



KDCFS Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 19, 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), Jeff Mattes (Treasurer), Greg Lay, Doug Drain, Sarah Sinclair (Directors), Jeff Reyden (Management Team), Jessie Lay (Communications), John Addison (Community)

Absent with notice: Stephen Neville (Vice Chair), Stephen Fawcett (Secretary)

Absent without notice: Matthew Brown (Director), Sarah Sinclair (Director)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm in person

A. Preliminaries:

Agenda that the Board of Directors adopt the Kaslo & District Community Forest Regular Meeting Agenda of October 19, 2023.

1. Added - update on September FireSmart Meeting (Greg Lay)

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 being approved on October 19, 2023.

Treasurer Report

The bottom line of the budget is better than predicted. This is likely to continue until year end, estimating we will be \$150k in the black instead of over \$300k.

Moved to adopt: Greg Lay Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

B. Manager's Report

Q. What is the timeline for Keen Creek?

A. Depends on snow. Menglers have about 4 ha left over. Approximately one month left there.

Q: Regarding timber in Nashton Creek.

A: Nashton Creek has great wood but likely heli access and very difficult terrain. Only 12 ha on that face, not the end of the world to not harvest.

Q. What are you burning up lost ledge?

A. Burning the brush piles from the road work last year. Also will be burning the piles in the CP 46 cutblock. Site prep next week and burning piles. Have to deactivate skid trails and pile as we go. Learn from plantations up Briggs Creek that were lost because they were quite slashy as Briggs was logged when snowy. clean as you go.

Q. Where will we be on our 5 year AAC?

A. We will be under again.

Q. Who is Blackwell?

A. Collaborating with Cathro consulting on Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP) and specialize in wildfire risk mapping. A large forest consulting firm out of Vancouver that has worked in wildfire risk reduction for years.

Q. Please confirm the recreation club field tour with the board.

A. Jeff Reyden will confirm.

Moved to adopt: Greg Lay Carried

C. Items for Board Discussion

1. REDIP Application - In progress. Biomass summit in Revelstoke recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QETR7F7h3p8>
2. Firewood donations - Advertised and two successful applicants, Kaslo Youth Baseball and the Legion.
3. September FireSmart meeting update - FireSmart neighbourhoods from Kaslo and Area D gathered to discuss their community successes, challenges, funding acquired and to connect with local resources. There was an emphasis on developing new neighbourhoods and on the downtown area. Board discussed priorities and strategies for cultivating resilience to wildfire including water delivery, and will wait for guidance on priorities from the CWRP that is currently being developed.

Moved to adopt: Jeff Mattes Carried

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 to the next meeting.

Moved to adopt: Greg Lay Carried

E. Community Comments

None

F. In-Camera

None

Meeting adjourned – 8:04

Next Board Meeting: November 23, 2023