



## Alberta Geomatics Historical Society Board Meeting

**DATE: Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 19:30, via Microsoft Teams.**

**Attendance:** Board Members: Les Frederick, President; John Haggerty, Vice President; Blaine Benson, Treasurer; Kerry Barrett, Secretary; Gord Olsson, Member at Large (Website Manager and Curator), Absent: Hal Janes, Member at Large; Syd Loeppky, Society Member

	Agenda Items	Action (by)
1	<b>Call to Order</b> Les called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and welcomed the new Board members, Blaine, John and Kerry.	
2	<b>Approval of February 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes</b> <i>It was moved by Gord, seconded by Les, that the minutes of February 20, 2025 be approved.</i> <i>Motion carried.</i>	
3	<b>Approval of the Agenda</b> Donation to Fort Heritage Precinct and Acceptance of Artifact Transfer from AGHS were added to the agenda.	
4.	<b>Treasurers Report</b> Les is working on getting Blaine set up as the treasurer. One GIC for \$23,000 matured and made \$977.50 in interest and another two-year GIC made \$954.50 in the first year. The funds were put in the business savings account, which now has a balance of \$40,414.26. Another \$23,000 or \$25,000 should be put into a GIC so one matures every year. The interest rate would be 2.9% for two years, which would be \$725 a year. <i>Les moved, Gord seconded, that \$25,000 be deposited into a two-year GIC from the business savings account.</i> <i>Motion carried</i> Gord wondered about setting aside some capital and opening an endowment fund in a few years. A proposal should be created and include what the fund could be used for. It may be similar to an RRSP account. The GICs could be placed in such an account when they mature. Les reported that the Society gained 7 new adult annual members since January 1.	

	<p>Tim Harding and Bruce Winton made donations and Les and Gord made donations to the Society in memory of Monroe Kinloch.</p> <p>There has been \$2943 in income and \$709.80 in expenses so far this year and the only expense was for storage.</p> <p>The Stripe program is supposed to generate emails regarding membership renewals.</p>	
5	<b>Old Business</b>	
	<p><b>5a. Update on Proposed Artifact Display Cases at SAIT (Syd)</b></p> <p>Les and Syd put together a formal proposal that was submitted to SAIT a month ago but no response has yet been received.</p>	Syd continuing with this initiative
6	<b>New Business</b>	
	<p><b>6a. Opportunity for Artifact Display Cases at U of C</b></p> <p>When Jalen Giroux (Jones Geomatics) visited U of C, she spoke to Elena (Rangelova), who is the current survey professor at the U of C, about the possibility of an artifact display. Les emailed her but has not received a reply. There is an approved space to display equipment so they were excited to hear about the Society's plans. Pictures and measurements have been requested from Elena.</p>	Les
	<p><b>6b. Attendance at ALSA AGM, Hal's Presentation</b></p> <p>Les will try to attend and bring his laptop so he can sign up new members. Hal, John and Kerry will also be there.</p>	
	<p><b>6c. How to Accept New Members Using Cash, Sign up New Members on Site</b></p> <p>If someone wanted to become a member, they can do it online. Cash would save about \$2 in transaction fees but it would take about 30 minutes to sort it out as on the website and then require going to the bank. It would be good to get the \$40 but easier if it was paid by credit card.</p>	
	<p><b>6d. Business Cards</b></p> <p>Les has created business cards for the Board members.</p>	
	<p><b>6e. Print Some Annual Reports</b></p> <p>Some annual reports could be printed so they could be distributed as the goals for the coming year are included but it is a number of pages and the information is available on the website.</p>	
	<p><b>6f. Goals for the Coming Year from the 2024 Annual Report</b></p> <p><b>Expanding Membership</b></p>	

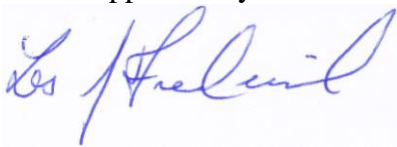
	<p>There are 37 members, of which 9 are life members. Hopefully the annual members renew their memberships. \$1800 has been budgeted for 6 life memberships, \$1200 for 40 annual memberships and \$100 for 5 student memberships. Everyone needs to think about a strategy to expand the membership outside of surveying to increase the revenue and get more members who want to be involved.</p> <p>Les may attend a grant writing seminar.</p> <p><b>Strengthening Partnerships</b></p> <p>Work is ongoing with NAIT, SAIT and the U of C and maybe more can be done with some museums.</p> <p><b>Expanding the Website</b></p> <p>There needs to be new feature articles and the article that Glen wrote regarding Patrick may be suitable. Gord has prepared an article regarding the first surveys of First Nations reserves in Alberta which will be published on the website after it is reviewed by Les and Glen Belbeck. Gord is planning to review the 150 artifact descriptions that were entered.</p> <p>The website search engine needs to be optimized (SEO) so that if someone googles for example “Patrick” the AGHS website will come up. The Dominion Survey System got way more hits than anything else on the website. He would like to have a meeting with Troy regarding SEO. Troy is the website host and he would do it for \$1000 and it is in the budget.</p> <p>Some information from the “albertalandsurveyhistory.ca” website could be included and the ALSA may have a copy of the website information.</p> <p>Information could be added to the website regarding things that have been named after surveyors.</p>	<p>Gord</p> <p>Gord</p>
	<p><b>6g. Website Update</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meetings are in the members section of the website. However, they should be separated by year, such as 2024 Board meeting minutes. The most recent should be at the top and maybe Ed could set it up.</p> <p>Les is trying to learn Word to create the newsletter.</p>	<p>Ed</p>
	<p><b>6h. Donation to Fort Heritage Precinct</b></p> <p>The Fort Heritage Precinct uses the artifacts to teach students about surveying. They asked if the Society would be willing to transfer ownership or agree to a long term lease of the artifacts. This should not be a problem since the Society has duplicates of the transit and the chain is a</p>	

	<p>reproduction. Gord wondered if the Precinct would be willing to help develop a standard presentation for teachers to use. Perhaps Hal could be involved since he lives in Fort Saskatchewan.</p> <p><i>It was moved by Gord, seconded by Les, that the Alberta Geomatics Historical Society unconditionally donate the following objects to the Fort Heritage Precinct, City of Fort Saskatchewan:</i></p> <p><i>ALSA 2007.03.01 Gunter's Chain</i></p> <p><i>ALSA 2008.10.04 Plumb bob with gammon reel and leather case</i></p> <p><i>ALSA 2008.10.18 Transit, Cooke Troughton &amp; Simms</i></p> <p><i>ALSA 2010.07.04 Tension Handle</i></p> <p><i>Motion carried.</i></p>	<p>Gord and Hal</p> <p>Gord will update the information in Past Perfect, arrange for the transfer of the artifacts and see if the Precinct would be willing to help develop a standard presentation for teachers to use.</p>
	<p><b>6i. Acceptance of Artifact Transfer from the Surveyors Historical Foundation (SHF)</b></p> <p>The SHF, a registered charity, had 80 objects that were held by the ALSA under a loan agreement. The SHF transferred them to the AGHS in January. The SHF has requested a formal acceptance of the transfer to facilitate their report to the CRA.</p> <p>The accession numbers will remain the same as articles have been written using the numbers so it would be confusing if they didn't.</p> <p><i>It was moved by Gord, seconded by John, that the objects listed below that were transferred to the Alberta Geomatics Historical Society by the Alberta Historical and Educational Foundation for Land Surveying (Surveyors Historical Foundation) on January 8, 2025 be accepted:</i></p> <p><i>Accession SHF 2015.01: Approx 60 objects formerly belong to R. Watson.</i></p> <p><i>Accession SHF 2018.01: Approx. 19 objects formerly belong to E. Scovill.</i></p> <p><i>Accession SHF 2021.01: Level and Tripod formerly belonging to Ray Johnson.</i></p> <p><i>Motion carried.</i></p>	
7	<b>Announcements</b>	
	<p><b>7a. SAIT Presentation Performed on April 3 by Jalen Giroux</b></p> <p>Jalen emailed the instructor to find out how the presentation could be improved for students.</p>	
	<p><b>7b. Westlock Tractor Museum Presentation Update</b></p> <p>Les will be there on April 22, 2025 and will bring 2 transits, a chain, some township plans, a post and some "Laying</p>	Les

	Down the Lines” books.	
8	<b>Next Meeting Date</b> Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 7:30 pm MST via Microsoft Teams	
9	<b>Adjournment</b> The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.	

Minutes prepared by: Kerry Barrett

Minutes approved by:



Les Frederick, AGHS President

May 17, 2025

Date