



**Alberta Wagon Trekkers Association
Annual General Meeting
April 26, 2025**

Held at Saddle Completions Office, Sylvan Lake

Meeting Chairperson: Brett Fulford
Directors Present: Mike McNabb, Mike Brochu, James LaChance, John Semotiuk,
Members: Jan Newport (Secretary), Kathy Fulford (Treasurer),

1. Call to Order

The Annual General Meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Brett Fulford, who welcomed everyone present and thanked Saddle Completions for the use of the venue to host the Meeting.

2. Amendments/Additions to Agenda/Adoption of Agenda

Brett Fulford asked if there were any errors or omissions, or additions or changes to the agenda. One item was added to the Agenda regarding the tin at the Four Corners Cabin. It was added in New Business.

3. **Approval of Minutes** of the AGM on April 20, 2024 as written. A copy of the Minutes is available at the front of the Meeting.

Motion by Mike Brochu to accept the Minutes as written. Seconded by Mike MacNab. Motion carried.

4. Director's Reports

- a) Brett spoke of the changes of the Board Members in the past year; meetings with Rocky regarding the grant money for the Clearwater and the Panther; Clearwater was completed in 2024, and we were able to roll over the grant money for the Panther over to 2025. The Association is in a strong position at this point and is looking forward to a productive year.

5. Sponsorships and thanking Sponsors

Brett Fulford thanked Craig Rath for the use of the Saddle Completions office for the meetings of the Association.

6. President's Overview

The directors decided that the Association would not be in the Horse Expo in 2025, and that we would be back at the Expo in 2026; we were asked to put together a writeup for the Alberta Trail Guides and we are now being recognized as a Society on the Government website; we had a good meeting with Courtney Hughes regarding the grant application for the Willmore; the Wagon Trekkers now have our own TFA ID number so we can pull our own TFAs; we have completed the first stage of the Clearwater project; the grant application was sent into the Willmore to do the maintenance on it.

7. Financial Report – Kathy Fulford

Kathy Fulford gave the Financial Report for the last year of business.

Operating Account:

Memberships	\$3,665.00
Interest	\$ 13.75
Donations:	\$1,000.00
Total Revenue:	\$4,678.75

Expenses:

Director's Liability	\$640.00
Tradeshow Liability	\$210.00
Office Expenses	\$247.41
Advertising	\$281.94
Website Costs	\$304.50
Total Expenses	\$1,683.85
Net Cash	\$2,994.90

Grant Account:

Grants Received	\$53,120.00
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Expenses:

Cutoff Creek	\$8,925.00
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Remaining Funds:	\$44,195.00
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Motion by Wayne Anderson that the Financial Statement be accepted as presented. Seconded by James LaChance. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

- a) We need suggestions as to which wagon trails we can get working on in the future, as the grant applications are to be in by November, 2025.
- b) Committee volunteers – we need members to help with the maintenance of the trails, and will be asking for volunteers.

New Business

- a) Willmore Project: Mike Brochu discussed the Willmore Grant Application, which was denied. Meeting with Courtney Hughes, Dave Crooks. Application was possibly declined because they were in the middle of finalizing their trail study that was to be completed this spring or early summer, and no grants would be approved until this was complete. We will apply again for 2026.
- b) Clearwater Project: Brett discussed the project. Five days were spent in the Clearwater maintaining the trail, fixing holes and mudholes, reclaiming, cleaning up, re-piled the burn piles. Brett provided the Proposal and expenses for the members to see.
- c) Panther River Project: Project has been sent out for tender, one proposal in and we are waiting for one more to come in. We will send an RFQ to Fred to quote on the project, as he donated the hoe to the Clearwater project and would like the opportunity to quote other work in the future. The grant proposal has been reinstated for smaller footprint of work, to do it by hand. Aug 16 – 31 is the only time Ocean and Fisheries allow us to cross the river with certified cleaned and inspected equipment to do the work.
- d) Signs: Working on sponsorship for Wagon Trekker's signs, indicating that a Project is underway, and being able to change the dates. Brett would like a volunteer to take over the Signs project.
- e) The Secretary has given her resignation and we are in need of a new person to take over the position moving forward after this meeting.
- f) Membership Drive: discussion regarding Poker Rally, UFA hay rides.

Elections

Motion by Jean St. Laurent to accept Brian Hallock and James LaChance as directors. Seconded by Mike Macnab. CARRIED

John Semotiuk and Dave Rookes left their names standing as Directors;

Motion by Mike Macnab to nominate Craig Rath as Director; Craig has accepted the nomination.

Motion by Craig Rath to nominate Myran Beelby as Director; Myran has accepted the nomination.

Motion by Mike Brochu that nominations cease. Seconded by _____ . CARRIED.

Elections were carried out and the new Board Members were voted on and the ballots destroyed.

Directors for 2025: Chris Perkins, Brian Hallock, James LaChance, Mike Macnab, Mike Brochu, Myran Beelby, Craig Rath, John Semotiuk.

The Directors of the AWTa presented Jan Newport with a gift for her service as Secretary.

Next AGM Meeting

April 18, 2026 at Saddle Completions Office, Sylvan Lake, 1 pm.

Meeting adjourned

Motion by Mike Macnab that the meeting be adjourned at 3:00 pm. Seconded by Jean St. Laurent. CARRIED.