

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
February 25, 2017 @ 1PM  
At Innisfail Legion Auditorium**

- A. Meeting called to Order 1:40 by Larry Frischke**
- B. Introductions of director's present.** Missing are as follows: Mike Lewis - on holiday in Arizona, Jeff Blish who was working and Leo Fagnon that was at the hospital with Shannon. Quorum (25) established
- C. Approval of Agenda by Dale Marshall, sec by Murray Hagel**
- D. Minutes of the 2016 AGM were read by Tyler Holinski. Murray Hagel moved the minutes with amendments, sec by Murray Few**
- E. Business arising from the 2016 AGM Minutes** – Hans VanVlaanderen reported that the signage issue had been rectified. Duane Papke that Alta Gas is presently doing another turn around and he has spoken with them about acquiring more pipe for some projects
- F. Financial Reports** – The audited financial statements are not fully completed. They will be sent to the membership by the end of the month. Murray Hagel inquired what the amounts that are listed as the accounts receivable were. Sue felt that it was an amount that has been on the books from when she was the treasurer and would have been funds related to the Pay Pal account. Since we no longer have the PayPal account and the funds were used to cover the monthly maintenance fee, she felt that it should be removed from the Balance Sheet. Larry felt that we should develop guidelines for what should be reported for the in-lieu hours.
- G. Membership Report** – Suzanne Comfort reported that for 2016 there were 510 members that had generated \$24,630. For 2017 prior to the current day sales there were 15 members that had renewed in the amount of \$800.00.
- H. Presidents Report** – Larry reported that we had a good year. Most things are covered later in the agenda, but he would like to take the opportunity to thank all the directors and members that came to assist and participate in the various events. All help in making a successful association.

## **I. Other Business**

### **a) Parks Canada Report – Rick Smith**

- i) Campground Relocation** -Rick said that there is no intent to close the campground. They do intend however to relocate some areas and move the campsites back to the east so that it is off the alluvial fan. The finger of land that runs east at the base of the slope under the incoming road is to replace what is being taken back to protect the environment. The plan is to rope off areas that we want to refrain from using. Parks would like to see the use of metal fire rings versus the rock rings. Rick has some maps and handouts and would be available for discussion after the meeting.
- ii) Road Upgrade** – Several different routes have been proposed and one has been selected. Currently the contract is being offered for the work to commence August 1 to mid-October. We can expect to see some closures throughout the day while the road is being done.
- iii) 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events** – Ranch is 100 years old and they are hosting an Open House July 15 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be barn tours and team and wagon rides in the field. The archeologists will be present to discuss some of the artifacts they have found and Marie Nylund will be there with the book. They plan to have a packing demo following lunch as well as speeches. They would like FOESA to set up a display and we would be allowed to sell memberships. Olds College and Alberta parks will also be attending. This will be a good opportunity to learn the ranch history!

### **b) Report on Castle Wildland Area and Provincial Park OHV Closure**

Tyler Holonski introduced Mark Seabrook. Mark did a brief presentation regarding the activities at Castle. Mark had a handout that he distributed and asked for support for the south. Don motioned that FOESA allow Mark to take the banner to the upcoming rally when he attends, Sec by Mark

- c) ESRD** – Larry reported that Don Livingstone was not able to attend this afternoon. Two topics he was to address:
  - i)** Report on James Lake Trail – this project is on hold for a couple of years.
  - ii)** Future of the Bighorn Backcountry – unknown at this time.

**d) Rod Laite** – did a short presentation on “Spot Connect”. This is a one-way communication that gives very accurate information on your location. They are very cost effective as the subscription costs about \$15.00 per month. The only possible downfall is that the sender does not know when the communication has been received. Anyone that wants more information can talk to Rod.

**e) Reports of 2016 Projects and Events**

**i) Larry Frischke** assessed the manure pile at the Big Horn on January 20

**ii) 2016 AGM/ Banquet** – we had a sold out crowd and generated over \$9,000

**iii) Manure pile** was hauled out to the Wildhorse Gravel Pit between February 24 – 28 by Rick Martin Trucking

**iv) The Mane Event** – had a booth in an excellent location for a cost of \$475. Good venue to inform people about FOESA activities and sell memberships. Will do again next year and hopefully get the same location for the booth as this was a good traffic area. We sold 77 memberships

**v) 7 Mile Campground** – Duane, Larry and Dale spent May 13 -15 at the campground cleaning up, widening roads, removing debris and repairing picnic tables. The weather was a factor on the weekend. A member joined in and did a lot of work, including painting a number of picnic tables.

**vi) Big Horn and Eagle Creek Campground Spring Clean Up** – May 27 – 29. Campground was in very good condition. Approximately 22 people and a couple of skid steers and dump trailers came. We spread some gravel, moved some dead trees, filled the toilets with water and topped up the chemicals, cleaned up fire pits and repaired a couple mangers.

**vii) Hummingbird Work Bee and Spring Clean Up** – May 27 – 29 – 2 directors and 6 members did some cleanup and repair and spread a lot of gravel.

**viii) Hummingbird ATV Poker Rally** – July 15 – 17 – Mother Nature was totally uncooperative and it rained continually washing out trails and roads. No ride was held due to weather; however, we went ahead with the BBQ and held a few raffles which generated approximately \$4450, half of which was donated to Bighorn Heritage ATV as they are the group that maintains the trails in that area

**ix) Annual Horse Trail Ride and Poker Rally** – August 5 – 7 – We had a record 161 riders sign up and raised about \$10,000 with memberships, pledges, 50/50 and auctions

**x) Fall Outhouse Service** – Big Horn/Eagle Creek was done August 24, and Hummingbird/Cutoff was done October 28

**f. Meetings Attended in 2016**

**i)** Directors meetings were held Jan 17, April 12, June 7, September 20, November 7, and December 12

**ii)** Bighorn Backcountry Standing Committee Meetings – Feb 11, June 9, October 6 – attended by Dale and Larry (when available)

**iii)** FOESA Executive Meeting – April 4

**iv)** SPF Meeting – Caroline – April 14 – attended by Larry and Dale

**v)** Panther Advisory Group Meeting – August 30 – attended by Larry and Dale

**g. Ongoing Projects for 2017**

**i) Bighorn Flood Mitigation Project** – this has been terminated as there is no support from Parks to proceed with this idea.

**ii) James Lake Trail** – ESRD has advised we put this project on hold for now.

**h, Proposed New Projects for 2017**

**i) Northeast Extension of the Big Horn Campground and reclamation** of the area west of the center road to the Bighorn and south of the southern loop of the centre road to the Red Deer. Duane spoke to the County of Clearwater regarding gravel for the upgrade. We will need to prepare a letter proposing the amounts required. Parks will have to prepare their own proposal.

**ii) Seven Mile Flats Campground** – Loop 4 upgrade – First 3 loops are done but # 4 had considerable damage from the 2013 flood. There is gravel in place and a work bee with manpower and equipment will be planned to get this loop functional.

**i. Dates of Proposed Events for 2017**

**i) The Mane Event** – April 21 – 2

**ii) Seven Mile/Cutoff Work Bee & Clean** – May 13-14

**iii) Bighorn/Eagle Creek Spring Clean Up** – May 27-28

**iv) Hummingbird Work Bee – June 10**

**v) Ya Ha Tinda Open House – July 15**

**vi) Annual Poker Rally and Trail Ride – August 19**

**J. Don motioned that we ratify the actions of the 2016 directors**, sec by Mark Seabrook. All in Favor. Panel use was discussed. Rick Smith said that it is up to FOESA decide. Dale Marshall said we will decide later.

**K. Auditors for 2017 Books** – Murray Hagel and Dale Marshall volunteered to continue their services. Tyler moved we accept their offer, sec by Duane

**L. Nomination and Election of Directors**

**Tyler and Danny are stepping away due to personal circumstances.**

**Murray Hagel nominated Rod Laite who declined**

**Tom Davidson nominated Nick Smith – accepted**

**Suzanne Comfort nominated Arlene Stevenson - accepted**

**Duane Papke nominated Laurel Reid – accepted**

**Hans V nominated Duane Papke, Kevin Graham and Ralph Jensen – all accepted.**

**Larry called for any further nominations three times.**

**We can have a total of 18 directors – all are accepted.**

**President** - Larry will remain as he has only served 1 year of a 2-year term.

**Vice President** – Larry nominated Linus Clark and he agreed, sec by Murray

**Treasurer** – Mandy nominated Arlene Stevenson, sec by Suzanne accepted

**Secretary** – Duane nominated Laurel Reid, sec by Murray accepted

**The meeting was adjourned by Murray Hagel at 3:30**