



AGM held at the Innisfail Legion Auditorium

- 1) Meeting **called to order** at 3:10 pm by President Dale Marshall
- 2) All directors present were introduced
- 3) **Agenda approved** by Murray Hagel, sec. by Duane Papke. all in favor CARRIED
- 4) **Minutes of the 2015 AGM** were adopted as read by Murray Few, sec. by Bill Dunn, all in favor, CARRIED
- 5) **Business arising from the 2015 AGM Minutes**

Dale Marshall reported that there had been no progress to date on the road upgrade project at the Ya Ha Tinda. There will be further discussions later in the agenda.

The existing high lines at the Panther have been cleaned up. Murray Hagel inquired about the possibility on new high lines being installed. The response was that it could be considered for the future.
- 6) **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Mandy Baier moved the Audited Financial Statements for year ended December 31, 2015 be accepted as distributed, sec. be Gerald Olson, all in favor, CARRIED
- 7) **Membership Report** - Suzanne Comfort reported that there were 701 memberships sold for the 2015 year with approximately \$14,500. collected at the Big Horn and Eagle Creek campground by Tom Davidson and Ruth Remple. The membership year is now a calendar year. There are 50 memberships received for the current year prior to the meeting
- 8) **President's Report** – Dale Marshall said that FOESA is involved in a significant number of projects but some require a lot of time to complete as we are always dealing with the Federal and Provincial Parks. Current year accomplishments are highlighted later in the agenda, but of significance are the proposed changes in the camping area and road improvements at the Big Horn. The Seven Mile Campground was acquired this year as well.
- 9) **Other Business**
 - a. **Parks Canada Report** – Bill Hunt reported that the campground and road improvement project had been blended together and therefore both projects had been delayed as some new archeological sites were found where the road was initially proposed so a new route has to be established and re-engineered. Preliminary hearings are currently in progress for the new road site. Once that is established there will be an environmental assessment followed by a draft design which will be

presented to FOESA for approval prior to proceeding. It is anticipated that the work will be able to commence by the fall of 2016. The intention is still to move the campground off the alluvial fan so that it decreases the likelihood of persons and equipment being harmed in the event of another flood. Parks is looking at some new interpretive signage. There is a possibility there may be some funding available for existing infrastructure.

Tyler Holinski inquired about Parks intention as we were told that they intend to leave FOESA entrusted with the care of the Big Horn and have no desire to turn it into a Parks Canada Campground as they are quite happy with the current arrangement. Their only concern at present is the manure pile and stressed that prior to it being moved to its final destination that we obtain permission.

Dale Marshall inquired about the possibility of opening up the old wagon trail that goes back over to 40 mile. Bill Hunt responded that he would have to check into that and anyone that was interested was welcome to come and talk to him after the meeting.

b. **ESRD Report** – Jim Allen / Wayne Crocker / Lisa Schrader – no representative present at this time

c. **Reports on 2015 Projects and Events:**

- i. **Annual AGM & Banquet** – February 21 was a successful event
- ii. **Eagle Creek Gravel Hauling** for high lines – March 17 RMT donated men and equipment to stockpile gravel for future use
- iii. **Highline Pipe Work Bee @ Linus Clark's** – April 18 pipe was cut and prefabricated in preparation for installation. Duane Papke reported that Alta Gas has informed him that they will not have any pipe for FOESA in the future but there is a possibility that EXXON Mobil may have some. He will attempt to find out what is available. Alta Gas has been donating the pipe and Duane Papke has donated the transportation.
- iv. **The Mane Event** - April 24 – 26 – This has been a very successful venue to sell memberships and inform persons about our group and our mission, Mandy Baier generated brochures for this event last year and will prepare more for future
- v. **7-Mile Campground** – Install FOESA Signage, open gates, cleanup and repairs – April 27. Dale Marshall stated this is a 5 year project, but this is the beginning of opening the campgrounds that have previously been closed to the public.
- vi. **Eagle Creek Highline Graveling Work Bee** – May 9 – 45 high lines were cleaned and regaveled with the assistance of 4 skid steers and operators donating their time and equipment
- vii. **Bighorn Campground Highline Installation Project** – May 14 – 14 high lines were installed with the aid of RMT tamper, some with top pipe for tarps or feed bags. All donated services
- viii. **Cargo Trailer Upgrades Project** – May 16- Dale Marshall installed shelving in the trailer that was donated by Shell Canada
- ix. **Bighorn & Eagle Creek Campground Spring Clean Up** and completion of the installation of trail signage – May 23-24 – Hans VanVlaanderen and Roger Bratrud completed the signage project although there are still comments about the placement of the signs
- x. **Hummingbird Spring Clean Up** – July 4 – Jeff Blish spent a couple of days with a skid steer leveling gravel piles in the campground and fixing the road the hair pin to make it passable prior to the ATV Poker Rally
- xi. **Bighorn – Complete Highline Project** – Weld rings – July 4 – Linus Clark took his trusty old welder out and with the assistance of Tom Davidson finished installing the rings on the high lines

xii. **Hummingbird ATV Rally** – July 18 – 19 – Jeff Blish and Tyler Holinski said the event went very well in spite of the inclement weather preceding the day. There were 242 riders that enjoyed the generosity of some awesome sponsors including a steak dinner. Thanks to all that assisted. They are currently planning for the 2016 event. Half of the proceeds were turnover to the Big Horn ATV Society as they are the ones that maintain the trails.

xiii. **Peppers Lake Gravel Pile Project** – September 1 – 1325 yards of gravel donated by Shell were moved to various sites by RMT at a very minimal cost. Much has been spread, but this spring we will be in need of bobcats to complete moving it around.

xiv. **Hummingbird Highline Project** – Install high lines – Sept 15 in conjunction with the Peppers Lake project 13 or 14 high lines were installed but are still in need of the rings.

xv. **Servicing Outhouses** – Bighorn outhouses were pumped August 20 as they were quite full which would indicate a higher than usual number of visitors

xvi. **Horse Poker Rally** - August 8 saw 125 riders participate. Many thanks to buckle donors, sponsors and all volunteers

d. Meetings Attended in 2015:

i. Directors Meetings - Jan 10, Feb 9, April 14, May 12, June 22, Oct 21, Dec 15

ii. Bighorn Backcountry Standing Committee Meetings - Feb 5, June 4, Oct 8

iii. North Saskatchewan Regional Recreational Planning Meeting - February 12

iv. Trail Flood Rehabilitation Program Meeting - February 24

v. Sundre Trapper's Association Meeting – March 19

vi. Meeting with Parks Canada @ Bighorn – April 2

vii. Meeting with ESRD, Parks Alberta, Clearwater County, Heritage ATV and OHV Society @ Hummingbird – May 26

viii. Meeting with ESRD, Alberta Parks and ATRA @ Hummingbird – August 28

e. Ongoing Projects for 2016:

i. **Bighorn Stall Upgrades** - Painting currently underway by a private individual that volunteered time and material

ii. **Bighorn Flood Mitigation Project** – awaiting approvals therefore no progress at this time

f. Proposed New Projects for 2016:

i. **Eastern Extension of Bighorn Campground** – on hold at present – see Bill Hunt report

ii. **Seven Mile Flats Campground** – Dale Marshall had previously been informed that we had permission to have quads in the campground, but after the February 2016 Big Horn Back Country Meeting there seems to be uncertainty about this.

Murray Hagel inquired about the possibility of increasing the size of the campsites to accommodate larger units and was told that presently we do not have permission to proceed with that.

iii. **James Lake Trail** Larry Frischke attended the Big Horn Back Country meeting and it seems there is little initiative to proceed due to the cost of the project

g. Proposed Dates for Events in 2016:

i. Spring Clean Up – Bighorn / Eagle Creek – May 28

ii. Annual ATV Poker Rally – Hummingbird – July 16

iii. Annual Trail Ride / Poker Rally – August 13

- 10) Rick Smith moved that the actions of the Directors for 2015 be ratified, sec. by Duane Papke, all in favor, CARRIED
- 11) Mandy Baier moved that the board of directors be allowed to appoint persons from the membership, sec. by Tyler Holinsk. DEFEATED as Larry Frischke said that this action is a conflict with the bylaws. And motioned that Dale Marshall and Murray Hagel take on the task, sec. by Danny McGonigill, all in favor, CARRIED
- 12) Moved by Dave Lawrence, sec. by Murray Hagel that the 2017 **AGM be held February 18**, all in favor, CARRIED

13) Nomination and Election of Directors

Dale Marshall thanked everyone for all of the support over the years. He will be stepping down as he has completed the maximum number of terms allowed. He will continue to work on projects and attend meetings if we desire.

Hans VanVlaanderen – the spokesperson for the nominating committee said that in addition to Dale Marshall, Roger Bratrud, Sean Connolly, and Tim Rienhart were also stepping down. New members for nomination are Mitch Phillip. Dale Marshall asked if any of the members present would like to allow their name to stand and Tyler Hirsche and Mike Lewis volunteered. As we are allowed 13 directors no vote was required.

14) Election of Executive

President – Dale Marshall nominated Larry Frischke, sec. by Mike Lewis

Vice President – Larry Frischke nominated Tyler Holinski, sec. by Murray Hagel

Secretary - Dale Marshall nominated Suzanne Comfort, sec. by Gerald Olson

Treasurer - Dale Marshall nominated Mandy Baier, sec. by Larry Frischke

Nominations cease were call 3 times at the end of each nomination with no stepping forward or disputing. All positions were elected by acclamation

- 15) Murray Hagel adjourned the meeting at 4:10 pm

16 Attendance for AGM

Merle and Lori Fox

Ted Malka

Murray Hagel

Mike and Shauna Lewis

Thomas R Davidson

Tyler Hirschi

Duane Papke

Sean Connolly

Hans VanVlaanderen

Jeff Blish

Tyler Holinski

Bill Dunn

Mandy Baier

Larry Frischke

Dale Marshall

Dan McGonigill

Leo Fagnan

Linus Clark

Suzanne Comfort

Gerald Olson

Charlene Miller

Dave and Vicki Lawrence

Ben Clarke

Shirley McFail

Carl Hoybak

Jim and Ann Robertson

Jim MacDonald

Wayne Byers

Pat Baltimore

Bob Anderson