



## KDCFS Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 18<sup>th</sup> 2024

*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), Greg Lay, Doug Drain, Matthew Brown (Directors), Sarah Sinclair (Director, via zoom), Jeff Reyden (Management Team), Jessie Lay (Admin).

**Absent with notice:** Jeff Mattes (Treasurer)      **Absent without notice:**

*Meeting called to order at 7:03 in person and Zoom*

### **A. Preliminaries:**

**Agenda** that the Board of Directors adopt the Kaslo & District Community Forest Regular Meeting Agenda of January 18, 2024,

Moved to adopt: Greg Lay      Carried

**Minutes** that the Board of Directors acknowledge the Kaslo and District Community Forest Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2023.

Adopted via email.

### **Treasurer Report**

Q. Silviculture?

A. Got done what we wanted to get done last year. Free growth surveys for 2024. Ordered more trees for next year. Are we planting fire resistant? Fir larch, spruce depending on elevation.

Q. Financials in preparation for the AGM?

A. Annick will have final figures for AGM, typically send package early February.

Moved to adopt: Steve Fawcett      Carried

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## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **B. Manager's Report**

Q. Graphs re silviculture available? Came up in manager's assessment, board would like to be better informed in silviculture progress.

A. Jeff will provide. Craig will be the guy on the ground.

Q. Where do Fuel management prescriptions come from? What's coming up this year for fuel management projects?

A. John Cathro and Mark Elder. Not so much prescriptions, finish implementation and begin planning. Mapping more stuff up Buchanan access fire trail.

Q. Lardeau?

A. Did a tour with Mark and residents who expressed preference for hand treatment over feller buncher and heavy equipment. There is an RDCK treatment that will tie in to. Will need to apply for subsequent funding for implementation.

Moved to adopt: Steve Neville                      Carried

**C. Items for Board Discussion**

1. Communications - meet the board.

Questions will be sent to board members to be posted on social media to raise community awareness leading up to the AGM.

2. Winter in the Forest Update

Cannot execute Winter in the Forest for \$4500 (budgeted). Interest in paying Chloe for her time organizing the event. Motion for budget to be expanded to \$5500 to accomplish 2024 Winter in the Forest Festival.

Moved to adopt: Chris Webster; 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Fawcett, all in favor. Motion carried.

Communications note to emphasize that it's a fundraiser for the housing society and KDCFS is the vehicle for the whole thing. Jessie will add a Winter in the Forest page to the website.

Jessie will investigate ReDi and other grant opportunities for 2025 event.

Volunteers needed for:

- Hot dogs
- Warm drinks
- parking (fire has helped in the past)
- m/c announcer
- set up/strike team (pick up/drop off tables, chairs, tents, bbqs etc) - Jeff Reyden volunteered
- bon fire maker/tender - Jeff Reyden volunteered

Chris will be in touch to follow up on board member participation.

3. Motion to send letter of support for FireSmart.

Moved to adopt: Greg Lay. All in favour. Motion carried.

Jessie to draft letter. In addition, Jessie to send out FireSmart Coordinator email and create a FireSmart Page on KDCFS Website.

**D. Governance**

1. AGM Date:

April 25<sup>th</sup> AGM and board meeting April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Moved to adopt: Steve Fawcett. All in favour. Carried.

2. Review Policies:

Community Advisory Committee Policy (p.39). Consider eliminating policy. Add to AGM Agenda.

Regarding disbursement Policy (p.40): Board discussed that policy can be improved by adding parameters that are understandable and accessible to the community.

Steve Fawcett to write an appendix to policy for review at the next board meeting.

3. Manager's assessment.

Regarding silviculture – twice a year check in. Spring plans, Fall review. Include long term as well.

**E. Community Comments**

**F. In-Camera**

None

Meeting adjourned – 8:11

Next Board Meeting: February 22, 2023