

Dunster Community Forest Society  
Director's Meeting  
April 17 2019

Called to Order 6:59pm

**Present:** Donna Hampson, Chuck McNaughton, Michaelynn Kyjonka, Ray Johnson, Larry Stamm, Ray Thiessen, Jeff McNaughton

**1) Adoption of Agenda:** Motion: to accept agenda. Moved Donna. Seconded Michaelynn. Carried.

**2) Appointment of temporary secretary:** Ray Johnson taking notes for Kelly this meeting.

**3) Welcome to new directors:** Larry welcomed new directors and encouraged new directors as well as returning directors to speak out and ask questions. If opinions differ it needs to be hashed out at the meetings

**4) Minutes:** Minutes from last directors meeting (March 13 2019) read. Motion: To accept minutes as read. Moved Michaelynn. Seconded Chuck. Carried

Minutes from AGM (also March 13 2019) were read as well. Ray T had some amendments pertaining to his Manager's Report. Motion: To amend AGM Minutes with Ray's comments for use in next year's AGM. Moved Chuck. Seconded Michaelynn. Carried

**5) Treasurer's Report:** Donna presented her report. Some totals and entries have changed from what is usually reported due to TBJ audit and how they calculate things (eg. Donna and Ray T have broken out BCRD#2 and Inventory Project fund for tracking purposes and TBJ audit purposes). Donna is waiting for TBJ audit to finish before making final adjustments. Nothing unusual has come up through the audit but Donna and Ray T have been e-mailing TBJ throughout the process to make sure it continues on course. Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Moved Donna. Seconded Chuck Carried

**6) Manager's Report:** Ray T presented his report. Ray is working with Matthew Wheeler to get rectilinear photos for DCFS for layering on digital elevation model for use in visual quality objectives. Ray and Sarah Lukens are working on grant planning to address multi year plans that will take care of poor productivity in aspen leading stands. Inventory is stalled due to TDB imagery failing to meet specs (infrared imagery needs to be re-flown due to gaps in data). DCFS has option of hiring a different contractor to complete the imagery but TDB has new staff and has sorted out problems on their end so Ray is inclined to keep working with them. Planting in Kiwa starting mid May. Rock Reforestation will be doing the planting this year. Bridges up Kiwa need to be repaired this spring. Archie is cutting lumber for repairs and

Doug Monroe will be hired to do the work. Valemount Community Forest will be sharing costs on one bridge as it is used by their activities as well.

**7) Correspondence:** Larry Presented an e-mail from Susan Mulkey of BCCFA wanting DCFS to fill out the community forests indicators survey. DCFS has already been in contact with BCCFA about not paying/ back paying membership to BCCFA so will not respond for now.

**8) Old Business and Business Arising from the Minutes:** DCFS/ DFASS contract was approved by DFASS after they amended that DFASS “may appoint an overseer” instead of “will appoint an overseer”. Motion: To accept DCFS/ DFASS contract as amended. Moved Michaelynn. Seconded Donna. Carried.

**9) New Business:**

Larry: 1) need to advertise for potential contractors again (should be done soon)  
2) It would be handy to set up information on cut blocks to determine timber harvested, dollars spent, and dollars brought in to help track profitability of each block to aid in future cut block decisions (eg. brushing a block the years after planting could create an overall loss on an otherwise profitable block). Ray T and Donna have discussed this previously and believe it is possible through SAGE. Donna and Ray will dedicate some time to discussing this and categorizing this type of information. Some of this information is already tracked through Results program but would need to be extracted.

Jeff: 1) Jeff has personal experience in machine mulching and Forests of Tomorrow grants paying for the mulching. He was wondering if this would be possible in the DCF. FOT requires a 2% return on investment. Ray T will look into this in the future as he is aware of the potential advantages (faster turn around etc). Cost analysis for this type of project is already available from other sources.

2) Jeff was also looking at forest health lately and how deep frosts have damaged some cedar and hemlock seedlings. It will be a wait and see year to see if seedlings will rally and survive or not. Also some spruce beetle damage has been noted in the valley draws this year (something to keep an eye on).

Chuck: 1) Could we arrange a field trip with Ray T to see planned/ active block in the beginning of June? Ray T will make time if members can get together on a time in the first or second week of June.

Next Meeting May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the Dunster School

Motion: to Adjourn the Meeting: Moved Donna. Seconded Ray J

