

Dunster Community Forest
Annual General Meeting
March 14, 2018

Present: Larry Stamm, Jan De Niet, Chuck McNaughton, Ray Thiessen, Archie McLean, Richard Chambers, Donna Hampson, Nancy Taylor, Sarah Lukens (Member of Public). Jules Phillip, Ray Johnson, Rod Reimer,

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda as amended. Moved: Donna, Seconded: Richard. Carried.

2. Preliminaries: Any new members? None. Larry asks if anyone is holding a proxy vote? None. Should we use show of hands or paper ballots? Ray and Sarah can count Ballots if it comes to it. Archie will run the election.

3. Minutes from AGM 2017 read by Larry. No question or comments.

Motion: To accept the minutes form last years AGM. Moved: Jan, Seconded: Archie. Carried.

4. Chairs Year End Report – Larry reads it aloud. The board agrees it was well read and appreciates his comments.

5. Treasurer's Year End Report and 2018 Budget

Donna's reviews the reports. She mentions Logging started later in the year last year. We also paid \$7,500 to an auditor in order to apply for a grant to BC Rural Dividend. These factors accounted for a lower income than projected. GST remittance still to come out of the account as well.

For the 2018 budget, Donna explains that the board made a decision to invest in raising our own seedlings. Doing so will account for more spending for 2018 as we are currently in the process of purchasing seedlings for 2018 as well as the seeds required for 2019.

Larry asks Donna to speak to the PWC (Price Waterhouse Coopers) Funding. Ray (T.) responds that the money in this fund comes from the BC Government however PWC manages this money for the Government.

Nancy asks about the given Grants, her understand was the there would always be money sitting in this fund – Donna notes that the grant fund will be replenished once logging commences.

There was money placed on other more pressing business so grant funds were spent and then replenished at a later time.

Discussion about speculative funds (ie: grant applications looming) and the money that will also be spent according to inventory. Ray notes that because it is speculative funds, the addition of the inventory to the budget wasn't feasible.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report. Moved: Donna, Seconded: Nancy. Carried.

4. Manager's Year End Report – Ray reads his report and speaks to it.

Archie asks if the Government would help with the Visual Quality Objectives (VQO's).

Ray suggest the Social Licence is quite vague and so the Gov. is working hard to adjust the framework. In the 90's, legislation was made to change the VQO's, when they should not have been. Victoria is now trying to amend these VQO's. There is hope the next 5 years will show vast improvements.

Ray believes that we will sit in a good spot at the end of the year based on the way things are moving for this summer.

Trail work – we were waiting for funding which arrived in September not allowing time for building at that time. Trail building will commence this summer. Ray will speak with James to go ahead with the archaeological surveying for the trails.

Jules refers back to VQO's and asks to speak to Ray separately regarding the legislation at a later time.

Grants – PWC funding available

Ray touches on Inventory and notes why the hopes of spending more to go over and above what would be considered standard inventory. He explains the amount of detail that will be provided if we can go ahead with the more technological inventory can take place.

(Notes for amendment to Mangaers report

- 12,000m³ not 1200m³ projected for 2018
- CroydOn, not CroydEn)

Richard asks who determines whether VQO's are met. Ray explains that we (DCF) measure the hectares between creeks and then survey the land to ensure the percentages are adhered to. A Branch of RoFLR takes random samples and evaluates. Ray also mentions that variances are no longer allowed, though those who have not handed in their Forest Stewardship plans are not adhering to said VQO's.

Archie makes members aware that the Dunster Community Forest is responsible for bringing many of these issues to the Governments attention.

7. Special Resolutions

Change of Name to include the word “Society” in our name.

A Call for Special Resolution change name: Voted - Unanimous YES

A call for Special Resolution to change the purpose in the constitution: Voted – Unanimous YES

A Call for resolution to change the Bylaws: Voted – Unanimous YES

8. Archie calls for the board to resign their designations and asks for new nominations.

Jan, Richard and Nancy Nominate Larry to be Chair for another year. Accepted.

Archie resigns his position from Vice Chair and from the board after 14years.

Larry nominates Jan deNeit for Vice Chair – Archie congratulates and welcomes Jan. Accepted.

Larry nominates Kelly McNaughton for secretary. Accepted via e-mail.

Nancy nominates Donna for Treasurer. Accepted.

Jules will remain in the S'mpcw seat (so long as he stays in council)

Donna Nominates Chuck to sit on the board. Accepted.

Richard nominates Ray Johnson, Accepted.

Richard steps down from the board.

Quorum is half plus 1. Our table Equates to 4. There are enough seat filled with 7 directors and officers our quorum is fulfilled.

Larry Thanks Richard and Archie for their enthusiasm over the years.

Donna mentions there are a total of 20 members

Nancy wonders if informational sessions in the summer would be beneficial.

Jan suggests having a member friendly meeting 3 or 4 times/ year. Donna reminds that members are free to join meetings at any time.

Jules mentions that there are Mountain Bike groups that he is building trails with and offers help with thoughts on Biking Trails in Dunster.

Larry Calls for Motion to Adjourn. Moved: Jan Second: Donna . Meeting adjourned 2130