

Dunster Community Forest Society

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on 18th April, 2016, at the Dunster School.
Meeting commenced at 7:04 p.m.

Directors present: Larry Stamm; Archie McLean; Michaelynn Kyjonka; Donna Hampson;
Chantal Swets; Eric Gautier; Richard Chambers; and,
Manager present: Ray Thiessen.

Agenda

Motion to adopt agenda as presented: Michaelynn, seconded by Eric.

Minutes from 15 Feb, 2016

Motion to adopt aforementioned minutes: Larry, seconded by Archie.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Donna. As of 18th April, 2016, bank total is \$66,350.87.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Donna, seconded by Eric.

Good job, Donna!

Manager's Report

Presented by Ray.

Discussion items included: spatial data; VQOs; VIA; Retention; Landscape Inventory Work.

Discussion, also, of ideas going forward, such as: a website forum, quarterly public meetings, audio visual presentation. It was generally agreed that more discussion regarding future sustainability must take place.

Good job, Magic Ray!

Correspondence

BC Community Forest Association newsletter: item of note: BC Prov Govt has introduced a bill that all community forests expand their area!

Larry will forward these newsletters to Ray.

Old Business

DCFS Office: will be painted. Ray would like a cabinet with sliding doors. It was astutely pointed out that this item is properly called a CREDENZA.

Website: Larry would like to have current maps. Ray will attend to that in due course. It was pointed out that eventually someone will have to be paid to maintain this site.

New Business

1. 2016 BC Community Forest Association annual conference at Lake Cowichan from May 26-28. No takers from this lot.

2. BC Rural Dividend Grants - May 31- Deadline for first application intake; October 31- Deadline for second application intake. Criteria: DCFS would be eligible, and could partner with another not for profit organization. Purpose: Community capacity building, workforce development, community and economic development, business sector development. Funding available: up to \$10,000 for grant writing; up to \$100,000 for a specified project; up to \$100,000 for a specified project if partnering with another organization. Time: 3 year availability. Requirement: must have audited financial statements for the most recent five years. Potential Projects discussed. Larry will contact Valemount Community Forest. Lisa Rahn's name was put forth as a grant writer. Archie suggested contacting her, and Ray was amenable to working with her. Ray suggested sufficient research be done first, before any grant application be made. General consensus was solid agreement with that.

3. Public Consultation Process - Larry pointed out that we need to come up with concise statements regarding our dilemmas. The idea is that several separate topics be included in one forum, and the feedback from the forum be collated so that decisions could be made with that feedback in mind. Subjects: the visual quality dilemma; community development, i.e., how do people want to see this operate. The forum would be both an informational device as well as a conversation device, designed to focus on issues ahead of us. Regarding, for example, the visual quality dilemma: indicating the areas by way of a map would be most helpful, and using simple, clear lingo in a statement that is not too wordy would be most advantageous. Ray and Larry will put their heads together to come up with such a statement. Richard suggested a community mail-out questionnaire.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting: 16 May, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. At the Dunster School.