

Diplomat Mine Museum Society

Annual General Meeting

April 27, 2026

Present: Mike Jahns, Gordon Lundy, Karen Gill, John Lundy, Robert Frizzell, Dana Oberg(Dwight Dibben), Alexis Ponto(Flagstaff County).

Regrets: Terry Lundy. Dwight Dibben, Norm Congdon, Ron Stenson and Carol Stenson.

Mike Jahns called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The minutes of the April 8, 2025, annual meeting and July 23, 2025, special meeting were presented for all to review. John Lundy moved that the minutes were accepted as presented. Karen Gill seconded the motion. Carried.

Gordon Lundy presented the Audited financial report for the year ending March 31, 2026. Our bank balance for the general account is **\$11,520.50**. Our casino account has a balance of **\$2,251.18**. Our total assets are **\$13,771.68**. This is a net loss of **\$46,496.64** from March 31, 2025. Our expected casino proceeds should be close to \$30,000.00. I will transfer \$3000.00 from the casino account back to the general account which was borrowed to cover Hotel costs for working the casino.

Our open house showed a loss of **\$122.55**, and we received a donation of **\$100.00** that day. Donation box earnings for the year were **\$367.84**.

Robert Frizzell moved the adoption of this report and Alexis Ponto seconded.

Old Business

The county has purchased two new bear proof garbage bins and will place them on site this spring. We have paid our portion of the costs of \$3,572.39.

Dana Oberg presented the revised bylaws on behalf of Dwight Dibben. They were reviewed and changes suggested. Alexis Ponto moved and Robert Frizzell seconded that corrections/changes be made to Numbers 3, 4, 7 and 11. This was carried. Mike Jahns will take them to Dwight Dibben to make the corrections and have them submitted to the Corporate Registry.

Gordon Lundy reported that cooperate grants of \$15,848.25. were received last year. He thanked Dwight Dibben for his appeal letter that contributed to this success. Alexis Ponto suggested that we apply for a county tourism grant to help cover the cost of our open house. Gordon Lundy will do this.

Mike Jahns reported that the painting and sand blasting of the two machines was complete. He reported that Carlos LaForge of Alberta Historical Resources was not pleased with this work as they did not approve of this undertaking. The striping and decals may have to be reinstalled. This work will be done if Alberta Historical Resources insist. For now, we are asking for forgiveness.

John Lundy moved that we spend up to \$1000.00 to make permanent warning signs to be placed around the site. Karen Gill seconded the motion which was carried. These signs are for liability issues surrounding any activities on the site. Mike Jahns and Robert Frizzell will discuss the wording and get them made and installed.

Gordon Lundy stated that we can now accept e-transfers for donations. We have received a few so far. Gordon will get better permanent signage up for this. John Lundy will post this information on our website. A password is not required as the sums are direct deposit.

New business

Mike Jahns shared his research into providing a permanent display base for the LeTourneau Loader. Options on screw piles and a cement pad are all very costly. He suggested that we dig out and pack in a gravel pad with some pinned curbing, which would be under \$10,000.00. Robert Frizzell stated that the tires on the loader would need to be aired up annually. He will follow up with West Moreland Mine to do this. He will also ask them to drain all the fluids from the loader once we have it pulled into place on the gravel pad.

John Lundy moved that capital work for this year should include preparing a gravel pad and moving the loader onto it. Signage for the loader and updated interpretive signage and some sandbox repair should be included in this work at a maximum cost of \$15,000.00. Robert Frizzell seconded the motion. Carried. Mike Jahns and Robert Frizzell will proceed with getting contractors to do this work this summer.

Mike Jahns will call for volunteers for this work and other work bees as needed.

Visitors Day

There was some discussion on whether to host our annual visitor's day on Father's Day.

Robert Frizzell moved that we host our annual Visitor's Day on June 21, 2026. Karen Gill seconded the motion. Carried. Gordon and Terry Lundy and Karen Gill will make the necessary arrangements. They will be relying on all other committee members to help on that day.

Election of Executive

Dana Oberg moved and John Lundy seconded that the executive remain the same for 2026/2027. This was carried. The executive is as follows: President – Mike Jahns, Vice President – Norman Congdon, Secretary-Treasurer – Gordon Lundy.

Newsletter

Mike Jahns presented a draft newsletter to the meeting. Some discussion was held on how it could be distributed in the community. John Lundy, who is our web site administrator said he could post something on our web site. Alexis Ponto said she could help John with this. She would also see about putting something on the County of Flagstaff website. Gordon Lundy said he will see about getting it in the June Info-Forestburg newsletter. It will also include advertising for our Visitor's Day.

Next Meeting's

The next meeting or any special meetings will be called by the chair.

Mike Jahns declared that the meeting be adjourned at 8:37 pm.

DIPLOMAT MINE MUSEUM SOCIETY
2026 Annual General Meeting
April 27, 2026
Forestburg Village Council Chamber – 7:00 pm

Meeting Agenda

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Financial Reports
 - General and Casino Account
 - Open House
3. Old Business
 - Bear proof garbage bins
 - Bylaw review
 - Geant applications
 - Sand Blasting and Painting Machines- Report
 - warning signs- to be made
 - review this year's work list
 - e-transfer donations
4. New Business
 - Review plan and schedule for displaying LeTourneau 1000 Loader
 - motion to cover cost of Planned Work
5. Work Bees
6. Annual Open House – June 21, 2026
- 7.Election of executive for 2026/2027
8. Any other new business
9. Next Meeting