

FRIENDS OF THE EASTERN SLOPES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Innisfail Legion Auditorium
1:00 pm February 23, 2019

A. Meeting called to order 1:05 pm by Larry Frischke

B. Introductions of director's present. Missing were Nick Smith, Leo Fagnan

Quorum (45) established

C. Approval of Agenda by Murray Few

2nd by Murray Hagel all in favour

D. Minutes of the 2018 AGM were read by Laurel Reid. Approved by Ralph Jensen

2nd by Gerald Olsen

E. Business arising from the 2017 AGM Minutes – no comments

F. Financial Report was presented by Arlene Stevenson for 2018. Approved by Chelsea Jensen

2nd by Sue Comfort. All in favor

G. Membership Report was presented by Suzanne Comfort. It was reported that we had 532 members for 2018. For 2019 prior to the current day sales were 91 members

H. President's Report - all pertinent information is in the agenda. It was a great year with a good group of directors. Even though our hands were tied on major projects we did well and will know more on how to proceed next year.

I. Other Business

(a) Parks Canada Report

Rick Smith, Ya Ha Tinda Ranch Manager -

i) Hunting requirements – Rick explained the new requirements for Hunters to register. It is important to know who is on property, who is hunting and who is not. The people who are registered may be able to help locate poachers etc. He passed out the new form and will be available for questions this evening as well.

ii) Bison Project – Carson – Head of project will be at banquet and will talk about it at that time.

iii) Bighorn Campground – nothing new to report on the Bighorn Campground as of now.

(b) Report on the Future of the Bighorn Backcountry -

Larry advised he is unsure of as final outcome for the Bighorn Backcountry. He advised what we have done as FOESA to help assist keeping things the same. He attended a number of packed town hall meetings. He feels he did not set a definite path going forward but showed concern for what is coming down. FOESA are 1 of 20 stakeholders on the standing committee put together 20 years ago. Common table is to decide what to do in the West Country. Each group used to be on their own but now work together. The first meeting with government was with this group. Frustration is lack of answers. The Government cannot answer the questions put to them no matter the question. He believes trust is lacking which is a big concern and the process is at fault. He put a letter on Facebook and email advising of our position.

(c) Report on Provincial Government Activities

- i.) Government Grant – received 100,000 Grant this week which will be used for upgrades and trail maintenance. Have only one year to utilize the grant but will work with this. We must provide a list on where we are spending the money.
- ii) Stop Work Order – advised we had a stop work order from Parks Canada and ESRD. We completed the work bees under the umbrella of one of the Director’s as he has a company with WCB. We have a meeting coming up with ESRD to review how to proceed. We are looking at possibility of AOHVA to work under their umbrella as they have been accepted for their regulations. Larry Bishop asked if we could just sign a waiver. Larry advised that Government will now allow that to be sufficient.

(d) Reports on 2017 Projects and Events

- i) FOESA Annual AGM & Banquet – sold out and raised \$19,000.00
- ii) The Mane Event – 83 memberships were sold. \$2730.00 in memberships and donations
- iii) Seven Mile Campground Work Bee – done may 12 Larry and Stewart Graham and his wife did general cleanup. Cutoff cleaned up wild horse manure mostly
- iv) Fire Ring construction project - Duane Papke and Nick Smith completed 13 fire rings. Very heavy duty so will be difficult to steal. Duane advised we have more material to be make into more fire rings but the pipe is too thick. If anyone knows of someone who would like to trade for 30 inch pipe let us know. Thankyou to Shell Canada for their donation of the pipe.
- v) Bighorn/Eagle Creek Spring Cleanup – We had a good turn out and did the basic cleanup.
- vi) Picnic Table Project – Linus took on this project and worked with Sunder Forest projects donating lumber for 48 picnic tables. Hardware donated by Home Hardware in Sundre and Bergan 4h club sorted them to packages. There were 4 different work bees to put together. Linus put together the first 10 tables with help from some campers at the Bighorn campground. Duane went to Cutoff and met with the Junior Forest Rangers and they completed some for Eagle Creek, Cutoff and Hummingbird.
- vii) Annual Trail Ride & Poker Rally -Our annual Horse Poker Rally was held August 19, 2017 at the Eagle Creek Campground due to the fire situation. This is one of

our major fund raisers. We had a total of 93 people register and \$8211.83 was raised.

- viii) SPOG Day - Sept. 14, 2018 Attended by Larry, Laurel and Arlene - there is no charge for this trade show being held by the oilfield. It is a good opportunity to talk with people and sell some memberships. Sold 4 memberships.
- viii) Service Toilets - Panther/Eagle/Bighorn - done by Larry and Capital Pressure Nov 12 while Cutoff/Hummingbird was done by Jeff Blish Nov 14

e) Meetings Attended in 2017

- i) Directors Meetings were held Jan 9, Feb 12, April 24, May 22, June 19, Sept 26, July 24 Sept. 25, Oct 16 and Dec 10
- ii) Bighorn Backcountry Standing Committee Meetings were Jan. 25, June 7, Nov. 28.
- iii) Bighorn Backcountry Townhall Meetings : Innisfail - F&G- Feb. 5, Dovercourt - Feb 7, AOHVA, Rocky Mountain House - March 22

f) Ongoing Projects for 2018 -

- i) Northeast Relocation of Bighorn Campground – have memorandum to 2020. The Government is working on a 10 year parks management plan. We will make more plans when we know what is happening
- ii) Completion of Highline Project at Hummingbird – on hold due to stop work order
- iii) Routine Maintenance and clean ups on all campsites will take place as per dates below

g) Proposed New Projects for 2019

As per Government Grant Application:

- i) Trail Maintenance in Eagle Creek area - need to hire licensed companies to help do trail maintenance. Volunteering not an option under new rules
- ii) Refurbish the Camp Kitchen at Seven Mile Flats
- iii) Road repair and graveling at all campgrounds
- iv) Firepit repairs and upgrades
- v) Removal of manure from Panther, Cutoff and Hummingbird
- vi) Haul gravel to restock all sites
- vii) Reconstructive work to re-open the James Lake Trail

h) Proposed dates for events in 2019

- i) The Mane Event - April 26-28
- ii) Seven Mile/Cutoff Work Bee - May 11-12
- iii) Spring Clean Up - Bighorn/Eagle Creek - May 25-26
- iv) Hummingbird work Bee - June 8
- v) Trail Ride and Poker Rally - August 17

J. Ratify Actions of 2018 Directors - Motion from Muray Hagel

to ratify the actions of the 2018 Directors.

2nd Tom Davidson
- All in favour

K. Appoint Auditors for 2019 Books - Murray Hagel and Tyler Holinski were appointed Auditors for the 2019 Books.

L. Set Date for next AGM - February 22, 2020

M. Nomination and Election of Directors - Bev Schrader, Mike Lewis, Nick Smith, Duane Papke, Leo Fagnan

Nomination of Directors were as follows:
Sue Comfort
Dean Hamilton
Rayanne Elm

Call for nominations for directorship from the floor was called by Larry three times. all accepted for a total of 16 directors.

N. Election of Executive

Larry called for nominations for president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary three times. Larry, Linus, Arlene and Laurel will all stay on.

Further Business arising before adjournment

Tyler Ritchie is new guy at Ya Ha Tinda Ranch who started in July. Rick introduced him and said how happy they are to have him at the Ranch.

Rod Lait from Strathmore will be setting up a Packing clinic at big horn campground. 1st weekend in June at his house, must pre register. He will also do a packing clinic on the weekend of July 8-9 which is open, no registration required. It will be a come and go clinic held at a campsite at the Bighorn Campground.

Motioned to adjourn by Murray Hagel

2nd by Chelsey Jensen
Meeting adjourned 2:35 pm.

Arlene motioned we open a separate bank account to handle the grant money received, as per the requirements of the Government Grant.

2nd by Sue
All in Favor

