

Kaslo and District Community Forest Society

2017 AGM Minutes; Apr 19, 2017

at JV Humphries School

Attendance:

Directors: Chris Webster, Steve Anderson, Jeff Mattes, Steve Fawcett, Sean Brenton, Stan Baker, Ross Lake, Glen Settle

Staff: Ronnie Carmen, Bill Kestell, Sabrina Mutterer

Media: Jan McMurray (Valley Voice)

Public: approximately 22 members of the public

Poll was opened just outside the meeting room, supervised by Ronnie Carmen and Linda Portman.

There were four director positions up for election. Six people were nominated:

Stan Baker (incumbent)

Sean Brenton (incumbent)

Tara Lynne Clapp

Marie-Ange Fournier-Beck

Robin Mercy

Andy Shadrack

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 2016 AGM; carried

Motion to adopt the agenda; carried

Financial Report was given, and questions answered.

Jeff Mattes (Treasurer) spoke briefly about the silviculture underfunding, and how our governance structure is part of the problem.

- Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report (Shadrack) ; carried

Directors' Report was given, and questions answered.

Chris Webster (Board Chair) explained his idea of having the youth crew supervised by volunteers this year, since the budget won't allow for hiring a supervisor. He added that the idea would only work if liability issues were solved.

Susan Mulkey invited and encouraged the KDCFS to send a representative to the BCCFA 2017 Conference at Tumbler Ridge on June 15 – 17.

- Motion to receive the Directors' Report for information (Lake); carried

Forestry Report was given, and questions answered. Some of the items discussed:

- Erika Bird requested a Keen Creek road report, for publication
- Susan Mulkey asked about the 25,000 m³ AAC, and whether that takes into account community values. She also asked at what stage of planning does “community input” happen.
- Greg Lay asked about fire-interface programs. Bill said he’s been in discussion with John Cathro about that, and that John will be addressing the board about the subject.
- Tara Clapp emphasised watershed values. She feels we haven’t communicated with Mirror Lake people enough about the proposed logging on Bjerkness face.

Ross Lake made a motion to receive the Forestry Report for information; discussion continued:

- Len Hewat wondered if we have considered selling CP37 like we did with CP36. Chris replied that yes, we have talked about it.
- Lynn Bandura questioned why it’s taking so long to come up with a Long Term Plan.
- Andy Shadrack asked if we are adapting to the hydrological changes resulting from climate change. Bill replied that every cutting permit is reviewed by a professional.
- Tom Duchastel said that the 2010 LTP report was vague. Pat Mackle suggested a separate meeting about Long Term Planning, with maps.
- Ross Lake said the message he was hearing was that the board needs to take the initiative on consulting the community. He said the 2010 LTP started a process, and the Forsite report, along with \$50,000 earmarked for LTP, will move that process along.
- Greg Lay suggested doing a Total Chance Access Plan, which includes a roaded plan for the future.
- Lynn Bandura asked if we have made the necessary changes to accommodate the new Societies Act. Chris said he’ll check with Ronnie about that, and mentioned the CBT governance review we are having done.

Andy Shadrack called the question, and the motion to receive the Forestry Report for information was carried.

The poll was closed (after a last reminder to those present) and the ballots counted. The election officers made their report to the chair. The four people elected to the Board of Directors are:

Tara Lynne Clapp

Marie-Ange Fournier-Beck

Robin Mercy

Andy Shadrack

The new directors were congratulated.

Carole Summer moved adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Attachments to these minutes:

Financial statements for 2016 from Minichiello & Company

Directors Report

Forestry Report