach road diversion was a good idea.

D. Manitoba Provincial Parks Infrastructure Renewal Strategy: 120 million on provincial parks over 10 years. A few projects listed on the website. 71 million has been allocated; Ear marked for playgrounds, yurts, road work. Nothing listed under a million. Bill has put in for more electrical sites and family group sites, stage but the money won't come available soon. Remaining money will come out in press releases. E.g. 6 stall bathroom in st Malo is almost 1 million. Moose Lake water plant was \$750, 000 for comparison.

Question: Will the dam be covered under such a fund. Dam: run by Manitoba infrastructure. They monitor a few times a year. Still on the list. Bill sends them an email to check in once a year. Not covered by money above.

E. Birch Point: land claim - no new information or movement. Question: New cutting line - meant to mark the park boundary? Yes. Parks will keep Moose Lake informed if anything changes. This fall an engineer coming out to fix rock face and then sites will be built up. When the study gets done improvements will ensue. This includes the campsites that are closed. The boat launch: wasn't damaged by the flood but it needs upkeep.

Moose Lake boat ramp needs extending. They will also try to increase the concrete on the front. Measurements used were standard for other lakes but Moose Lake has so much water level variability. The types of boats have changed too.

Question: Any work in the plans to get the birch point launch dredged. Not yet

F. New Park Specialist is Kathleen Brown. She will be helping Bill at Moose Lake and elsewhere.

G. Fall out shelter: it is going to the museum in Miami MB. Parks were liable for it, so it was felt to be better to have it go. 25 locks have been cut off. There were 150 shelters created in the province. Google "fallout shelter Moose Lake" for a history.

Question: Fire issues and evacuation plan: notifications / gates / . Bill said a plan is in place. Fire service has split from Parks. They would probably use parks to help disseminate information. People who claim full time residence status will be taken care of in the case of evacuation. Those who are not claiming full time residence should let Bill know asap. to make sure you are looked after in case of emergency.

Chris - stated it is reasonable to involve cottagers more with information dissemination. Look at making a plan. E.g., muster points in grindstone. If MLCOA wants to look at that Chris is happy to help develop something like that.

Question: Are there any muster points regardless of location of a fire to reduce confusion? Points that people can be educated on. Currently - Sprague Hall or Eastbraintree. Known variables that can be repeated on our documents. Bottom line is cottagers will be informed. Water bombers are under a half an hour away.

Question: ATV guidelines : not allowed in the park but they can be trailered in. Dirt bikes not allowed in parks. E-bikes area allowed. No golf carts on road ways but allowed on private property. Birch point road cannot have ATVs. With dust and people it creates more issues.

Question: Wake boats : Cottagers are noting that boats are driving too close to shore, and generating large waves. Could there be signs to educate how far to drive from the shore? Response was that Signs are minimally useful in general but could be considered. Dale reminded cottagers to collate complaints to the Board who will forward to the Parks employees to improve efficiency. Dale extended Thanks from cottagers for all the efforts on our behalf especially under the restrictions and slow time lines.

6. Minutes: 2022 AGM

Dale asked if there were any changes or omissions. No changes suggested
Moved to adopt by Wayne Hiltz; and seconded by Dave morrow. MOTION CARRIED

7. Updates on Matters arising from the 2022 AGM: No updates.

8. Manitoba Provincial Park Cottagers Owners Association update (MPPCOA) -

News release from April 2023 was provided to the executive prior to the meeting. It will be placed on the MLCOA website for review.

9. New Business - no new business arising. Taxes do not need to go up.

10. Officer reports - there are no formal reports due to the difficulties getting signing privileges for the treasurer, and the resignation of the president.

Vice President Report - family fun day was a big success, Jeff was in charge of buns. Special mention of Thanks to Steve and Debbie for hot dogs, coolers and ice. The cottagers appreciate Silver Birch. They have worked so hard to make this place look so good. Support them as much as they support us! When things go sideways these are the people that support us.

Treasurer's report: signing authorities have been difficult to obtain. Recently, Lindsay was signed up and approved, but no log-in information has been forwarded. There may be some outdated banking as a result. This will be addressed. A report will be attempted for the end of October.

Dave Morrow stated he would continue to run the Website, and will add information that comes in from the Treasurer. He noted that you can sign up for notifications when new information is added so that you don't have to check regularly.

11. Election of Officers and Directors

Wayne Hiltz lead the Elections section of the meeting.

President: nominations for position of president: VERN Bergen motion to close nominations: Eugene Fillion, Steve Rosnowski seconded. All in favour. Motion Carried.

Vice President: Kim Rose nominated Dale Wiebe. Motion to close: Phil Fontaine, seconded by Susanne Bergen. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Kim Rose Nominated Lindsay Sawyer Fay ; motion to close: Suzanne Bergen, Seconded by Kim rose. Motion Carried.

Secretary: Jeff Wigle had indicated to the executive his willingness to stay on as secretary. Kim Rose nominated Jeff Wigle. Motion to close: Dave Morrow, seconded by Lindsay Sawyer Fay. Carried.

East Side Director: Kim Rose nominated Ashely Hiltz. Accepted. Motion to close: Susanne Bergen and Dave Morrow. Carried.

East Side Director (one year term): Stan Paul nominated Aaron Hildebrand. Motion to close: Larry Malazdrewicz, Seconded by Ben Friesen. Carried.

West Side Director (new two year term): Joelle Ragot nominated Lynne Hudrick. Motion to close; Eugene Fillion, seconded by Steve Roznowski. Carried

West Side Director; Janine Ennis continues second year of the term.

12. Other business:

Larry Malazdrewicz of Block 8 extended sincere thanks for the 10 guys who showed up and helped with a big task of moving a boat.

13. Adjournment

On a motion by Wayne Hiltz and seconded by Lindsay Sawyer Fay the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.