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PRESIDENT'S REPORT, AGM.

Welcome to the annual AGM. Due to COVID, we of course had to postpone last years AGM until Dec of Last Year. As a result, we do not have very much to report since then. We are getting our AGM back on the time track as per our By-Laws.

We continued our work, with the AOHVA, on the Livingstone/Porcupine/Castle advisory group to have our input on how the plan should be implemented. This was very time consuming with meetings just about every week. About 28 or so were held, mostly via Zoom meetings. The advice from these meetings was presented to the Minister of the Environment in January, and hopefully we will have a decision by May/June on the plan. It should also be announced at that time if we are going to keep the present trails in the Castle.

Part of our submissions was to implement a user fee for Random Camping. The monies collected from this fee will go towards improving the facilities at Staging Areas, and Random Camping Sites. Other monies will go towards more enforcement of the Random Camping areas, which was another submission that we had requested. The Government of Alberta has brought forward legislation and we hope to have this passed soon. The camping fees will be \$20.00 per person for a three-day pass, or \$30.00 per person for an annual pass. This pass can be purchased online through the Governments Website, similar to hunting and fishing permits. We have supported this proposal.

The Government of Alberta, with the AOHVA, have been working on a trail plan to fund yearly grants for organizations like us to maintain the trail systems. This would certainly give our Club financial stability.

Our long-range plan for this year is to deck the new bridge installed at York Creek, replace one of the narrow bridges on the plane crash trail, and replace decking on some of the other bridges that require repairs. We will be installing signs on all the bridges donated to the Government indicating we donated them. We will also be placing numbers on them, GPS their locations. This will eventually give us an inventory of where the bridges are, and will allow the members to contact the office to advise of repairs required.

The Stewardship Society has about \$7,000.00 to donate to us to purchase the steel for about three bridges which we intend to manufacture.

We are also requesting funding from the Blairmore Lions Club to help fund the below Tecumseh Trail Bridge.

We will be placing a bridge on the Tecumseh Trail, on the powerline above Tecumseh. This designated trail hooks into the Atlas network. We will also work with Forestry to see if we can reopen the trail west and then north of this bridge, (locally known as the stump trail) and get it designated. This is an important trail to Deadman's Pass in BC. There are a lot of water/marsh conditions to deal with.

We have partnered with Trout Unlimited, Cows and Fish, the Oldman Watershed Council, and the Government of Alberta to help build three wooden bridges, reroute some trails and generally maintain some of trails in the Porcupine Hills area. This is slated for sometime in September of this year.

We will continue to improve badly eroded trails, starting with the steep hill coming down to Spoon Valley on the McGillivray Trail. There is a lot of work to be done out there, but with your help, we can do it, to improve the safety, environmental concerns and experience of our Sport.

Gary Clark. President.