

Friends of Royal Alberta Museum Society
Annual General Meeting, 26 June 2007

Present: Dickinson, Huybregts (Chair), Nelson (staff), Solowan, Styles, and six ordinary members.

New nominees for the Board of Directors: Dan Brodeur, Rosie Lanni

Guests: Jean-Guy Wiart and Heather MacLennan of Harris McConnan, Chartered Accountants.

1) Call to Order: 19h00

Huybregts welcomed everyone and asked Board and members to introduce themselves.

2) Approval of Agenda (Solowan/Dickinson)

CARRIED

3) Approval of Minutes from the last AGM (26 June 2006; Solowan/Dickinson)

4) President's Report (Huybregts)

Huybregts spoke about the fiscal stability of the Society this past year due to revenue from the October/06 casino and increased administrative fees for human resource contracts with the Museum. He discussed that there will be another casino in 2008 and that approximately 40% of staff at the Museum are paid through the Society. \$32,000 of casino proceeds has been set aside to support Museum Education Programs. This fiscal year we harmonized our fiscal year with the operational year, developed a Fundraising Manual to guide us and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Museum. We also worked at increasing our visibility by updating our brand and cultivating more relationships with potential donors and sponsors. This included sponsoring the opening of the Southesk exhibition in May, the wine tasting fundraiser in April, and looking to team up with other Friends groups to join in fundraising. The Board has developed a new Strategic Plan that highlights what we want to accomplish in the next three years. Huybregts discussed that he met with Tourism, Parks, Recreations and Culture Minister Hector Goudreau in April to brief him about the Society and to discuss project renewal, the Community Spirit Program and cultural policy. We will be submitting a brief to the Community Spirit MLA Committee advocating that all non-profit societies be eligible for any matching grant program. He was pleased to announce that the Society will be receiving a major gift of \$1.25M from a provincial association on July 23.

Huybregts thanked Board members for their efforts as well as departing Directors Andy Stewart, Lynn Otteson, Reuben Kaufman and Karen Huska. Also thanked were Bruce Bolton, RAM Assistant Director, Bruce McGillivray, RAM Director, and Marilyn Nelson, FRAMS Business Manager.

(Friends member Alan Kerr discussed an organization of small museums in the Edmonton area that have been meeting. Huybregts requested that Mr. Kerr let us know should he see a role for the Friends Society in this. Mr. Kerr also indicated that collectors do not have the advantage of donating – that there should be guidelines to donating collections to RAM.)

5) Treasurer's Report (Solowan)

Solowan discussed the increase in growth in the Society's finances. He attributed this to the casino proceeds, increased project revenue and a resulting increased administrative fee revenue.

6) Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2007

Solowan introduced our auditors, Jean-Guy Wiat and Heather MacLennan of Harris McConnan, Chartered Accountants. Mr. Wiat reviewed the Financial Statements for the past year with the current Auditor's Report.

Motion: (Solowan/Louis) To approve the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2007 and the Auditor's Report on these Statements.

CARRIED unanimously

Motion: (Solowan/Louis) To re-appoint Harris McConnan as Auditor's for the fiscal year 2007-2008.

CARRIED

7) Nominations of the Board of Directors

Huybregts reported that the Nominating Committee had identified two candidates for the four positions that were vacant on the Board: Rosie Lanni and Dan Brodeur, and that the Board of Directors recommends this slate to the AGM. Huybregts then called for nominations from the floor three times. As no further nominations came forward, the following Motion was put:

Motion: (Styles/Dickinson) That the slate of nominees recommended by the Board be acclaimed.

CARRIED

8) Meeting adjournment

CARRIED

9) Presentation by Dr. Susan Berry, Curator, Ethnology, RAM of the Southesk Exhibit