



Voice of Community and Land Society  
Annual General Meeting Minutes February 25, 2009 7:30 PM at Bardo Hall

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1. Call to Order: Bill Sears called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Introduction of Board of Directors: Bill introduced the directors of VOCAL for 2008-09.
3. Additions to the Agenda
  - 3.1. Additional item added under #8 – Amend By-laws.
4. Approval of the Agenda

4.1. Motion Fran Schultz/Clayton Maurer: That the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.
5. Thank-yous: Bill introduced Joe Anglin, Leader of the Green Party for Alberta, and Midge Lambert, Green Party Candidate.  
**Thank you to**
  - 5.1. all our members who have showed great support and generous donations.
  - 5.2. Bill McElhanney of Ackroyd Law firm for his good advice and support. We have retained Bill as our lawyer should Sherritt ever submit an application for the project.
  - 5.3. Brian and Fran Schultz and others with Wild Oats and Notes. We were very fortunate to hook up with them as the festival generated lots of publicity and Wild Oats and Notes also gave us a huge donation of \$11,000 that completely changed our financial picture.
  - 5.4. Sandy Lusk for providing the lunch for our meeting tonight.
  - 5.5. RH-DAPA for ongoing support
  - 5.6. Thank you to Trudy – for opening up her home, providing lunch and coffee so often, taking many phone calls, and for her support of Bill's countless hours working on VOCAL
6. Minutes – Norma Williams read the minutes from the Feb. 13, 2008 organizational meeting.

6.1. Motion Norma Williams/Owen Forster: That the minutes from our last general meeting be approved as read. Carried.
7. Treasurer's Report – Robert Janzen presented the treasurer's report and answered questions.

7.1. Motion Robert Janzen/Jon Kauffman: That the report by adopted as presented. Carried.
8. Auditors - Bill explained that we need two volunteer members to audit the books for the past year. May Korobko and Tony Darby volunteered.

Motion Robert Janzen/Owen Forster: That May Korobko and Tony Darby audit VOCAL's books for the past year. Carried.  
ACTION: Robert will get the books to May/or Tony with instructions.
- Bylaws - Bill explained the need to change our Bylaws to allow for 10 directors.

Motion Lyle Heiberg/Ed Williams: That we amend bylaws #5 & 13 to change our number of directors to ten, and change quorum to 6. Carried.  
ACTION: Norma will amend the Bylaws.
9. Election of Officers

Lyle Heiberg took the Chair.

  - 9.1. John Daoust nominated Bill Sears for Chairperson.

Motion Fran Schultz/Robert Janzen That nominations cease for chairperson. Carried. Bill Sears elected by acclamation.

Bill Sears resumed the Chair.

- 9.2. Julie Ishida nominated Clayton Maurer for Vice-Chairperson.

Motion Ken Hillerud/Dane Rude That nominations cease for vice-chairperson. Carried. Clayton elected by acclamation.

- 9.3. Bill Sears nominated Norma Williams for Secretary.

Motion John Daoust/Owen Forster That nominations for secretary cease. Carried. Norma elected by acclamation.

- 9.4. Treasurer

Motion Jane Oracheski/Dane Rude That the position of Treasurer be left open for now and dealt with at the next board meeting. Carried.

- 9.5. Clayton Maurer nominated Lonnie Lauber, Scott Stauffer and Jane Oracheski to be directors of VOCAL.

Motion Jon Kauffman/Owen Forster That the nominations for Directors of VOCAL cease. Carried. Lonnie, Scott and Jane elected by acclamation.

10. Membership fees: Bill explained that due to the large donation received from Wild Oats and Notes we do not need to charge fees to renew memberships for this year.

Motion Robert Janzen/Tony Darby That the 2008 membership fees be carried forward to cover the upcoming 2009/10 year. Carried.

11. Update from Sherritt: Bill spoke to Ben Ludwig, who is the new front man for the Dodds-Round Hill project for Sherritt, on February 4<sup>th</sup>. At this time Sherritt is unclear about what their final product will be, as the original end product was supplying hydrogen for the upgraders. They are discussing several options, one of which is synthetic diesel fuel. They are, however, intending to carry on. There is a 'short-list' of 20 contenders in receiving the \$2 billion promised by the Alberta Government to develop carbon capture. Applications for this have to be in by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Sherritt is on this short-list. They will be making an announcement by the end of March, and also plan to send out another newsletter.

12. Questions: Discussion took place regarding the promotion of the project as being "the first of its kind" and how it is "addressing future energy concerns" How important is the project to Premier Ed Stelmach? Fran Schultz thanked Bill Sears on behalf of all the members of VOCAL. Bill has done an outstanding job leading us and VOCAL couldn't exist without him. Bob Young, Gene Hrabec and Albin Lukawiecki were introduced as County of Beaver councillors. Reeve Jim Kallal and Vern Hafso sent their regrets.

13. Adjournment:

Motion Owen Forster/Jon Kauffman adjourned the meeting. Carried.

### Special Guest speakers:

Devin Key discussed the PACSE community service exchange program of the Augustana Campus, University of Alberta and his work with VOCAL

Trevor and Adele Hoflin discussed life off the grid and the sustainable energy systems they have set up for their home.

Mel Mathison and Linden Lundback of Lakeland College discussed the renewable energy sources they have been exploring at Vermilion for the past 1 ½ years. These included experiences in having a meteorological tower for data collection, wind systems, solar systems and biodiesel.