



Annual General Meeting
May 25, 2019
Best Western PLUS Inn and Suites
340 Smith Street, Hinton, AB

Minutes

1. Welcome Addresses, Introductions, housekeeping

- a. Welcome and Housekeeping – Janet Pomeroy
- b. Welcome Prayer – Cleo Reece
- c. Welcome from Yellowhead County – Gerald Soroka
- d. Welcome from the Town of Hinton – Trevor Hass
- e. Welcome and Round table Introductions of All Attendees – Brian Deheer (Guest List Attached)

2. Quorum and Call to Order

Athabasca Watershed Council acknowledges that our watershed is located on Treaty 6, Treaty 8 and Treaty 10 territory and respects the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant watershed.

Brian Deheer called the meeting to order and determined that quorum had been met.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

A correction to the agenda on 10.j. was made to show that the two seats available for Health or Environment were Alternate Seats.

MOTION: Lavone Olson moved to approve the agenda as amended. **Carried.**

4. Adoption of Minutes from 2018 AGM

There was a question from the floor regarding item 6.b. of the 2018 Minutes on the review of the financial records which was addressed by Janet Pomeroy indicating that the Board of Directors reviews the detail records at their board meetings.

MOTION: Marv Fyten moved to approve the 2018 AGM minutes as presented. **Carried.**

5. Chair's Report

Brian Deheer noted that his report was included in the Annual Report and touched on the various successes of the year. He thanked the staff and fellow Board Members and ended with saying the future for the AWC looks promising. He suggested the AWC look at the UN Sustainability Goals.

MOTION: Robert Holmberg moved to accept the Chair's Report as information. **Carried.**

6. Financial Statements, Auditors Report and selection of Auditors for 2019-20

- a. Marcel Ulliac provided an overview of the Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2019, as provided by KRP LLP with the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Income and Expenses being provided in the Annual Report. He read the paragraph in the letter from the Auditor and concluded that the statements present fairly the position of the Athabasca Watershed Council as at

March 31, 2019.

MOTION: Tom Weber moved to accept the Financial Statements as presented. **Carried.**

- b. The auditors for 2019-2020 were discussed.

MOTION: Marcel Ulliac moved to appoint the firm of Kingston Ross Pasnak LLP as auditors for 2019-2020 fiscal year. **Carried.**

7. Committee Reports

- a. *Technical Committee*

Dan Moore, Chair presented an update of the Integrated Watershed Management Plan. The plan is now in its draft stages and is being finalized by the AWC staff. He thanked Petra Rowell for contributions to the IWMP.

MOTION: Morris Nesdole moved to accept the Technical Committee report as information. **Carried.**

- b. *Finance and Fund-Raising Committee*

Marcell Ulliac provided an update on the committee's activities, reporting that the AWC had some success at securing funds from some Watershed municipalities, and thanked them for their contributions. He also reported that the AWC has achieved charitable status which will provide new fundraising opportunities. There was discussion on the floor regarding casinos, which was determined are not available sources at this time.

MOTION: Darrell Troock moved to accept the report as information. **Carried.**

- c. *Human Resources Committee*

Morris Nesdole, Chair, reported that the focus of the committee has changed with the addition of an administrative staff. The committee has reviewed the AWC reporting structure and evaluation of the administrator.

MOTION: Larry Armfelt moved to accept the report as information. **Carried.**

- d. *Communications, Education and Community Engagement Committee*

Lavone Olson, Chair, reported that the committee had approved the TOR. The committee is planning the 10th Anniversary Event and the WPAC Summit for 2020.

MOTION: Andrew Hutchison moved to accept the report as information. **Carried.**

8. Approval of Membership Fees – Membership fees are presently set at \$0. A motion from the floor is required each year.

MOTION: Tom Weber moved to charge \$40 per year for Membership.

There was discussion on various amounts and fee structures from the floor.

Morris Nesdole proposed an amendment to the motion that the amount be changed from \$40 to \$5. After much discussion on amounts and structures, the amendment was withdrawn. Further discussion was held with the **Motion withdrawn.**

MOTION: Colin Cote moved that Membership fees remain \$0 for the upcoming fiscal year. **Carried.**

MOTION: Darrell Troock moved that the staff develop a fee structure and recommendations for Membership fees. **Carried.**

9. Review of Proposed changes to Bylaws – tabled

MOTION: Dan Moore moved to break for lunch and have elections after lunch.

Motion Defeated.

10. Elections 2019

- a. **Member at Large (Alternate):** Two seats available and one nomination received

Nomination papers received: Bill Grieve

- b. **Indigenous:** Three seats available and two nominations received
Nomination papers received: Cleo Reece, John Ritchie
- c. **Industry Agricultural:** One seat available and one nomination received
Nomination papers received: Robert Mitchell
- d. **Industry Oil and Gas:** One seat available and one nomination received
Nomination papers received: Janice Linehan
- e. **Industry Forestry:** One seat available and one nomination received
Nomination papers received: Alberta Newsprint Inc./Alberta Forest Products Association (Dan Moore)
- f. **Industry Mining or Utility:** One seat available and one nomination received
Nomination papers received: Big Horn Mining (Andrew Hutchison)
- g. **Industry Mining or Utility (Alternate):** One seat available and one nomination received
Nomination papers received: Jamie Giberson
- h. **Research or Academia:** One seat available and one nomination received
Nomination papers received: Robert Holmberg, Athabasca University
- i. **Health or Environment:** One seat available and one nomination received
Nomination papers received: Marv Fyten
- j. **Health or Environment:** Two alternate seats available and one nomination received
Nomination papers received: Joel Gervais
- k. **Municipal (Upper Basin):** One seat available and one nomination received
Nomination papers received: M.D. Lesser Slave River No. 124 (Robert Esau)
- l. **Municipal (Middle Basin):** One seat available and one nomination received
Nomination papers received: Athabasca County (Larry Armfelt)
- m. **Municipal (Lower Basin):** One seat available and one nomination received
Nomination papers received: Lac La Biche County (Sterling Johnson)
- n. **Alberta Environment and Parks – Appointment – Dave Coish**
No nomination papers needed. Motion accepting appointment
- o. **Alberta Environment and Parks (Alternate) – Appointment – Curtis Brock**
No nomination papers needed. Motion accepting appointment.

MOTION: Sterling Johnson moved to accept all Board Member nominations as received. **Carried.**

- p. **Nomination for Chair (President):** Janet Pomeroy officiated over the election of Chair and made 3 calls for nominations from the floor.

Dan Moore nominated Morris Nesdole.

Cleo Reece nominated Brian Deheer.

MOTION: Sterling Johnson moved to close nominations. **Carried.**

MOTION: Darrell Troock moved to break for lunch. **Carried.**

11. Lunch & Reconvening

There was discussion on the floor about who would be considered a voting member. The bylaws were consulted, and many recommendations were taken into consideration. It was determined that all present will vote.

Brian Deheer addressed the attendees.

Morris Nesdole addressed the attendees.

MOTION: Dan Moore moved for a ballot vote for the position of Board Chair. **Carried.**

MOTION: Robert Esau moved to destroy all ballots after election. **Carried.**

MOTION: Marcel Ulliac moved that the three administrative staff count the ballots

MOTION: Sterling Johnson moved to address the membership rules in the bylaws at a Board Meeting and then present at a Special Meeting or next AGM **Carried.**

Ballots were collected and counted 3 times by the staff and Brian Deheer was voted to be Board Chair for 2019-20 by the Members present.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: Robert Esau moved to adjourn at 2:10p.m. **Carried.**

Attendee List:

Armfelt	Larry
Belanger	Paul
Coleman	Brian
Cote	Colin
Crandlemire	John
Deheer	Brian
Esau	Robert
Fyten	Marv
Gervais	Joel
Gervais	Ty
Gladue	Victor
Harper	Mike
Holmberg	Robert
Hutchinson	Andrew
Jackson	Art
Johnson	Sterling
Johnston-MacKay	Lorraine
Linehan	Janice
Moore	Dan
Nesdole	Morris
Olson	Lavone
Pitman	Janice (Zoom)
Reece	Cleo
Shannon	Hilary
Simmons	Connie (Zoom)
Troock	Darrell
Ulliac	Marcel
Weber	Tom
Wilkinson	Janet
Zroback	Rick
Soroka	Gerald
Haas	Trevor
Alec	Reavie
Rocky	Notnes
Brehaut	Jean (Zoom)
Brehaut	Wayne (Zoom)
Evans	Paula (Zoom)
Ritchie	John (Zoom)
Scott	Harvey (zoom)
Pomeroy	Janet
Allan	Lisa
MacDonald	Sarah