

Forest History Association of Alberta
Minutes of Directors' Meeting
June 27, 2005
Held 4th Floor, Great West Life Building, Edmonton

Meeting started at 4:00 p.m.

Present

Peter Murphy, Fred McDougall, Bob Stevenson, Arden Rytz, Cliff Henderson, Bruce Mayer, David Holehouse.

Participating by conference call: Butch Shenfield and Bob Udell.

Minutes of last meeting were read by Bruce Mayer to Butch Shenfield and Bob Udell.

Approval of Minutes of last meeting

Approval of Minutes of the meeting held May 24

Approval moved by Fred McDougall, seconded by Arden Rytz, carried.

Matters arising

* Bruce reported that a bank account has been set up, the balance is \$263.50 less about \$70-80 for cheques.

* Arden said the Gower bill is \$2,000 plus expenses of 257.43. It was originally \$2,800 plus expenses, but was reduced for us by the law firm.

* Bruce reported that a charitable number is in the works for the FHAA.

* Bob Udell asked if the \$250 membership fee is for a company, or for a corporate division? For a big company that's quite a small amount. Comments –we want to keep fee small, and perhaps go back for sponsorship of self-funded projects later.

* Bob Udell – Foothills Model Forest has an interview system for traditional use studies that might provide a template that FHAA could use, with minor changes. It provides for voice files, transcripts, GIS locations, maps, photos – very good for archives. Butch said he had been talking to the Royal Museum – they use a website from NWT – it looks pretty good too, they have procedures and protocols, concepts that could be looked at, along with Model Forest and Peter's approach. NWT site is at www.twnhc.learnnet.nt.ca, click on researchers, and go to oral traditional manual.

Peter, Butch and Bob Udell will set up a group and report back with recommendations on inventory system by mid December.

* Membership Brochure – positive comments were received, with some text recommendations that will be completed by David. Butch – inside pages prints wrong way up on printers that print-both-sides. Get Sandy to fix.

Fred- add “a safe place to preserve your family memorabilia and items of historical value, on loan or as a gift” as a benefit of membership.

Peter – third graf inside, specify photographs as well under items of interest

Take out period after Pokey cutline

* The book Hard Road to Travel – Bob Udell said the team has an agreement with the Forest History Society in North Carolina, to publish it with the Foothills Model Forest. Design should be completed this fall, then the team will seek sponsors to help publish it,

perhaps through Foothills Model Forest. The group is not looking to the FHAA to provide financial support, but might like the FHAA to promote it within the membership. Other books are in the works, including Jack Glen's book, Mountain Trails, and STOP Revisited, History of Silviculture at Hinton. Fred said that the AFPA would be a good potential supporter too. Cliff suggested FRIAA as a source of funds for some of the publications.

Election of President and Vice President

With the resignation as President of Cliff Henderson, Bruce moved, Bob Stevenson seconded, that Arden Rytz serve as President for the year 2005-06. Motion carried. Bob Udell moved and Fred seconded that Peter Murphy serve as Vice President of the year 2005-06. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Update

Bank account was set up at Canadian Western Bank. User fees are \$5, but there is no minimum balance. Signatures (signing authority) are set up for Bruce, Arden and David and Peter will now have to go in and provide a signature. Account balance is (from last AGM) \$263.50, less an amount not yet known for cheques. Membership fees accepted from directors on June 27 amounted to \$150.00. Bruce will e-mail or mail the brochure and a request for payment to those at AGM, plus perhaps AFPA members.

Secretary Update

Minutes and agendas will be sent out in a timely fashion in future.

Inventory Program update

Butch reported he has put together something of a format, and has talked to some museum professionals. Hopes to be able to start inventory process in the summer. Has had good discussions with Rob Thorburn and Crystal at Hinton. The gun range will be ready to accept materials for storage in the fall. It will be fire proof, and secure.

Corrections to the minutes of June 27, 2005:

Butch Shenfield: The website for the oral history material in NWT is pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca . Don't put the "www" in front, or it doesn't go to the site.

Website:

Bruce asked Bob Udell if Foothills Model Forest might be interested in helping. Bob will talk to Don Podlubny. Cliff – Alberta Parks might be able to help with their Heritage sites. Butch – museum and archives people are interested too.

New Business**1) History Fair –September 8**

Bruce said there will be afternoon sessions, with three divisions talking about their history, and a supper session. Through the afternoon there's one big room at the Shaw called the History Fair, a walk-through display session, showing significant events for the divisions, a good demo of the old history of the dept. Organizers don't have an issue with FHAA soliciting memberships or doing a drive there with pamphlets etc. A good opportunity to get the message out.

2) Grant money

Cliff – we should make grant request to AFPA, and to Brad Pickering, Deputy Minister of ASRD, for general seed money. Peter – Ivan Strang might have some ideas. Cliff – there are lots of sources, but let's start at the beginning. Fred – it is Centennial year, there might be Centennial grants. Bruce is heading up the search for financial support, drawing back-up from executive members as required.

3) Promotions

There is a DVD of the second plenary of the 2004 CIF/SAF meeting in Edmonton, with Peter's presentation on forest history in Alberta – the FHAA could sell that and make some money? STOP Revisited and Mountain Trails should also be good sellers.

4) AGM

David – we should set the date and place of AGM for 2006 at our next meeting, so it can be properly organized, with good speakers, demos, whatever, to really make a splash.

Date of next meeting:

Mid part of September. David & Bruce to confirm..

Meeting adjourned at 5:35.