

Friends of Royal Alberta Museum Society

Annual General Meeting

Minutes, 13 June 2008

Renewal Boardroom, Royal Alberta Museum

Present: Marla Daniels, Karen Hansen, Godfrey Huybregts (Chair), Rosie Lanni, Marilyn Nelson (staff), Kim Lynch-Staunton, Jane Styles and seven members.

Regrets: Ewa Burton, Anne Marie Grant, Jason Solowan

1) Call to Order: Huybregts called the meeting to order at 19h05 and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

2) Approval of Agenda

Motion: (Member Andrew Stewart/ Member Bill Pidruchney) That the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

3) Approval of Previous Annual General Meeting Minutes: June 26th, 2007

Motion: (Hansen/Styles) That the minutes be approved as presented. Carried.

4) President's Report and Treasurer's Report (Huybregts)

Huybregts discussed the Annual Report and highlighted some of the key items within the report such as the \$1.25 million donation from FRIAA, the RAM's 40th anniversary, the Society's funding of the Museum School program, the new website launched today and the renewal of the museum.

Member Bill Pidruchney enquired whether the Society had considered identifying a commercial sponsor for the Museum School and Huybregts replied that the Society is working on it.

Member Andrew Stewart asked what stipulations were attached to the \$1.25 million donation and Huybregts explained that the donation must be used on the "Wild Alberta" exhibit and that the Society benefits from the interest earned which can be used at the Society's discretion.

Finally, Member Bill Pidruchney asked whether the clientele benefiting from the GO! Program is the same as the clientele that the Society initially focused on and Huybregts confirmed that it was.

Motion: (Member Andrew Stewart/ Member Bill Pidruchney) That the President's Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Huybregts then discussed the Financial Statements as at March 31, 2008 and the fact that the current auditors had not completed their audit of the statements.

Action: It was decided that the Financial Statements would be mailed to members once the audit was completed and that a special meeting would be held in order to approve the audited statements.

Member Andrew Stewart asked about the Society's capital assets and Huybregts explained that they had been fully depreciated.

Member Bill Pidruchney asked whether the Society was still a guest of the RAM and therefore not paying rent and Huybregts confirmed that this is still the case.

Finally Member Bill Pidruchney suggested having two Board members act as auditors for the Society's Financial Statements. Discussion ensued and while many felt external auditors would be preferred, Member Bill Pidruchney suggestion would be taken under advisement.

Motion: (Hansen/Styles) That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Motion: (Hansen/Lanni) That the Board of Directors be authorized to identify and employ auditors for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Carried.

5) Elections

Styles discussed the slate of Board nominees and those not seeking re-election. The By-laws provide for a Board of up to 12 Directors, so there are five available positions. Styles called for nominations from the floor three times. No further nominations came forward. Member Bill Pidruchney thanked the Board for the excellent work this past year.

Motion: (Styles/ Member Andrew Stewart) That the slate of Board nominees as presented by the Nominations Committee be elected by acclamation. Carried.

6) Other

Members Allan and Sharon Kerr provided an update on a Canadian Military Preservation Society virtual museum project of military collectibles. An announcement will be made later this year. Further details are available through MilArm at 10769 99 Street, Tel: (780) 424-5281.

7) Adjournment: 19h50

Motion: (Member Andrew Stewart/Lynch-Staunton) That the meeting is adjourned. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosie Lanni