



KDCFS Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Sept 22 2022

MISSION STATEMENT: *The Kaslo and District Community Forest Society (KDCFS) will manage the diversity of values of the Community Forest in an ecologically responsible and fiscally accountable manner on behalf of the people of Kaslo and Area D.*

Attendees: Steve Anderson (Chair), Chris Webster (Vice Chair), Tom Duchastel (Director), Stephen Fawcett (Secretary), Greg Lay, Stephen Neville (Directors), Jeff Reyden (Management Team), Alicia Sergeant (Bookkeeper)

Absent without notice: Jeff Mattes (Treasurer), Neil Johnson (Director)

Meeting called to order at 7.01pm in person and via Zoom

A. Preliminaries:

Agenda that the Board of Directors adopt the Kaslo & District Community Forest Regular Meeting Agenda of Sept 22nd, 2022

Moved to adopt: Chris Webster Carried

Minutes that the Board of Directors acknowledge the Kaslo and District Community Forest Regular Meeting Minutes of July 21st 2022 being approved July 27th 2022.

Treasurer Report

Q: How come we are only at 24% logging income?

A: Haven't received Cooper face, Stella Jones income yet. Also, we haven't been able to get as much logging done as we would have liked at this point.

Q: What is the cost situation with the burnt seedlings from the Briggs Creek fire?

A: Management will be applying for government funding to cover the lost seedlings with the hope to replant 2024/25

Moved to adopt: Stephen Fawcett Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

B. Manager's Report

Noted: more dry pulp up Cooper Face than expected. Will be up there for another month. Won't be up Keen Creek until next Spring. Lost Ledge Road is looking good.

Q: Was there any old growth damage with the Briggs Creek fire?

A: No as the fire never crossed Keen Creek.

Q: What will happen if a wildfire occurs on Mt Buchanan, any plans in place?

A: There is already some fire access, but Management is holding preliminary talks with fellow local forestry entities. Along with applying for grant funding, we are looking at developing a more substantial wildfire reduction plan which will also open up more access. Management will issue a separate follow up report on the discussed fire interface plan.

Q: Community field day update?

A: Board discussed and the Lost Ledge option is preferred as location.

Q: Indigenous relations update?

A: No change. Their biggest concern is the Old Growth Deferral and mapping. Management working with the Ktunaxa who recently reached out. Indigenous groups have written their own standards which they are hoping the government will take on. Management will share this information next meeting.

Moved to adopt: Tom Duchastel

Carried

C. Items for Board Discussion

1. Fire centre suppression activities – there's a meeting in October where licensees gather. Management to check email from Jeff M regarding this and hopes to attend.
2. Should KDCFS work on having our own tree seed bank? Table until next meeting.
3. Firewood donations and disbursements for 2022 update? Dealt with during B. Manager's Report
4. Director Lay: the Board to hire a qualified Fire Smart Instructor to design and deliver a Fire Smart Course to Kaslo's grade 7 to 12 students both lecture and field exercise) to take place this Fall – can add to budget for next year. Will be discussed during the budget review.
5. Value Added Idea – Cedar Strips <https://totemstrips.ca/>. Director Anderson went through pricing of different strips and the minimal equipment needed to make them. Can be discussed during the next budget review.

D. Governance

1. Read and review B. Policy Related to Forestry Operations – Silviculture Policy, Contingency Fund Policy and Legacy Fund Policy (pg 21-23).
Silviculture – drop last sentence which states dollar amount. Motion by Director Anderson. Carried
Legacy – update formatting

E. Community Comments

None

F. In-Camera

2 items discussed.

Meeting adjourned

Next Board Meeting: Oct 20th, 2022