



KDCFS Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Sept 14 2023

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: Chris Webster (Chair), Stephen Neville (Vice Chair), Stephen Fawcett (Secretary), Jeff Mattes (Treasurer), Sarah Sinclair, Matthew Brown, Doug Drain (Directors), Jeff Reyden (Management Team), John Addison (community)

Absent with notice:

Absent without notice: Greg Lay

Meeting called to order at 7.00pm in person

A. Preliminaries:

Agenda that the Board of Directors adopt the Kaslo & District Community Forest Regular Meeting Agenda of Sept 14th, 2023

1) added – FireSmart (John Addison, community)

Moved to adopt: Jeff Mattes Carried

Minutes that the Board of Directors acknowledge the Kaslo and District Community Forest Regular Meeting Minutes of September 14th 2023 being approved October 19th 2023.

Treasurer Report

No Treasurer Report due to the bookkeeper being away and transitioning to a new bookkeeper.
Look into new term deposit for GIC.

Moved to adopt: Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

B. Manager's Report

Discussed logging up Keen Creek and safety issue of the feller buncher rolling and burning.

Moved to adopt: Steve Fawcett Carried

C. Items for Board Discussion

1. REDIP grant. Options to pursue a feasibility study or business plan were discussed, including a few different recreation ideas, a planer to process locally milled rough cut lumber, and biomass. It was decided biomass utilization to produce electricity and/or heat will be the focus of this REDIP grant intake.
2. Community field tour up Keen Creek Sept 30th. Management will tour Board members and members of the public to see the damage from the Briggs Creek wildfire and the harvesting to salvage the fire damaged timber.
3. Positions for bookkeeping and communications/marketing positions. Jessie Lay has been hired as our marketing/communications expert, and Annik Trobak has been hired as our new bookkeeper.

4. Firewood donations. 3 logging truck loads of firewood will be donated to local non-profits and charities. An ad will be placed in the Pennywise.

D. Governance

1. Committee positions. A list of committees and Directors on each committee will be emailed to the Directors to see which committees they want to be part of.
2. Review policies. Tabled until the next Board meeting.

E. Community Comments

John Addison discussed FireSmart and the community initiatives that have taken place this year and an upcoming meeting on September 27, 6:30pm at the Seniors Center. Encouraged more people to become FireSmart neighbourhood champions. Discussed other fire topics including how to get water to where its needed in Kaslo in the event of a wildfire, funding infrastructure such as water bladders in house, transitioning forests in the WUI to more deciduous. As we saw in the Okanagan this year we can do all the fire smarting that we can but forests and communities can still burn down.

F. In-Camera

Meeting adjourned – 8:14pm

Next Board Meeting: November 17th, 2023