



Southern Alberta Land Trust Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Purpose: Annual General Meeting

Location: Chain Lakes, MD of Ranchland Building Hall

Date: April 18th, 2011

Members in Attendance:

Craig Smith	President
John Cross	Vice-president
Phil Rowland	Secretary
Mac Blades	Director
Kelly Hall	Director
Alan Gardner	Executive Director
Lauchlan Currie	Director
Dave Fowles	Member
Jim Rennels	Member
David Shaw	Member
Norman Simmons	Member
Bill Mowatt	Member
Anna Cairns	Member
Ron Rowland	Member
Laurie Clayton	Administrator

Item	Discussion	Follow-up
1.	<p><u>Call to order and minutes approval</u></p> <p>President Craig Smith called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. and welcomed the attendees. He then called for approval of the previous AGM minutes. He introduced Laurie Clayton as our new administrator and asked her to read the minutes of the last meeting.</p> <p>Motion: "that the minutes of the last AGM of April 19, 2010 be approved as read."</p> <p>Moved by: Norm Simmons Seconded: Phil Rowland Motion carried</p>	

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2.	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>Craig Smith introduced the agenda and called for approval plus any amendments thereto.</p> <p>Motion: "that the agenda be approved as presented."</p> <p>Moved by: Kelly Hall Seconded: David Shaw Motion carried</p>	
3.	<p><u>President's Review</u></p> <p>Craig Smith gave a brief report on the activities and successes of SALTS over the past year, and thanked the people who had contributed to this success.</p> <p>The SALTS Annual Report includes reports from the executive, a copy of which was available to each member along with a copy of the audited financial statements from Scase & Partners.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Treasurers Report</u></p> <p>Alan Gardner gave a review of the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2010 as prepared by Scase & Partners. He stated that our financial position was positive with adequate cash for operations. He reviewed the Legacy and Stewardship funds at the Calgary Foundation which will help to provide funding for operations and easement monitoring into the future</p> <p>Motion: "that the Treasurers Report be approved as presented."</p> <p>Moved by: David Shaw Seconded: Mac Blades Motion carried</p> <p>Motion: "That Scase & Partners be appointed as auditors for the 2010-2011 fiscal year."</p> <p>Moved by: Phil Rowland Seconded: David Shaw Motion carried</p>	
5.	<p><u>Special Resolution to Modify the By-laws</u></p> <p>Alan Gardner introduced a special resolution and explained the reason for these changes to the by-laws.</p> <p>Motion: "That the special resolution be approved by the members."</p> <p>Moved by: Dave Fowles Seconded: Anna Cairns Motion carried</p>	

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6.	<p><u>Executive Director Report</u></p> <p>Alan Gardner reviewed the activities of the past year. He indicated that this has been a year of building and that despite the economic challenges of the past few years, SALTS is in a very healthy state. We are the largest Alberta-based land trust, and one of the senior land trusts in Canada.</p> <p>He reviewed the three new conservation easements that were closed last year.</p> <p>Alan Gardner reviewed the Alberta Land Stewardship Act (ALSA) and how the land trust community is expected to play a large role in the implementation of the Act through conservation easements and transferable development credits (TDC's)</p> <p>The current projects were reviewed including the Pekisko Creek Valley study, the Lundbreck Wildlife Corridor, Water Baseline Testing, and other initiatives.</p> <p>More detailed information is in the Annual Report.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Election of Board Members</u></p> <p>The Society must have a minimum of 5 Board Directors, and a maximum of 12 Board Directors. There are currently 6 Directors.</p> <p>John Cross chaired this part of the meeting.</p> <p>John Cross called for nominations for Directors and then nominated Dave Fowles for election as a Director. Dave agreed to let his name stand.</p> <p>Mac Blades nominated Bill Mowatt for election as a Director. Bill agreed to let his name stand.</p> <p>John Cross asked for further nominations from the floor. This was repeated two more times. There were none.</p> <p>Motion: "That nominations be closed."</p> <p>Moved by: John Cross Seconded: Mac Blades Motion Carried</p> <p>Motion: "that Dave Fowles and Bill Mowatt be elected to the Board as Directors."</p> <p>Moved by: Kelly Hall Seconded: Mac Blades Motion Carried</p>	

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8.	<p><u>Other Business from the Floor</u></p> <p>Craig Smith asked if there was any other business from the members.</p> <p>There was none.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>Motion: "to adjourn the meeting."</p> <p>Moved by: Ron Rowland</p> <p>Motion Carried</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.</p>	

Minutes Signed as an accurate account of the proceedings:

Craig Smith, President

Date

Alan Gardner, Executive Director

Date