

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARK WARDEN SERVICE ALUMNI SOCIETY OF ALBERTA, THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2019 HELD ON THE OUTDOOR DECK OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BANFF, ALBERTA.

PRESENT: David Reynolds, Chairman, Marie Nylund, Secretary-Treasurer.

Directors: Don Mickle, Colleen Reynolds, Kathy Calvert, Perry Davis, Dennis Herman, Dale Portman

Directors Absent: Perry Jacobson, Gord Anderson, Cliff White, Jim Murphy.

GALLERY ATTENDANCE: Larry Gilmar, Jane Gilmar, John Nylund, Bob Haney, Chris Worobets, Monique Hunkeler and Madeline Crilley.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chairman David Reynolds.

The meeting space had been confirmed with the Legion, however, the building was not open, doors locked and no one answering their phone. In true warden service spirit, we improvised by making the best of the situation and held the meeting on outside deck despite the light rain. On a positive note, the Treasurer informed everyone that the society is saving the \$150 budgeted for meeting space today.

2.0 ADDITIONS TO and APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved with no additions.

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

3.1 Minutes of June 7th, 2018 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting had been circulated to the membership last spring, posted on the Wardens Alumni website, and circulated again by e-mail prior to the meeting.

MOTION: C. REYNOLDS/CALVERT – to approve the Minutes of the June 7th, 2018 Annual General Meeting. CARRIED.

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

4.1 Audited Financial Statement - January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Marie reviewed the 2018 audited financial statement. This statement will be submitted to the Province of Alberta along with the Society's Annual Return in December. Assets were \$6,828.86 in cash at January 1st, 2018. Disbursements in 2018 totaled \$4,491.38.

Don Hepburn, Treasurer of the Stockmen's Memorial Foundation has reviewed the financial records of the Park Warden Service Alumni Society for the 2018 fiscal year noting minor discrepancies which did not affect the overall quality of the financial records.

MOTION: HANEY/MICKLE – to approve the 2018 financial statement as presented. CARRIED.

ACTION: Marie will send the 2018 financial statement to the Province in December along with the Provincial Annual Return.

4.2 Year-to-date 2019 financial report

Marie reported that the bank balance at June 3rd, 2019 is \$10,161.47. However, there are several checks that have yet to clear the bank leaving a bank balance of \$8,205.76.

MOTION: CALVERT/CRILLEY – that the financial report for 2019 be approved. CARRIED.

4.3 Motion to approve an additional \$500 for the Website upgrade

The Chairman explained that the Website upgrade required more money than we had originally approved. A motion was circulated by e-mail to add another \$500 to the budget. This motion needs to be reintroduced at today's meeting.

MOTION: PORTMAN/NYLUND – to approve an additional \$500.00 for Trailblazer Web Services to upgrade the new website. CARRIED.

5.0 MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Membership report

Marie reported that we have a total of 145 members (95 Voting members; 8 Associate Members; 7 Honourary Members; 6 Supporting Members and 29 Lifetime Members). There are a few members not yet paid. Don Dumpleton has been added to the Lifetime members list. The membership drive poster is posted on the Website, and has been sent out with the Winter Newsletter. The Parks Heritage Conservation Society included the poster in their recent Newsletter.

ACTION: Marie will send out reminders to the few members who have not yet renewed for 2019.

5.2 E-transfers now accepted

Marie reported that recently the Bow Valley Credit Union bank account has been set up to accept e-transfers. It is anticipated this technology might increase our membership.

The Chairman noted that the board will explore setting up the account for “sending” e-transfers as well.

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (OLD BUSINESS)

6.1 Oral History Phase 8

Marie reviewed Jim Murphy's report. We now have almost completed 61 oral histories. The Oral History Sub-Committee has recommended the completed transcripts be forwarded to the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies for inclusion in their archive collection. A copy will also be kept by the Warden Alumni Secretary. The committee has agreed to continue on with the project until we run out of names, enthusiasm or money. An agreement has been reached with the Whyte Museum whereby the Museum has agreed to accept all of the oral histories that we have completed to date and any future histories completed by the Warden Service Alumni. The Whyte Museum is keen to accept other associated material such as Kathy Calvert's interview transcripts used for her books.

Christine Crilley-Everts has retired from conducting interviews. Christine had completed 4 interviews. Monique Hunkeler stepped in and completed 4 interviews. Perry Davis interviewed one individual and Mary Dalman was able to complete 5 interviews for a total of 14 interviews for Phase 8 of the Oral History Project. Mary is away for several months, but Monique is keen to resume interviewing candidates for Phase 9.

6.2 Establish a budget for Phase 9 of the Oral History Project

Jim stated in his report there may be some outstanding expenses associated with Phase 8 interviews and we need to set aside funds for this.

Marie reported that there is a balance of \$1,229.00 left from the \$8,000 budget established for Phase 8. Several members have made donations totaling \$1610.00 for the Oral History Project. This totals \$2,839.00 that could be allocated to Phase 9 of the Oral History Project. This amount should fund approximately six interviews based on \$500 per interview.

6.2 Provincial Research Grant Application for Phase 9 Oral History

The decision by the Province will be made in June. The Chairman explained how the grant process works. It is not anticipated that we'd receive the full amount of the grant applied for (\$5,214.00). This is a matching grant which means that we would need to commit an equal amount of money to what we receive (if any) from the Province. We anticipate receiving \$2500-\$3,000.

MOTION: M. NYLUND/MICKLE – that the Park Warden Service Alumni dedicate \$3,000.00 to Phase 9 of the Oral History Project, and that this \$3,000.00 be considered as “matching” funds should we be successful in getting the Provincial Research Grant. CARRIED.

ACTION: Jim Murphy will contact Monique Hunkeler to initiate a contract to undertake Phase 9 Oral History interviews.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Annual General meeting in the fall (rather than Spring)

A short discussion ensued regarding holding the AGM in the fall.

MOTION – L. GILMAR/MICKLE – that the next Annual General Meeting (2020) be held in the fall. CARRIED.

7.2 Fund raising – On-line Silent Auction

The Chairman suggested we explore the concept of setting up an on-line silent auction. We would need to determine the legalities first. If it is feasible we would ask for donations and offer them up for silent auction one item at a time on the website. It may be a novel way of making some money for the society.

MOTION – REYNOLDS/HANEY – that the Park Warden Service Alumni Society introduce to the membership an on-line Silent Auction. CARRIED.

ACTION: The board of directors will explore the idea of an on-line Silent Auction at their future meetings.

8.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

By-law # 22) Board of Directors, Executive Committee or Board shall mean the Board of Directors of the Park Warden Service Alumni Society Alberta. The Board shall be comprised of (12) and no more than (14) persons.

Dale Portman has served one year as Past President, but is also an elected director whose term does not expire until 2021.

Terms that have expired are: David Reynolds, Chairman, Marie Nylund, Secretary-Treasurer; and 2-year term directors Perry Jacobson, Jim Murphy, Kathy Calvert. Perry Jacobson has stepped down. Jim, Kathy, David, and Marie will let their names stand for another 2-year term.

The Chairman opened the floor to nominations for President:

MOTION – PORTMAN/CALVERT – that David Reynolds be nominated for President. There were no further nominations. David Reynolds was elected as President for a two-year term expiring in 2021.

The floor was opened to nominations for Secretary-Treasurer.

MOTION: HANEY/C. REYNOLDS – to nominate Marie Nylund for the position of Secretary –Treasurer.
No further nominations were made.
Marie Nylund was elected by acclamation for a 2-year term as Secretary-Treasurer.

MOTION: M. NYLUND/PORTMAN – to nominated Jim Murphy, and Kathy Calvert for two-year directors positions.
Jim Murphy and Kathy Calvert were elected by acclamation for a 2-year term as a director.

MOTION: PORTMAN/C. REYNOLDS – to nominate Bob Haney as a director for a two-year term.
Bob Haney was elected by acclamation for a 2-year term as a director.

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dale Portman reported he'd been in touch with Loni Klettl regarding her brother Howie's work on photographing warden service cabins. He has only one cabin left to photograph. Howie's work might be helpful for Don Mickle & Perry Jacobson's idea for collecting photos of cabin/shelters to include in a book.

Chris Worobets and Monique Hunkeler offered to assist Don Mickle in collecting photos of warden service cabins. Chris mentioned he had many photos of cabins and needed to know which ones Don required. Don had talked about riding to some of the cabins to obtain photos and Monique offered to assist with that.

Bob Haney announced that the Whyte Museum will continue to host the Back to Banff Day festivities and that he and Pat will be volunteering at Windy Cabin to continue in the spirit of Dorothy Carleton with hosting visitors. The cabin chimney is in need of maintenance so cookies will not be baked this year. Everyone is invited down to Windy Cabin on June 16th from 2 to 4 pm.

A brief discussion ensued regarding initiating some social activities such as small get-togethers, etc.

ACTION: Marie will include this on the next Executive Meeting agenda.

Madeline Crilley gave a vote of thanks to the executive for their hard work and expressed her appreciation for receiving the Newsletter my snail mail.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Mission Statement

"Maintaining the culture and tradition of the National Park Warden Service by fostering good will and assistance through mentoring, volunteerism, historical commemoration, advocacy, and social activities."