

52st North American Moose Conference and Workshop

Spokane, Washington

Wednesday, 16 May, 2018

Chair: Art Rodgers, Alces Business/Managing Editor

Minutes by: Murray Lankester

1. Approval of the Agenda – Moved by Ken Childs; 2nd Vince Crichton

Carried.

2. Alces Update – Alces Chief Editor, Pete Pekins and Art Rodgers.

Vol. 53 (Brandon, MB; 11 papers, 1 suppl. 220 pp) is complete and available on the Alces website. Paper copies will be back from the printer and mailed within the next two weeks.

Vol. 54 (Ingonish, NS) presently includes 6 accepted papers soon to be posted on the website; 7 still in review.

Vol. 55 (Spokane, WA) – submissions soon to be under review.

3. We continue to use the free Open Access Journal interface to represent our “New” Alces website and to record the receipt, review, and editing of author-submitted papers. Alces is listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals, but much work and more metadata must be provided before contents and impact factor might be published, for example, by Science Citation Index. This, as well as making past issues (pre- vol. 42) more easily available would require volunteer or paid help.

4. Motion: Moved by Bill Faber; 2nd Roy Rea

That Alces spend up to \$5,000 Cdn to hire a skilled student to work toward making pre-vol. 42 titles accessible via the new website and by scanning their contents.

Passed

Roy Rea to be in charge of this initiative after further discussion with a small working group.

5. Account Status –

Canadian Publishing Services (CPS) in Ottawa, Canada, continues to provide page set-up and final proofing for a charge of \$29/ page on a one year contract. One vol. of the journal costs about \$4,000 to print and mail out, mostly to conference attendees who pay a fee at time of registration.

The decision made in Brandon (2017) to go paperless within 5 years would mean no printing and mailing, an annual cost of \$4000, the amount we currently over-spend by. However, this cost has been offset by pre-publication fees collected at meeting registration, although this is not always forwarded to the account.

Lakehead University continues to provide accounting services free of charge. Roy Rea has been told that UNBC could provide that service for a “minimal fee”, one that might help to support a graduate student. It was agreed that we stay with LU for now.

We remain on target for keeping the account balance around \$75,000, thanks to the exceptional financial performances of the 52nd meeting in Brandon. Vince Crichton reported that the auction and residuals from donors made it possible to make donations to Cancer Society of Manitoba and the Children’s Wish foundation in the name of Alces as well to forward net proceeds of over \$25K.

6. Future Meetings -

2019 – 53rd Ann. N. Amer. Meeting – to be confirmed by Lee Kantar that Maine will host.

2020 - 9th International Meeting – Dr. Kaarlo Nygren was present to invite members to attend the 9th International in Finland; time and place to be announced.

2021 – 54th Ann. N. Amer. Meeting to be hosted by Minnesota.

7. Motion to Adjourn – Moved by Bill Faber, 2nd Ken Childs.