

Minutes: Alces Business Meeting

55th North American Moose Conference and Workshop
Grand Portage, Minnesota, May 23, 2023

Chaired by: Art Rodgers (Alces Business Manager)

Agenda:

1. Alces journal update (Art for Chief Editor, Pete Pekins)
2. Alces Budget (Art)
3. Future Meeting (Art for Roy Rea, Submissions Editor)
4. Other Business

Motion to approve the agenda; Steve Windels 1st, Bill Jensen 2nd,
Carried

1. Alces Journal Update

(a) Art reported that Vol. 56 to Vol.58 with 144, 175, and 136 pp, respectively, have been completed and are available on the Alces website. Vol.59 has 3 papers posted, others are in review and more are anticipated following this conference. Please consider submitting your work!

(b) The journal is now produced in digital form by Canadian Science Publishing (CSP) who charge \$37/page plus \$125/hr for their “labour” (\$CDN). We charge authors \$40/page. Our current contract of 2 years ends Dec. 31, 2023.

(c) Candice Huckster, a student with Roy Rea at UNBC has scanned archived vols. from Vols 43 back to Vol. 14 (1978) and posted PDFs on the website (titles and authors are searchable). Older volumes are available in libraries.

(d) Since 2018, Alces has been exclusively digital and available only through the website (a few paper copies are still printed for agency libraries and abstracting services).

(e) Our annual operating costs now come exclusively from the proceeds of the annual auction and any residues forwarded by meeting hosts.

2. Alces Budget:

Using vol. 57 (2021) as a complete year example, revenues and expenses were shown to be comprised of:

Revenues: page charges, royalties, bookstore sales, and conference auction plus any residuals = \$9,494.00.

Expenses: journal production, printing, postage, website, scanning, DMB carving, and Student Travel and Franzmann Award = \$8,541.00.

Art reminded attendees that it was resolved at the 51st NAMCW (2017) that the so-called Alces Book Account held at Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Canada, not be allowed to decline below about \$75K Cdn. As of April 30, 2023, it is at \$78,571.00.

Lakehead University continues to provide financial services including an annual audit without charge. In exchange, we forgo interest, which for the past 20 years has been low. We hope this favourable treatment will continue.

We continue to have an Alces Graduate Award presented in our name to a student at Lakehead University. This award was established when our group was quite wealthy with a \$5,000 contribution from Alces and a matching \$5,000 through a special program offered by the Government of Ontario. An amount of \$400 to 500 is awarded when accumulated interest permits without eroding the principal.

3. Future Meetings:

56th NAMCW - 2024 – Utah - Kent Hersey extended an invitation to next year's meeting in Utah. The tentative location would be accessible via Salt Lake City International airport in the late April to mid May period.

9th International Moose Symposium – 2025 - Sweden – Christer Kalen extended an invitation to attend the 9th International in Sweden in June of 2025, location TBA. Working Theme Title: “Challenges in today's moose management: changing range/distribution, competing deer species, societal and climate transition”.

57th NAMCW – 2026 – looking for a volunteer host!

Final Reminder: please consider submitting manuscripts related to your conference presentations to Alces submission editor, Roy Rea, University of Northern British Columbia, Roy.Rea@unbc.ca

Motion to adjourn: Bill Jensen 1st; Kent Hersey 2nd. Carried.