

**AGM 2024**  
**Olds Cow Palace**  
**Saturday April13, 2024**

- A. Call to Order- 1:02 PM
- B. Introduction of Directors- Larry Frischke, Dale Marshall, Sue Comfort, Sara Blankert, Pat Burton, Rick Martin, Hans VanVlaanderen, Tim Fluet, Adrienne Wilson, Craig Dorin, Murray Few, Gerald Olson, Rayanne Alm, Arlene Stevenson, Brenda Heppner, Saige Jackson
- C. Approval of the Agenda- Approved by Gordie Askew, Seconded by Sara Blankert
- D. Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes- Approved by Bev Judson, seconded by Sue Comfort
- E. Business arising from the 2023 AGM Minutes- No business to be discussed.
- F. Treasurers Report  
-Approval of audited financial statements for year ending December 31, 2023.  
Arlene reported that 2023 books are completed and audited and annual return will be filed. Financial statements are available to be viewed. Arlene made a motion to approve the treasurers report and financial statements. Seconded by Adrienne.
- G. Membership report 2023- Arlene reported a total of 2772 members for 2023. There are 256 members to date for 2024.
- H. President's Report- Attached.
- I. Other business-
  - a. Proposed dates for events in 2024
    - i. Horse Expo- April 26-28
    - ii. Spring Clean Up- Seven Mile/Cutoff Work Bee- Clean up not required as Pat Burton will do required minor cleanup.
    - iii. Spring Clean Up- Bighorn/Eagle/Panther/Work Bee will be May 25
    - iv. Spring Clean up- Hummingbird/Peppers/ Elk Creek Work Bee will be June 8
    - v. Annual Trail Ride/Poker Rally will be August 17
  - b. Campground Host Program- Dale reported that program has been a success and will continue again this year.
  - c. Dylan Spencer- Resource Conservation Manager in Banff with Parks Canada. Replaced Bill Hunt. Resource Conservation manager is responsible for wildlife, aquatics, visitor safety, wildfire program, YaHa Tinda ranch. Dale added that Dylan was an important asset and contact with the work on the Bighorn Creek mitigation project.

Updates:

- The Bison Program 5 year report went out for public review. Overall feedback was support from public for bison within National Park. Karsten Hauer has stepped back and Dillon Watt has taken over the program. There is a stakeholder meeting at Panther Lodge next week in regards to bison containment fencing. Dylann Spencer will be in attendance and will be available after the AGM to answer specific questions and concerns. Population was at 100 head last year with 20% growth in population each year.

-Wildfire- Upper Red Deer Meadows and Wigmore Meadows are on the books for prescribed burns but will be subject to funds and upcoming fire hazard. Public can get on a fire coms list by contacting Dylan.

- YaHa Tinda - Vinton Lovelle the current manager is on extended leave. Tyler Ritchie is the acting manager until further notice.

- Visitor Safety- addressed incidents around the ranch last summer including fatality. The ranch staff respond to incidents but are not trained medics. Banff Park tries to work with Stars, FOESA etc for incident response.

- Bear attack- It was the Banff Park human wildlife attack response team that destroyed bear. Working on a review and response to incident.

- Questions arose around locations of bison fences and lack of consultation from the Province on locations. Further discussion will arise in the future.

K. Ratify the actions of directors 2023 - John Mulder made a motion to ratify the actions of directors for 2023, seconded by Patricia Bokenfohr.

Pat Burton added that it should be advertised to members that volunteer hours should be submitted. Sue reported that hours can be submitted by directors and non directors also.

L. Appoint auditors for the 2024 books - Lindsay Mathews, Anne Fraser and Susan Blanchford will audit books for 2024.

M. Set date for next AGM- Dale reported that we will set the date for the next AGM closer to the date.

N. Nomination and Election of directors. Larry reported that we have more directors standing that we have positions for so positions will have to be voted on.

a. Larry asked for nominations for directors from the floor three times. No new nominations arose. Nominations cease.

b. Introductions of potential directors

Amy Harding (not in attendance)

Kyla Currie (not in attendance but has represented herself previously)

Tara Mulder- Gave introduction.

Micheal Hall- (not in attendance but introduced himself at previous meeting.)

Tom Pitcherack- Gave introduction.

Rachel Pavan- Gave introduction.

Larry reported that as a condition of directorship, candidates must represent themselves to the board. The board has received a representation from all candidates except Amy Harding so therefor, her name will be removed from the candidate list and all other candidates (5) will become new directors and there will be no need for a vote on director candidates as there are 5 open director positions.

Larry thanked outgoing directors Rayanne Alm, Bud Gustafson, Paul Prince, and Troy Switzer for their service.

c. Election of new directors- Sue described the applicable amendment to the bylaws which changed the 2 term limit of the president. This will allow Dale to stay on as president to continue important work on projects currently underway and relationships forged with government liaisons. Dale thanked directors.

New business-

- A member brought forward the concern that the date of the AGM is the same date as the Top Gun Horse sale and may have affected attendance.

- A member brought up the question of the water quality at the pump at 7 Mile Campground. Water source is currently listed as non potable. Not advised to drink it.
- A member and camp host brought up concern about water supply at Bighorn for abandoned campfires and extinguishing campfires. Distance to water due to the berm is an issue for fire suppression. A pump for the north end would be ideal. Dale will discuss with government contacts.
- Dale reported on the positive relationships between FOESA and government.
- Sue reported on cleanups planned for new and smaller campgrounds as well as host schedule for new sites. More work is needed but past user numbers don't warrant designated hosts, toilet pumping and site cleanups for all new campgrounds.
- Questions arose about group camping opportunities for groups to book sites in the upcoming season. Group bookings will only be for sites that are able to be gated and locked.

O. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 1:52 by Murray Few.