**WHITESHELL COTTAGERS’ BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**January 20, 2016**

**1975 Corydon**

**7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** D. Klass, A. Bezak, R. Kinley, S. Philp, G. Delmarque, D. Moberg

A. Roberts, A. Kelsch, A. Hogan, S. Pogorzelec, T. Walker, B. Backman, J. Shields, T. Cutts,

K. Davies, C. Bryant, R. Stalker, G. Parker, J. Nault, D. Seguin, R. Emslie, J. Kettner, S. Kline, D. Sleeva, N. McMillan,

**REGRETS:** R. Babyak, B. Morrison G. Kennedy, L. Spencer, R. Smith, E. Enns,P. Caron,

B. Trach, D. Myk, K. Pingatore, D. McNeil

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER 7:02 PM**

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by R. Emslie / Seconded by Al Bezak - PASSED

1. **MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE DIRECTORS MEETING OF November 18, 2015**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by R. Emslie / Seconded by R. Stalker - PASSED

1. **TREASURERS REPORT –**

* Tom Cutts presented December Year-end financial statements for approval to be submitted to Auditors.

**Motion:** to approve Treasurers report as presented

Moved byT. Cutts/ Second; R. Emslie - PASSED

1. **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

* Dan Klass gave update on next steps with Government.
* Our battle is far from over.
* Phase 2 planning document discussion – Dan Klass
* Meeting with Mark Newman and Jim Chess to seek advice on timing of next steps…should we wait until after election?
* Joel Kettner raised the point that any negotiated settlement must be consistent with The Parks Act.
* Recognized the need to identify who we want as negotiators. Seems t make sense that we work together with our Coalition partners.
* Joel Kettner stated we must agree on general principles as an Association and the Executive needs to uphold in negotiations. Board discussion needs to take place prior to any agreements being made with government.
* Garry Parker stated that he is in favor of total assessment model, improvements included.
* Dan Klass recognized Directors and Members for their ongoing support of the Association to get to where we are at with the Ministry.
* Randall Kinley expressed thanks to the Executive for their commitment and perseverance.

1. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
2. **MEMBERSHIP**

* Membership renewal letter and emails have gone out
* 500 members for 2016 so far. Trending at 20% NEW members

1. **COMMUNICATIONS**

* Continuing to work on Current Issues section on website to post pertinent, fresh information.

1. **ENVIRONMENT**

* Alan Roberts reported on Lake Levels
  + We have constructive, receptive audience with MIT and Conservation participants.
  + Tom Walker moved to have Alan Roberts appointed as our representative to the Lake Levels Board for the Whiteshell. Seconded by Bob Stalker – PASSED
  + The new board will NOT replace our internal committee which needs to remain active.
  + Next meeting with MIT scheduled for some time in March
  + Discussed beaver issue at Star Lake
  + Noted that heavy rains late in the year seemed to undo all the work done for drawdowns
* Stan Pogorzelec reported on ROADS
  + No new work in progress over the winter
  + Attended hearing with Highways over the Betula Lake proposed speed reduction zone (S. Pogorzelec, T. Cutts, K. Sommer) awaiting decision.

1. **EVENTS**

* Directors Banquet – March 16th  - Masonic Temple
* AGM – April 27th – Club Regent Event Centre
* Cottage Show – April dates to be confirmed.
* Ken Sommer to extend invite to MB Hydro representative to attend May Directors Meeting to give presentation on Winnipeg River water levels.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

* Smith letter: Re Cottage rentals
  + Ken Sommer to respond after discussion that we would uphold policy outlined in Cottagers’ Handbook
* AGM Venue
  + Possibility of finding new, less expensive option.
  + Committed to Club Regent for this year.
  + Churches/University
  + Ken Sommer to inquire
* Aquatic Invasive Species
  + Angela Hogan presented information on behalf of Kristin Pingatore
  + Candace Parks would like to make a presentation on AIS to Board. Possibility of speaking time at AGM was turned down.
  + Offer made of a FREE booth at AGM.

Moved to adjourn Stan Pogorzelec / Seconded Tom Walker.

**ADJOURNED – 9:30pm**

**Next meeting: February 17, 2016 @ 7:00 PM - 1975 Corydon**