



Annual General Meeting – Done via ZOOM

April 14th, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

7:05 P.M. Call to Order

In attendance: Steve Anderson [*Chair, VOK appointee*]; Steve Fawcett [*Secretary*]; Jeff Mattes [*Treasurer*]; Neil Johnson [*RDCK appointee*]; Chris Webster, Greg Lay, Stephen Neville, Tom Duchastel [*Directors*]. Management Team: Jeff Reyden and Sabrina Mutterer. Bookkeeper: Alicia Sergeant. New Board members by acclamation: Doug Drain. Media: Valley Voice

2021 Membership: 37; Total Attendance: 29; Public: 4 ; Voting members: 25

- **Motion to adopt the 2021 AGM Agenda.** Carried
- **Motion to adopt the 2020 AGM Minutes.** Carried

Directors' Report Presented by Steve Anderson (Chair)

No questions

Financial Report Presented by Jeff Mattes (Treasurer)

Q&A

- Is KDCFS carrying out their own Silviculture, why is there an increase?
 - There was a backlog which we are now catching up on. Silviculture is set to \$8 per m³ to ensure costs are covered. This is a high estimate and usually we are under budget in actual cost.
- We use to have a number of funds that were adding up to overtime, how are we doing now?
 - We still have the Legacy fund which increases every year. The water reserve fund is now the Contingency Fund. The Road Building reserve was decided to being to restricted in its scope so is now allocating in the books as Restricted Cash and Term Deposits at 1 million dollars.

- **Motion to adopt the 2020 Financials.** Carried

Q & A

Questions pre-submitted by Marlene Johnston:

- When was the FSP approved and will you put it on your website so it is accessible to the public
 - Approved in 2020. Currently re-doing the website and will have link on there. If you need it please email managers.

- How does KDCFS define 'old growth'? Where is that old growth (which species and age) and what is the approximate amount/area? What is KDCFS' intention re old growth?
 - BC Forest Management defines as trees older than 140 years but I (Jeff) defines as turn of century, irreplaceable, reminisce of before fires. Yes we have some old growth stands in our tenure; Branch 7 , McDonnel Lake, Milford/Kemball Creek area.
 - Larger project to inventory them all. Could extend Fishhook Trail as a part of learning education. KDCFS believes more valuable left standing than on a truck. Mostly cedar/hemlock in our tenure.

- Please explain the Firewood Policy; in particular my concern is the increased firewood gathering near Lardeau up what we call Miners Road, which is an old road uphill of the highway just south of Davis Creek.
 - Firewood Policy waiting for Board to discuss, scheduled for April 21st, 2021 Board meeting. Will probably need some updates. Management have seen falling firewood mentioned. Has posted a sign at the road with current Firewood Policy.

Further questions from attendees:

- Why would we have a mid-term timber supply gap? Why can't we adjust now? What other values drive the AAC?
 - It's not just timber that drives the AAC. Apart of the Timber Supply Review we want to find out what our sustainable AAC can be. We've been cutting below the AAC in recent years. Also why we've been going after the Grant funding as it does support the community.

- Can /does KDCFS make money on wildfire grant projects?
 - We don't make money. Grant machines they pay for themselves. Can make some projects more feasible. FES grant at Schroeder allowed us to harvest and paid for clean up costs. It would have cost us too much money for ourselves. Grants supply jobs for contractors which is a direct benefit for the community.

- Have you considered a single cutting permit that would give flexibility to access timber depending on the market?

- Yes we definitely have. It is in the works as does give some flexibility.

➤ **Motion to adopt the 2020 Management Report.** Carried

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS (needed 16 to pass)

1. *therefore be it resolved that the Bylaws be amended to reduce the total number of directors from nine (9) to five (5).*

In Favour – 9 Against – 15 Abstain – 0

Resolution defeated

2. *therefore be it resolved that the Bylaws be amended to have all positions for the Board of Directors be elected positions and further that they be elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.*

In Favour – 15 Against – 9 Abstain – 0

Resolution defeated

3. *be it resolved that the directors may choose to confer an Honorary Lifetime Membership to someone in recognition of exemplary service to the Society. Such membership shall be without fees, but remains subject to clause #8 regarding expulsion.*

In Favour – 16 Against – 5 Abstain – 3

Resolution passed

4. *be it resolved that if a director misses three (3) meetings in a row, they may be dismissed at the discretion of the Board.*

In Favour – 20 Against – 1 Abstain – 4

Resolution passed

Meeting adjourned at 9.12pm