

Dunster Community Forest Society

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting

18 July, 2016, at the Dunster Schoolhouse

Directors Present: Larry Stamm; Archie McLean; Michaelynn Kyjonka; Donna Hampson; Chuck McNaughton; Chantal Swets; Eric Gautier; Richard Chambers; Jules Philip.
Manager Present: Ray Thiessen

Agenda: Motion to adopt agenda as presented - Michaelynn, seconded by Donna.

Minutes: Motion to adopt minutes as presented - Eric, seconded by Michaelynn.

In Camera Minutes: Larry proposed that we just have paper copies for the Board, alone, to view. Then a copy will be kept, locked, in the office. Eric moved to accept this proposal. Donna seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Donna. Bank total: \$3,200.46.

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

Manager's Report: Presented by Ray.

Planning: Evan Williams will now start running one model. He is using QGIS: an open source mapping programme. Evan knows what our budget is, and will stay within that, charging less than his normal billing as he is still learning this.

Harvest: back on the ground again, generating revenue.

Ray's month of August goal is to look at expanding our land base.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business and Business Arising From Minutes:

Website: Nothing for now.

Manager's Contract: Ready for Ray to sign. Point of Information: we can use Dunster Community Forest Society still.

Ray requested that we consider supplying informational support for his Association of BC Forest professional certification documentation. 100 % agreement by the Board Members that whatever we can do to help Ray with that, we are supportive.

New Business:

Community Consultations: Ideas - Complaint Box, set up an anonymous drop box; community meeting to be held in fall or early winter.

Ray emphasized the following:

It is time to address some really basic questions because Visual Constraints are going to shut us down. The truth is that we cannot operate in retention areas on these slopes, where 1.5% alteration within one landform is allowed. The amendment to the FSP for VQ is that we will operate under established viewpoints. Modelling is time-consuming and expensive. We need to have a proper conversation with the community about what they want and what we're going to do re: VQ restraints. This is the most fundamental aspect of our operation, as it defines and determines everything we do. Although this is a forestry topic, it is also a sociological/ social license issue.

First, we need a working website forum.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, 22 August, 2016, (also Archie's birthday), at the Dunster Schoolhouse.