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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1997

Robert A. Steen Community Centre

900 Palmerston Ave and Ruby, South of Portage Ave.

AGENDA

7:00	Registration / Memberships	8:50	COFFEE BREAK
7:30	Call to order / opening remarks	9:00	Nominations
7:45	Approval of Minutes of 1996 Annual Meeting	9:15	Adjournment and Call To Order of Special Meeting- Amendments to the Constitution
7:55	Financial Report		
8:10	Guest Speaker & Discussion	10:00	ADJOURN

Message from the President

Another year's activities have come to an end and once again we ask that all members and those contemplating becoming members attend our annual meeting. I can only reiterate what has been said before, you must let us know your opinions and become vocal so the Association can represent you and in the end ensure that we are all getting the most for our dollar. Let me assure you that the meeting will be quick moving and with the guest from Parks, we may all get some answers on the reason for the drastic increases in our lease fees(is the additional \$150.00 worth 3 hours of your time?).

Since the Gazette in November, the Executive had received a survey/questionnaire from Parks which asked for our opinion on their proposed changes to the regulations governing "Restrictions For Cottage/Commercial Development" within the park areas of Manitoba. The main items which we emphasized were:

- to zone or assign lots a commercial status, the process MUST involve the input of the cottagers and the Association of the area.
- a maximum land coverage by the main floor of all structures and any cantilevered floor, as well as, decks and open roofed structures must be included to ensure that adequate green space be maintained.
- any changes to the regulated rear/front/side yard requirements MUST allow for the input of the cottagers in the area, possibly by the approval of a "Variance Committee".
- the regulations MUST have TEETH to ensure that Parks are able to act and take remedial action to ensure that all fellow cottagers are protected from offenders and intent of the Park/Cottage areas are not jeopardized.

In closing another Grindstone year, I thank those who have extended their words of support for the Executive over this past year and a special THANK YOU to all those who have become members or maintained membership in 1996 Making '96 the largest membership in many years.

Wayne Summerly

Road and Garbage Costs

After numerous discussions with Natural Resources, I have come to the conclusion that, at this time, they do not have summary data of exactly how our money is being spent. Questions such as what the road costs for July were? Our garbage collecting visits costs? Are we on budget? could not be answered from the current data. The executive was offered the opportunity to review the receipts located in Riverton. This invitation has not yet been accepted, due to the inconvenient location. Natural Resources has been made aware of this problem and has had meetings to discuss how they will track costs. The new system should be in place by April 1997.

Ralf Oppitz, March 11, 1997

Advertizing

In the past year, we have made some changes to the format for the advertizing page, therefore we have made room for more. We have received a few more ads in the past year.

We appreciate the support we are currently getting from all these companies.

On behalf of the Association, I would like to THANK all of our Advertizers for their help in making it possible to publish the Gazette.

Susan de Berk

THE GRINDSTONE PROVINCIAL PARK COTTAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

CURRENTLY READS

2. Membership

Members shall be those persons owning or leasing lots within the Grindstone Provincial Park who have paid their dues for the current year; provided that spouses of owners and lessees shall be also deemed as members in good standing upon the purchase of a membership by one or the other.

3. VOTING

Only members in good standing who have paid their dues for the preceding or current year may vote at the Annual Meeting. At all meetings of members of the Association a majority vote of the members present as such meetings shall be sufficient to pass any resolution, by-law or decide any question coming before such meeting and an entry in the minutes to that effect shall be conclusive evidence of the fact.

4. MEETINGS:

D. Fifty (50) members in good standing actually present shall constitute a quorum at any special or general meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO READ

Definitions: 1. add:

f) "Associate Member" means person/s who by joint use of a Grindstone lot share a common interest in reaching and maintaining the goals of the association.

g) "lessee/permittee" shall be as ascertained by list as provided by Natural Resources.

2. Membership

a) Members shall be those persons who are lessees or permittees of a cottage lot or jointly lessees or permittees of a lot within GRINDSTONE PARK DISTRICT and who have paid their dues for the current year.

b) Associate members shall be those persons, as defined, who have paid their dues for the current year.

Associate members shall have their name on the mailing list for the Gazette, may attend Annual/Special meetings and may hold positions on sub-committees.

3. VOTING

a) Only members in good standing who have paid their dues for the preceding or current year may vote at the Annual meeting and only members who have paid their dues for the current year may vote at a special meeting, provided that no more than one person be registered as a voting member per vacation lot. The member may, in writing, appoint a proxy who need not be a lessee or permittee to attend and act at any meeting to the same extent as if the member were present.

b) No more than one voting members or proxy holder will be registered for any vacation lot to vote or may vote at any annual or special meeting.

c) No person attending any Annual/Special meeting shall be entitled to hold more than one proxy vote.

d) Associate members are considered non-voting members.

e) At all meetings of members of the Association a majority vote of the members present at such meetings shall be sufficient to pass any resolution, by-law or decide any question coming before such meeting and an entry in the minutes to that effect shall be conclusive evidence of the fact. In the case of an equality of votes, the motion shall be lost.

4. MEETINGS:

D. Fifty (50) members, as defined in 2 a, shall constitute a quorum at any special or general meeting.

13. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Any interest an officer has in any contract or proposed contract with the Association or others as it relates to the GRINDSTONE PARK DISTRICT shall be disclosed by the officer in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

GRINDSTONE COTTAGE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Financial Statement
As of December 31, 1996

INCOME	Opening Balance as of Dec 31, 1995		1225.02
	Membership	1780.00	
	Snow Clearing	830.00	
	Advertising	474.00	
	Grindstone Days - Misc	3305.79	
	1996 Revenue		6389.79
EXPENSES	Gazette	943.79	
	1996 Annual Meeting	149.57	
	Utilities	350.67	
	Misc. Expenses	141.62	
	Grindstone Days Expenses	3457.10	
	Total Expenses		<u>5042.75</u>

1700 - snow fund

Bank Balance as of December 31, 1996 **2572.06**

Wanda Deller, Treasurer

I'm sure all snowmobile and winter enthusiasts will agree it's been a great year. Now it's time for the big green summer. It's right about this time that I have to stop and think of how fortunate we all are as Grindstoners, to be able to enjoy our vacation homes all year round. Your Executive Committee, I'm happy to report, have been working hard on your behalf, to set up and organize the annual meeting, to bring about new changes to the constitution bylaws and numerous meetings with the Parks Branch. Many thanks to special sub committee members, Linda Grayston, Bruce Campbell and Henry DeCuyper.

Ed Jowett

Memberships

We're very pleased that memberships were up last year. With 297 cottages in our area, 163 were members for 1996, 14 for 1997, and one very enthusiastic member for 1998. We respect our members and maintain confidentiality of our lists. This spring we will be conducting a door to door canvas of unpaid cottagers to enlighten you of the benefits of becoming a G.C.O.A. Member. Anyone that would like to volunteer their help in canvassing their street or bay can contact any of the executive members. The winners of our membership draw were:

First Prize: -Larry Verhaege, -Home Fire Extinguisher, -Donated by G.C.O.A.

Second Prize: -John Szdlik, -Security Light. Donated by Davian Construction

Third Prize: -Herb Schulz, -Bird Feeder and seed Donated by Wayne Summerly

Marcia Jowett

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Memberships are Now Due	

NOMINATION FORM	
I, _____	nominate _____ to
stand for election to the Grindstone Cottage Owners' Association	
AND/OR	
I, _____	Volunteer to stand for election
to the Grindstone Cottage Owner's Association	
Return to G.CO.A, 87 Tunbridge Bay, Winnipeg, MB, R2C 3T5	
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