

Forest History Association of Alberta
2nd Annual General Meeting
March 14, 2006
Held Best Western Westwood Inn, Edmonton

Meeting started at 7:30 p.m.

Directors Present

Peter Murphy, Arden Rytz, Cliff Henderson, Bruce Mayer,
Butch Shenfield, David Holehouse, Fred McDougall

Regrets

Bob Udell, Bob Stevenson,

Calendars were made available to participants by Tim & Hope Klein, and by Silvacom. Entries were invites for door prizes, and 50-50 tickets were sold. About 35 people attended the meeting.

Opening Remarks

Arden Rytz, President, thanked Bruce Mayer for all his work over the past year. He said he was pleased with the number of individuals present, but disappointed with the level of corporate support received by the FHAA so far. It probably isn't anyone's fault but our own – the executive needs to get together and figure out how to make inroads in this area – prepare an agenda on how to approach corporate leaders. Individual leaders we have spoken to have been very supportive – but at this point the support we really need is cash in the bank.

Minutes of 2005 meetings

Bruce Mayer went over the minutes of the 2005 AGM and subsequent Executive meetings. No changes or corrections were requested. Bob Newstead asked that minutes be circulated to all paid up members as meetings occur, so that members understand what is happening on an ongoing basis. Bob Newstead moved, Tim Klein seconded that the minutes be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Statement

Bruce Mayer led discussion of the 2005 financial statement (attached). The FHAA started with \$0 at the beginning of 2005, then began to bank membership dues as individuals and corporations joined. For 2006 the FHAA has 11 Individual memberships, two Family and one Corporate. Total income to date is \$3,740.00. Expenses for 2005 AGM, bank charges and legal fees came to \$2,314.20, for a closing balance on December 31, 2005, of \$1,425.80. Ed Gillespie moved, Cliff Henderson seconded that the financial statement be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Charitable Status

Bruce Mayer said he applied for FHAA charitable status in the fall of 2005, and in January 2006 some changes were recommended in the wording of FHAA objectives. The

reason, basically, is that the FHAA cannot be committed to promoting industry. The reworded objectives were presented to the meeting for approval. Murray Anderson moved, Fred McDougall seconded that the changes be approved. Bob Newstead asked if the FHAA was going for charitable or Not For Profit status. Bruce Mayer said the FHAA is registered provincially as a Not For Profit organization already – this latest registration is at the federal level, with CCRA for tax purposes. It will help attract memberships when donations are tax deductible.

Communications

David Holehouse reported on production of the membership brochure in 2005, and the first Trails & Tales newsletter in March, 2006. The latter will need contributions from anyone with historical anecdotes, profiles or news items. The newsletter will likely come out two or three times a year. Bob Newstead pointed out that the revised objectives should be reflected in the newsletter's pages. Peter Murphy pointed out that he has been told the B.C. Forestry Association finds its newsletter is critical in the way it connects everyone. The problem is always gathering enough material. One approach might be for members to help identify people in archival photos, and the stories behind them, rather than trying to write a major "essay."

Election of Officers

Three Board members were elected in 2005 for a one-year term, now expired. They were Arden Rytz, Cliff Henderson and David Holehouse.

Arden Rytz and Cliff Henderson agreed to let their names stand for a renewed term of three years, and were elected by acclamation. Bob Newstead was nominated as a candidate for the "Public at Large" position, and David Holehouse spoke in support of Bob. Bob Newstead was elected.

Other Business

Jerry Sunderland asked what developments were under way at Hinton. Cliff Henderson said that the old .22 range under the auditorium, which now doesn't meet standards for a gun range, is being prepared to provide quality storage conditions for papers and photographs. Butch Shenfield said thought is being given to the possibility of identifying someone who could conduct and record interviews, which would also be archived.

Adjournment

Jerry Sunderland made a motion to adjourn at 9 p.m.

Presentations

Peter Murphy spoke about "David Thompson and the Athabasca Pass," as well as the new book "Hard Road to Travel."