

Minutes of Alces Annual Business Meeting

51st North American Moose Conference and Workshop

Keltic Lodge, Ingonish, Cape Breton, NS

Thursday, 31 August, 2017

Chair: Art Rodgers, Business Editor

Minutes by: Murray Lankester

1. **Approval of the Agenda** – M: Cedric Alexander; S: Gerry Redmond – CARRIED.

2. **Alces Update** – Chief Editor, Pete Pekins.

Vol. 52 (Middle Park, CO) is complete. It is available on the Alces website and paper copies have been mailed.

Vol. 53 (Brandon, MB) presently includes 19 papers (220 pp.), which are posted on the website. Plan to “close” this volume, post on line, print and mail by Dec. 2017.

Vol. 54 (2018) will be posted on line as papers are accepted. Complete citations with page numbers will be provided at the time of posting.

3. **Alces Budget 2015-2017** – Art Rodgers, Business Editor.

- copy editing of papers for Alces is being handled by CSP Publishing Services (formerly NRC Research Press), Ottawa, ON. Charge is \$28/printed page; 1-year contract will be renewed Dec. 31, 2017.

- details of “cash flow by project” were presented and summarized. Major annual cost per meeting include:

- Production costs and postage per issue - \$6,000 to \$7,000.
- Costs per annual meeting (mostly travel awards) about \$9,000.
- Franzmann and Dist. Colleagues Memorial Research Award \$1500.

In most years, these costs are recouped through conference proceeds. The growth of the Alces Account averaged + \$1,389.64 per year from 2000 to 2010 but since then has averaged (- \$4,499.11) per year.

- In 2010, a decision was made to spend the fund down somewhat by making more travel awards available. Accordingly, it has been spent down from a previous high of \$105,630 to the current balance of \$55,632.
- after the books are closed on the Brandon and Cape Breton Meetings, a balance of about \$75K is expected. At current spending rates, the account will continue to decline over time.

- several options were discussed to guide future spending. This led to 3 motions:

1. Moved: to eliminate paper copies of the journal over the next 5 years.

M: Rolf Petersen; S: Christine Klein.

CARRIED

- the intention was that the journal become fully available on line while we might continue to print a small number of copies for archival purposes.

2. Moved: that spending be managed so as to keep the size of the Alces Account in future years around \$75K.

M: Christine Klein; S: Rolf Petersen.

CARRIED

3. Moved: that Newcomer Travel Awards be available up to at least a value of \$4K per year and all other awards stay at their current dollar amount.

M: Pete Pekins; S: Gerry Redmond.

CARRIED

- the maximum of \$1200 of receipted costs per student newcomer is to be retained.

3. Future Meetings –

52nd – will be hosted by Rich Harris, May 14 – 18, 2018, Double Tree Downtown ,Spokane, WA.

53rd – possibly in MN, 2019, for “year of the moose”

9th International – Finland, 2020.

4. Motion to Adjourn:

M: Rolf Petersen; S: Murray Lankester

CARRIED.