

Forest History Association of Alberta
5th Annual General Meeting
March 18, 2009
Coast Edmonton Plaza, Edmonton

Meeting called to order by Treasurer Bruce Mayer at 7:20 p.m.

Directors and Members Present

Board of Directors representatives Peter Murphy, Bruce Mayer, Bob Udell, Cliff Henderson and Butch Shenfield were present. Twenty-eight Association members were in attendance.

Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting

The minutes of the March 18, 2008 Annual General Meeting were made available to members in attendance. Bruce Mayer provided a brief review of the previous year's activities. Andy Gesner moved, Bruce MacGregor seconded that the minutes of the March 18, 2008 Annual General Meeting be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

2008 Highlights

- Issue #6 of the FHAA newsletter "Tales and Trails" was published in November 2008
- Partnership with the Foothills Research Institute on *Mountain Trails* and the DVD *The Roots of the Present Lie Deep in the Past*
- Mayer provided an overview of the draft Forest History Association of Alberta website
- Quick overview of the cabin inventory project that was initiated

Financial Statement

The financial statement for the year January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 was available for circulation. The closing bank balance was just under \$15,500 and included a government grant for work on the lookout calendar and cabin inventory projects. Mayer also advised those in attendance the Association had received two donations of Robert Guest original oil color paintings, one from Robert Guest and one from George Schultz. Bruce Mayer moved, Darrell Latimer seconded that the 2008 financial statement be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Three Directors positions expired in 2009. Arden Rytz – representing forest industry membership, Bob Newstead – representing public membership, and Cliff Henderson – representing government membership. Each allowed their names to stand for re-election. Cliff Henderson and Arden Rytz were acclaimed for a further three year term. Dan MacPherson was nominated for representing public membership and an election was held between Dan MacPherson and Bob Newstead, with Bob Newstead being elected for a further three year term.

Adjournment

Bruce Mayer called for a motion of adjournment. Business meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours.

Presentations

The evening presentations began with the National Film Board documentary *Water for the Prairies*, a 1951 movie that featured Alberta Forest Service Rangers Robin Huth and Bill Shankland. Bruce Mayer introduced the evening's guest presenters, Bob Udell with the Foothills Research Institute and Rick Arthur. Bob provided a good overview of history projects being worked on through the Adaptive Forest Management Program. Rick Arthur gave a very informative and enjoyable presentation on the Mountain Legacy Project. This project is providing forest and land managers with valuable information on landscape changes from the late 1800s and early 1900s to now.