**WHITESHELL COTTAGERS’ BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**December 15, 2016**

**VIC WYATT CENTRE**

**7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** G. Delmarque, D. Moberg, A. Hogan, D. Seguin, R. Babyak, R. Stalker, S. Kline, B. Morrison, L. Spencer,

R. Smith, R. Kinley, , J. Shields, C. Bryant, P. Caron, K. Pingatore, R. Emslie, D. Klass, A. Bezak, S. Philp, ,D. Myk, N. McMillan, A. Roberts, G. Kennedy, S. Rempel

**REGRETS:** D. McNeil, G. Parker, S. Pogorzelec, T. Cutts, E. Enns, B. Backman, B. Trach, A. Kelsch, K. Davies, J. Nault,

S. Magyar, J. Kettner, D. Sleeva

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER 7:04PM**

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Moved by Lorna Spencer / Seconded by Bob Stalker- PASSED

1. **MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE DIRECTORS MEETING OF Oct. 19, 2016**

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

Moved by Al Bezak / Seconded by Dan Myk – PASSED

1. **TREASURERS REPORT –**

* YTD Financial statements presented for approval

**Motion:** To approve the financial statements as presented.

Moved by Rick Emslie / Seconded by Dan Klass – PASSED

1. **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

* Ron Smith put forth a call for volunteers for Events Committee and Cottage Show booth volunteers
* Ron commented that December Echo was very well done with Photo Contest and HiWay Cleanup articles of special mention.
* Reported that the MPPCOA met with the Minister and representatives on Nov. 27.
  + Change of tone was evident
  + Minister Cox and Rick Wowchuk are cottagers.
  + Recommended that there be 1 blanket organization. Supportive of MPPCOA
  + Still recruiting fellow COA members to join MPPCOA
  + Minister stated that negotiations would begin in the New Year
* Bob Morrison opened debate over the name MPPCOA specifically asking why “Cabin” and not Cottage. View was the subtleties of the word cabin vs. cottage.
* Dan Klass reported that objective of negotiations will be to pay for what we use.
  + Transparency is required
  + Cottagers Handbook explanations are about as good as we can hope for. The problem is in implementation.
  + Concern that gov’t may want to change to land and improvements.
  + No allowance for that in Parks Act. We rent land only.
  + Attack the 4% value. Our goal is 1%
  + Based on Ministers response, we look to meet in January.
  + Approach is to listen to their offer and build on that.
  + Cost recovery approach is supported by all MPPCOA members.

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

* Deborah Seguin reported on Membership drive activities to date.
* Provided update on proposed a telephone blitz for early in January, targeting non-members. Prizes to be offered and make it a fun, positive event and asked for volunteers.
* Jets tix and gift cards to be used as incentives.

1. **COMMUNICATIONS**

* Deadline for April Echo is Mar. 1, 2017
* Website and FACEBOOK rapidly gaining popularity with members.
* Continue to explore idea of cultivating advertisers to website to turn into revenue generator.

1. **ENVIRONMENT**

* Alan Roberts reported that TCPL had new Board of Directors, but there has been no news on the issue.
* Reiterated that our response was WCA was in agreement, subject to our conditions relating to leak control etc.
* Dredging results were posted on website end of October
  + SD and MI are receptive to fixing
  + Letter of support is ready to go
  + Review meeting to be held prior to end of January
* SD and MI were warned in early August of Falcon Lake flood potential and we need to be poised to take to task in the spring.
* Bob Stalker to head up an initiative to investigate solutions to Caddy Lake tunnel drainage issues.
* There is continuous level monitoring at Falcon now, and will be at West Hawk imminently.
* WCA met with Manitoba Hydro and LOWWCB re: Winnipeg River levels. Productive meeting that will hopefully lead to a more forward thinking process.
* Bob Morrison asked whether the cost sharing issue of Falcon Lake dredging had been resolved, and it has not. Our position is that it is Province’s expense due to engineering flaws and neglect.
* Noted that respondents were 40% in favor of cost share and 53% believe it is Provinces responsibility.
* Bob Stalker reported that continuous level monitoring at Caddy Lake has been requested as well

1. **EVENTS**

* Cottage Country Show early this year in late March
* AGM is set for May 17th at Club Regent Event Centre once again.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

* Proposal discussed from Plezia Insurance to have Directors place information at popular spots throughout the Whiteshell to promote our alliance with them.
* Was viewed unfavorably by majority as Plezia is not a partner, and our participation in this may have the optics of favoring them over other insurance brokers.

Moved to adjourn Gary Kennedy / Seconded Dan Klass

**ADJOURNED – 8:14 pm**

**Next meeting: January 18th @ 7:00 PM – 1975 Corydon**