

Forest History Association of Alberta
3rd Annual General Meeting
March 14, 2007
Coast Edmonton Plaza, Edmonton

Meeting called to order by President A. Rytz at 7:15 p.m.

Directors Present

Arden Rytz, Peter Murphy, Cliff Henderson, Bruce Mayer, Fred McDougall, Bob Stevenson, Butch Shenfield, Bob Newstead and Bob Udell

Opening Remarks

President, Arden Rytz, once again thanked Bruce Mayer on behalf of the entire organization for his ongoing dedication and effort in support of the FHAA over the past year. Arden reflected for a few moments on the phenomenal growth and development of the forest sector and business activities since his arrival on the scene in 1950. He then called upon Bruce Mayer to coordinate the agenda activities.

Minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting

The minutes of the March 14, 2006 AGM were distributed to members in attendance. Bruce provided a brief review of the past year's activities and noted that two issues of the FHAA newsletter "**Trails & Tales**" were developed over the past year. In order to sustain production and interest, story contributions are necessary and would be most welcome. There were no meetings of the Board of Directors in 2006 owing to a combination of scheduling constraints and minimal business activity. Arden Rytz moved, John Brewer seconded that the minutes of the 2006 AGM be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Statement

Bruce Mayer noted that the financial statement (attached) - for the year January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 was available for circulation. All present obtained a paper copy for review and comment in conjunction with Bruce's review of same. Individual membership reached 108 persons in 2006, while 4 family and 4 corporate members rounded out the total. Income exceeded expenses in 2006, leaving a closing balance of \$4,888.37 as of December 31. Bruce Mayer moved, Fred McDougall seconded that the 2006 financial statement be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Since three Directors positions expired as of 2007 (F. McDougall, B. Stevenson and B. Shenfield). Bruce Mayer issued a call for nominations to fill these three positions. When it became apparent that new nominations were not forthcoming, each of the current Directors was asked if he would allow his name to stand for another three year term. Accordingly, Fred McDougall, Bob Stevenson and Butch Shenfield were re-nominated. All were elected by acclamation. Subsequent to this action, and the applause that followed, all members present were asked to introduce themselves.

Other Business

Bruce Mayer provided a brief update on the status of the artifact/photo storage facility at the Hinton Training Centre. Bob Stevenson and Rob Thorburn added personal comments on this subject. Butch Shenfield updated the membership on the “old timers” interview project and interviews conducted during the past year. There are still about 30 individuals on the list of potential interviewees and time was of the essence in some cases. Peter Murphy complimented those who initiated and did the interviews, and observed that the FHAA encourage more interviews. He noted that it would take additional resources to transcribe the recordings, but that the important first step was to do the interviews. Bruce Mayer reported that he, Cliff Henderson, Bob Stevenson and Peter Murphy had visited the Royal Alberta Museum to provide advice on the Museum’s plans for an Alberta forest history display.

Adjournment

Wayne Williams moved, and Murray Anderson seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Presentations

Bob Udell gave an informative slide presentation on the Foothills Model Forest’s Adaptive Management and Forest History Project and the significant progress that is being made towards completing the several historical publications and adaptive management reports underway.

Once again, Peter Murphy captured the audience’s attention with a summary presentation on the forthcoming publication “**Hard Road to Travel - Land, Forests and People in the Upper Athabasca Region**” (in print). FHAA members Bob Udell and Bob Stevenson are co-authors of this historically and ecologically important publication. Bob Udell and Peter Murphy advised the group that the book had been printed and was actually on the truck being delivered to the Foothills Model Forest office. Copies will initially be available for purchase through the Foothills Model Forest, the Jasper Yellowhead Museum and Archives, Friends of Jasper and the Forest History Society in Durham, North Carolina; they should later be available through bookstores. Costs are \$34.95 for soft cover and \$49.95 for hard cover.