

**Forest History Association of Alberta
Minutes of Directors' Meeting
December 13, 2005
Held Best Western Westwood Inn, Edmonton**

Meeting started at 5:45 p.m.

Present

Peter Murphy, Bob Stevenson, Arden Rytz, Cliff Henderson, Bruce Mayer, Butch Shenfield, David Holehouse and Bob Udell.

Regrets

Fred McDougall

Minutes of June 27, 2005 meeting

Approved - Moved by Bob Udell, Seconded by Butch Shenfield

Treasurer's Report

Bruce Mayer circulated a financial report (copy attached to these minutes) and a list of paid members (copy attached to these minutes). Membership fees cover membership for a calendar year. As per bylaws will be working on year end submission to Alberta Registries.

2006 AGM

Theme is needed - options:

- perhaps Peter and Tom Peterson could talk about old fur trading routes – David Thompson and Athabasca Pass
- Tom Maccagno and Lac La Biche area
- Mike Apsey – forestry overview

Options for Fund Raising:

- Bob Udell – raise some funds by selling the CIF DVD of the opening plenary sessions on the history of forestry. Would have to check with CIF for permission. (Mayer to follow-up with Teresa Stokes)
- Donation of Husqvarna power saw from Doug Hutton for a raffle? (Bob Stevenson to follow-up)

We could bring back some of the display materials used at the Shaw Centre
Could have some interactive elements – history quiz, contests, demonstrations, dance band?

Time and Place of meeting – Bruce will scope out (potentially looking at mid to late February 2006 - work around other meetings that forest industry and government staff may be attending in Edmonton?)

Cliff – we will need to send out an announcement with details in late January

Newsletter

A quarterly newsletter was discussed, coordinated by Bruce and David. Could include short submissions on historical incidents, news about collections, reading lists. First issue could come out late January to go with the AGM notice.

Inventory Letter

Bruce suggested an initial letter going to all companies through the AFPA, with some baseline questions about company history, whether any materials have been produced, whether any historical collections exist.

Arden – there would be some senior people at the companies who should be interviewed – responses to the letter could identify who they are.

Bob Udell – companies might be willing to pay the costs of the interviews.

Bruce – interviews would come later, after baseline information is secured.

Idea not fully scoped out – Mayer to work with Peter to determine type of general questions that might be appropriate.

Inventory Program Update

Bob Udell reported that the NWT protocol was interesting, but it didn't address how material should be stored for easy retrieval later. The Foothills Model Forest has a system it uses with traditional knowledge interviews, in which a GIS-based system stores interviews, video records, photos and all other details. The Model Forest might be willing to house a historical collection of interviews and inventory data. Bob Udell and Butch Shenfield will speak to Christian Weik about how to proceed.

Adjournment

Moved by Cliff Henderson, Seconded by Butch Shenfield

Meeting closed at 6:45 p.m.