



Annual General Meeting

April 10, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

Memberships were sold prior to the meeting, starting at 6:30 p.m.

7:04 P.M. Call to Order

In attendance: Steve Anderson [*Chair, VOK Appointee*]; Stephen Neville [*Vice Chair*], Steve Fawcett [*Secretary*]; Tara Clapp, [*Treasurer, Nominee*]; Marie-Ange Fournier-Beck, [*Nominee*]. Management Team: Jeff Reyden and Sabrina Mutterer. Bookkeeper: Heather Hamilton. New Director by acclamation: Graham McKellar [*new Nominee*]. Regrets from Neil Johnson (RDCK Rep), Robin Mercy (Director). Media: Jan McMurray, Valley Voice

Total Attendance: 27; Public: 19; Voting members: 21

- **Motion to adopt the 2018 AGM Agenda.** Carried
- **Motion to adopt the 2018 AGM Minutes.** Carried

Directors' Report Presented by Steve Anderson (Chair).

Q & A

- Discussion: multi-year and/or lifetime memberships – KORTS & Trailblazers have multiyear memberships and some people have lifetime memberships at other local societies.
- Comment: Winter in the Forest was another successful event. Credits to organizers Cloe and KHS.

Management Report Presented by Sabrina Mutterer and Jeff Reyden (Management Team)

Q & A

- Will the silviculture accrual rate meet real costs with climate change future liabilities?
→ Many unknowns, it could get tight and may need review, but for now we can make it work.
- Comment: Doing a fabulous job & can't thank you enough.
- How is our forest looking? What can we do better?
→ Our species inventory and steep topography is economically challenging in current markets. Forest health is good, although bark beetles and root rot are a concern going forward. We are looking at doing a sustainability review for the planned business plan update.
- Is our 25,000 metre AAC sustainable?
→ We have traditionally harvested below this rate but are scrambling to find wood we can harvest at least at break-even, financially, because of market rates, species inventory, other associated cost increases.
- What is the status of our silviculture?

→ We are caught up on re-planting and stand-tending of current cutblocks. We have a future silviculture liability to meet upcoming needs.

Financial Report Presented by Tara Clapp (Treasurer)

Q&A

- Why are the 2018 office expenses 3 times the amount for 2017?
→ We made a major change in restructuring internal operations. We went from a physical to a virtual office and started to constructively archive years of individual data filing systems used by different managers. This will allow us easier access to older data.
- Why did special project fees decrease?
→ Bookkeeping changes. Some of this was moved into management costing. We also had the trail crew project in 2017 under this category.
- Why did the grants decrease?
→ The trail crew in 2017 was a one-time grant.
- What is the Operating reserve?
→ This is new and is intended to manage funds to carry the society through years that have losses.
- What is the Legacy Fund?
→ The idea is to create a fund big enough so that the interest can be given as community grants. This would give a lasting benefit to the community if the Community Forest was to lose its license.
- Do you think the government would take away the license?
→ An example in the news currently is the government considering major reductions in allowable cuts in Northern BC to protect the caribou.
- Comment: acknowledgement for skills Tara brings to the board.

Closing statement: Invitation for community participation and request to bring feedback at any time to the board. Board meetings are open to the public.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm