

Friends of the Eastern Slopes Association

Annual General Meeting

Eagle Creek Campground

Friday August 20, 2021 7:00

- A. Meeting Called to order at 7:00 PM
- B. Directors present: Graham Overguard, Larry Frischke, Stewart Graham, Dale Marshall, Rayanne Alm, Suzanne Comfort, Arlene Stevenson, Hans VanVlaanderen, Duane Papke.
Quorum established with 37 members present.
- C. Approval of Agenda- Agenda approved by Graham Overguard, seconded by Larry Frischke.
- D. Approval of 2020 AGM Minutes- Minutes approved by Duane Papke and seconded by Stewart Graham.
- E. Business arising from the 2020 AGM Minutes- None.
- F. Treasurers report by Arlene Stevenson (as attached). Treasurer's report approved by Larry Frischke and seconded by Duane Papke.
-Audited financial Statements for year 2020 approved by Marni Moore and seconded by Kevin Brayford.
- G. Membership Report.
-2020 Membership report by Suzanne Comfort- There were 1163 memberships for the year 2020, with 50% of those being new members.
-2021 Membership report by Arlene Stevenson- There are 1173 memberships to date for 2021 with 465 of those being new members.
- H. Presidents Report- Dale Marshall.
What FOESA has done since the last AGM:
In March FOESA went looking for a bigger venue for the AGM but it was decided that we can't beat the Innisfail Legion for both size and price so we will remain with the same venue for the next AGM. In May we worked on new sites in NW corner of Eagle creek Campground and put in pit run along with other upgrades. We put in new site at Panther, added pit run and gravel, cut down stumps at staging area, and put in new outhouse. In June we rebuilt the camp kitchen at 7 Mile campground with new posts and tin roof, and also worked on kiosk. In August we installed a Texas Gate at 7 Mile Campground, and redid many highlines at Hummingbird, Cutoff Creek, and 7 Mile Campgrounds, as well as adding more gravel to these sites. In September we started on the Highway 11 Project involved with the AB Government. Through this project we put in 10 new outhouses along Abraham Lake working with contractors. Many meetings were attended regarding taking over Peppers Lake, Elk Creek, Elk Creek Fishpond and Ram Falls. We ended up taking over Peppers Lake, Elk Creek and Elk Creek Fishpond which opened May long weekend of 2021.
In December we were given the Hummingbird cabin to use with propane, heat, gas and power supplied. In January and February we had 7 picnic tables donated and built for 7 Mile Campground.

On December 12 in a meeting with Tom Daniels from Sundre Forest Products, we were offered the opportunity to apply on a grant through FRIAA (Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta). We applied for \$500,000 in project funds over 5 years. We spent \$130,000 of these funds on the Eagle creek campground expansion and Eagle Lake parking area expansion. Work began on March 1, 2021.

We had over 100 volunteers at all our FOESA cleanups, 6 Bob Cats donated for work hours, 30 Firefighters with crews doing chainsaw fallers training at 7 Mile and Hummingbird.

We got another opportunity to apply for more FRIAA funds with the exception that we cannot use the funds towards a project we have already been approved for, or any projects that may be controversial or that do not have full approval of all interested parties. Ideas for projects include Peppers Lake, Elk Creek and 7 Mile upgrades, a wagon trail from Bighorn across to Cut Off Creek, James Lake Trail improvements, and Ram Falls improvement if we are able to acquire the site.

On August 13, Dale had a conference call with Parks Canada, Aug 16, in person meeting with Alberta Parks. Cooperation with various groups has been very good.

- I. Retirement presentation to Rick and Jean Smith from YaHa Tinda Ranch of 18 years.
- J. Ratify actions of the 2020 Directors- Anne Fraser made a motion that we ratify actions of 2020 directors over the last year, Gordie Aaskow seconded. All in favor.
- K. Appoint auditors for the 2021 books- Larry Frischke made a motion to accept Tyler Holinsky and Terry Stigings as auditors for the 2021 books. Suzanne Comfort seconded. All in favor.
- L. Date for next AGM- TBD
- M. Past directors Murray Hagel and Chelsea Jensen were thanked for their contributions.
- N. Election of Executive-
 - Dale Marshall has completed 1 year of 2 year term and will continue as President.
 - Suzanne Comfort will stay on as Vice President as no others stepped forward.
 - Arlene Stevenson will stay on as Treasurer as no others stepped forward.
 - Rayanne Alm will stay on as Secretary as no others stepped forward.
 - Larry Frischke will remain as past President

List of directors who will remain on the board-

- Linus Clark
- Murray Few
- Stewart Graham
- Bud Gustafson
- Brenda Heppner
- Gerald Olson
- Graham Overguard
- Hans VanVlaanderen
- Duane Papke

New directors willing to stand-

-Saige Jackson

-Adrienna Wilson

-Rick Martyn

-Rick Martin

No other nominations came forward. Nominations ceased.

O. Additional items of Discussion:

Camp hosts- Larry recognized camp hosts present (Sara Stock, Jim Robertson, Buff McLellan). We will assess at end of year the sustainability of campground hosting at all locations, including Bighorn-Eagle, 7 Mile-Cutoff, Hummingbird, Elk Creek-Elk Creek Fishpond-Peppers Lake.

Dale mentioned how much the number of FOESA memberships hold weight in terms of grant applications and government dealings and discussed that we will have to address our manual membership process as our organization and our membership grows. We may need to consider compensation for the person who inputs memberships, as it has become a big job.

Details of FRIAA grant funds:

-Year 1: \$130,000 spent at Eagle Creek Campground Expansion

-Year 2: \$50,000 to be spent at Panther

-Year3: Hummingbird expansion in the burn area.

-Year 4: General Maintenance

P. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM