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.


   - 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.