



KDCFS Agenda for 2025 Annual General Meeting

April 24th | 7:00 PM | JV Humphries School, 500 6th Street, Kaslo BC

2025 total Membership: 39 Voting members present: 3

KDCFS Attendees: Chris Webster (Chair), Stephen Fawcett (Secretary), Stephen Neville (Vice Chair), Doug Drain, Jeff Mattes, Sarah Sinclair (Directors), Jeff Reyden (Management), Jessie Lay (Admin) **Absent with notice:** Matt Brown (Director)

Meeting called to order in person at 7:01.

A. Adoption of the 2025 AGM Agenda

Moved to adopt: Stephen Neville In Favour: All Opposed: None
Carried.

B. Adoption of the 2024 AGM Minutes

Reviewed topics of last year's AGM Minutes - accepted as presented.

Moved to adopt: Steve Fawcett. In Favour: All Opposed: None
Carried.

C. Chair's Report & Questions

Chair, Chris Webster gave organizational update including:

- 2nd year of salvage logging up Keen Creek after the 2022 Brigg's Creek wildfire. Wrapped up salvage in March but still plenty of silviculture work to do there.
- Jeff has been KDCFS manager since the end of 2017. He has been working tirelessly on silviculture - great job!
- Wildfire Risk Reduction continues to be a priority including training community members in S100 S185, purchased three fire pumps. Goal to ensure that our communities do not burn up and be proactive in the situation. Funding for Wildfire Risk Reduction work continues through FESBC.
- Greg Lay stepped down this year from the board after several decades of contributing to the Community Forest.
- Jessie Lay is stepping down from her role and admin/communications staff.

D. Financial Report & Questions

Treasurer Jeff Mattes gave an overview of financials including:

- Logging revenues were way down, but the manager did a good job on the budget forecast so we were aware. Money was well spent to set the foundation for future operations. Limited timing from salvage logging coupled with fickle markets were challenging. Overall, pleased with financials, especially sticking to the budget.
- Silviculture is coming more in line and we are close to catching up.
- Financial loss the last two years due to salvage logging, hoping to get back into the positive this year.

Q. Concern of pests coming - black army cutworm. Come in after the forest fires and attacking juvenile forests.

A. Something to keep an eye out for in the field.

Moved to adopt: Stephen Neville In Favour: All Opposed: None
Carried.

E. Management Report & Questions

Salvage:

- Were hoping to log more up Keen Creek, due to markets harvested predominantly pulp. Utilized FESBC/OIB fibre utilization grant to make it economically viable. Keen Creek is quite inoperable due to terrain and existing roads. More blocks would have been uneconomical due to access and terrain, so focused on Nashton face between Nashton Creek and Deer Creek.
- Done logging up Keen Creek - Over the last 2.5 years approximately 100ha of burnt timber was harvested, representing 4% of the total area burnt.

Roads:

- Work on Cooper Face Road to 6 km, brushed the road past the KIN tower and up Fishhook Lake for access. Lay out this year.
- Lost Ledge Bridge was installed. Issue finding cribbing - had to find cedar logs on our license to use.
- Keen Creek bridges past where we're harvesting - not used for logging but are used for local use. Redecked one bridge up Klawala so that it's less of a liability for inevitable public use.

Silviculture:

- 210,000 trees - busiest year of planting ever?! Will be reimbursed for the ones that replanted after they burned in the Briggs Creek fire.
- Limiting brushing unless needed for free to grow. Target areas that are ready to be free to grow surveyed and do targeted brushing treatment. Will reduce silviculture cost and better for biodiversity and wildlife.

Wildfire Risk Reduction:

- Finished the Jimi Crack Corn project.
- Buchanan access trail, DTA'd and a few treatment units - targeted operable areas - 8 ha and a couple more over the winter. Will do 4 more ha in the Wardner no brakes area.
- Funding for FMP for Kaslo North area adjacent to tenure, looking to get access and make a plan.
- Funding to remove hemlock understory at the top of Branch 7. 10 ha with buncher and skidder and selective harvesting.
- FMP for the area just above Lardeau complete, and have acquired funding for both manual and mechanical treatments that tie into past treatments.

Recreation:

- Supported KMBC with the grand opening of the Friendly Giant bike trail. Nice work KMBC!

Safety:

- No safety incidents last year.

Forest Stewardship Plan:

- Draft approved and out for referral right now.

Q. How old is your management plan?

A. Hard to plan around changing markets. We have been doing an internal timber supply review. Could be a good idea to look at it - those are legal obligations. The management plan talks about 1. how you determine AAC and 2. public community obligations.

BCCFA update:

Province announced expansion of CFA program. Provincial AAC is allocated, so how is that going to work? Not sure yet.

\$1 mill from BCWS over two years to help CFA's with long term/landscape level WRR work.

Q. Bathroom facilities at trailheads would be fantastic.

A. Would support trails groups in this initiative, but likely not be the lead agency.

Moved to adopt: Jeff Mattes In Favour: All Opposed: None
Carried.

Adjournment: 8:14