

Forest History Association of Alberta
6th Annual General Meeting
March 17, 2010
Coast Edmonton Plaza, Edmonton

The quorum requirement of a minimum of 15 members was easily met with a total of 37 members in attendance.

Bruce Mayer opened the meeting with introductions and provided an overview of the documents on the tables which included the draft agenda, minutes from the March 17, 2009 meeting, copy of financial statement, and Certificate of Gift document.

There were no changes or additions to the Agenda. MOVED by Con Dermott, SECONDED by Tom Archibald; Motion carried.

Directors met September 2009 – Peter was elected President to replace Arden Rytz who had resigned in March 2009 and Bruce Mayer accepted the role of Secretary/Treasurer following Bob Newstead's resignation as Secretary.

Opening Remarks

Peter Murphy expressed his honor to be there as president and thanked Bruce Mayer for his efforts with the FHAA. He recognized Arden Rytz who passed away January 28, 2010 and gave an overview of Arden Rytz's accomplishments, as a tribute to him. He was one of the leading individuals who among his many accomplishments was instrumental in establishing the quota system, silviculture standards for Alberta and the Forest History Association of Alberta. Peter added that since Arden did not have direct line authority in the Alberta Forest Products Association; all work was accomplished through power of persuasion and the strength of his own character. Fred McDougall also added his thoughts stating that before the quota system was established in 1966, the timber industry in Alberta was producing less than half a billion board feet per year. Within forty years that grew to three billion, a six-fold increase. The timber industry would never have been able to do that without the security of tenure brought to the sawmill operators. Arden transformed the timber industry in the province with his work on the quota system. Arden was a very modest individual and we have not fully recognized or acknowledged his contributions; he is right up there with Eric Huestis, Reg Loomis and Des Crossley. He was a builder of the industry and a major contributor to forestry in Alberta.

Past Years Activities

Adoption of minutes from March 17, 2009, 5th Annual General Meeting – no changes. MOVED by Tim Klein, SECONDED by John Brewer; Motion carried.

Summary of Trails and Tales newsletters – just finished the February 2010 newsletter; so for the 2009 year and early 2010 there was the June 2009 and February 2010 publications. The FHAA does struggle with forest industry related articles. There are always lot of material for the old Alberta Forest Service, but we don't want to focus entirely on the government. We need forest industry stories as well. All submissions are welcome.

A Certificate of Gift document was provided to the membership for information and review. The form will be used to ensure that all donations (interviews, pictures, artifacts, etc.) are properly documented.

Bruce Mayer showcased the Forest History Association of Alberta website and asked that if anyone had concerns, suggestions or additions to contact him. Rob Galon suggested various theme types for the website – timelines, aircraft over the years, etc. Thanks went out to webmaster Kurt Gonzales for his work on developing and populating the site.

Update on other history associations and groups - British Columbia Forest Service will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2012 and will be having celebration events. Former Deputy Minister Mike Apsey is on the coordinating committee. They have since established a website at <http://www.bcfs100.ca/>. The BC Forest History Association continues to be active with regular newsletters.

An email was received from Ken Armson announcing the Forest History Society of Ontario. The Canadian Forest History Association that was being worked on by Chuck Geale did not get off the ground for lack of support, but the Canadian Forest Service of Natural Resources Canada is making an effort to provided support to a Canadian initiative. Peter Murphy indicated there was a history association as well in Quebec – the link in French has been added to our website.

2009 Financial Statement

Assets include the appraised value of the three donated Robert Guest paintings that are currently at the Hinton Training Centre. One new project worked on was the FHAA banner on the registration table and the display board as you walked into the room. Those expenditures will be realized in the 2010 financial statement. Projects with expenditures against them are the Lookout book project, the compilation of the Tim and Hope Klein historic calendar collection – this project is larger than first thought because of all the new historic information that is now available for addition to the product. No timeline has been identified to finish. The second project with expenditures is the historic cabin inventory of which we are making small steps as well.

Financial report MOVED by Bruce Mayer; SECONDED by Chris Vallaire; Motion carried.

Elections of Directors

There are total of 9 directors within the association on a 3 year rotation; 3 from government; 3 from forest industry; and 3 from the public. Positions up for election at this AGM were the government position held by Butch Shenfield, the forest industry position held by Fred McDougall and the public position held by Bob Stevenson. In addition there was a 2 year forest industry position available with the passing of Arden Rytz. Butch Shenfield was elected by acclamation as the government direction; Trev Wakelin was elected as the forest industry director for the 3 year term; Cliff Smith was elected as the forest industry director for the 2 year term; and Bob Stevenson was elected by acclamation as the public director for a 3 year term.

Other Business

Considerable discussion ended the meeting on how the Forest History Association of Alberta could provide recognition to Arden Rytz for all of his many contributions. It was recognized that a scholarship likely wasn't feasible because it would be tough to ensure sustainability. The Directors were tasked to take all suggestions provided and work out a suitable recognition. MOVED by Bruce Cartwright; SECONDED by Daryl D'Amico; Motion carried. Directors also tasked to review options for locations of the AGM that might encourage regional participation.

Peter Murphy provided an over view of a new book *Alligators of the North*, written by Harry B. Barnett and Clarence F. Coons, with a foreword by Ken Armson. It describes the uniquely Canadian invention of the steam-powered tugs used in log driving, equipped with a winch to pull booms and to skid itself across portages. This well illustrated book is available through the Canadian Forestry Association at \$30.00 – see note at end of minutes.

Business meeting adjourned at 2018 hours. Motion MOVED by Craig Rose; SECONDED by Wayne Williams; Motion carried.

Door prizes were completed first thing after the break: Mountain Trails book – Hans Zurcher; Culturing Wilderness book – Ian Whitby; Mountain Trails book - Eleanor Claydon; Neil Gilliat books if Moose Could only Talk and Watch over the Forest – Wayne Williams.

Home Movies:

- Tony Earnshaw 8mm and 16mm movies were converted. First movie shown was of a towerperson (potentially Harold Parnell) at Lovett Lookout in the 1940s. The second movie shown highlighted the radio system in the 1940s – a SPF radio, person climbing tree to put up antennae, pack horse with battery box and radio kit box, radio office, potentially Donald Buck, Lands and Forests 1946 Ford with radio installed, potentially the Clearwater Forest area. The third movie shown was an official opening of what is assumed to be the Forestry Trunk road.

The fourth movie was a fixed wing dropping cargo attached to a parachute, part of the para-cargo program.

- Dale Huberdeau 8mm and 16mm movies were converted. First movie shown was either at the old Fort McMurray or Rainbow Lake airtanker base with Air Spray B26 airtankers taking off and doing drops. The second movie showed a rappeller coming out of a Bell 47J on a sky genie. The third movie shown had the Canso PBY doing a practice drop, either the Flying Fireman or the Northwest Airlease (a St Albert company). The fourth movie showed the Fort McKay Ranger Station in the 1960s, a standby crew and Dale Huberdeau standing at the door of the office.

Northern Rockies Ecotour Project

Bob Udell gave a pictorial overview of the latest project undertaken by Foothills Research Institutes Adaptive Forest Management Program, the Northern Rockies Ecotour Project. Contributors to the project are Fred Pollett, Peter Murphy, Tom Peterson and Bob Udell. The purpose of the ecotour projects is to serve as an educational resource for visitors to the area as well as for local residents. The well-illustrated guide with profuse maps will provide an overview of the travel corridors with stories about the various sights and points of interest. Also included is a balanced overview or discussion of the issues within an area, some of which are universal such as clear cutting, wildlife, fires, water, land use management, and Aboriginal and Métis history.

Alligators of the North – note from Dave Lemkay:

This book chronicles the Alligator Steam Warping Tug Boat built in Simcoe, Ontario from 1889 through to the 1930s. The history has its beginnings in the early 1980s when Canadian Forestry Association supported Clarence Coons' research and writing. Now after 25 years, a full-fledged book is available. The 264-page book features over 80 images, full bibliography and index and retails for \$34.99.

CFA has had to guarantee the purchase of 750 books as part of the publishing funding formula. In order to create sales directly through the CFA, we offer a discounted price - \$30.00 plus \$5.00 mailing in Canada. Books can be ordered by mail with a cheque payable to the Canadian Forestry Association or by phone for secure credit card payment.

I direct you to the Alligators of the North BLOG:

<http://alligatorsofthenorth.blogspot.com>

We can also offer further discount for bulk orders of 10 or more.

Attendees – March 17, 2010 Annual General Meeting

Bruce Mayer
Wayne Williams
Jeff Henricks
Jamie Yee
Shawn Barraclough
Tom Archibald
Morgan Kehr
Mike Poscente
Bob Newstead
Chris Valaire
Rob Galon
Bill Tinge
Marty O'Byrne
Adele Claydon
Eleanor Claydon
Ian Whitby
Hans Zurcher
Jim Maitland
Daryl D'Amico

Lowell Lyseng
Cordy Tymstra
Tim Klein
Con Dermott
Ed Gillespie
Trev Wakelin
Fred McDougall
John Brewer
Dave Patterson
Bob Udell
Craig Rose
Cliff Smith
Cliff Henderson
Stephen Ferdinand
Peter Murphy
Butch Shenfield
Andy Gesner
Bruce Cartwright