

Dunster Community Forest Society

Meeting Dec. 18, 2019

Called to order: 7:00pm

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

Agenda: *Motion: to adopt agenda made by Michaelynn, seconded by Chuck, Carried*

Minutes: Minutes from last meeting were read with no amendments, *Motion: to approve the minutes as read made by Michaelynn seconded by RayJ, Carried*

Financial Report: Donna presented her report. Not much has happened since the last meeting. A 2020 budget was handed out but tabled until the January meeting. *Motion: to approve the financial report as presented made by Donna seconded by Michaelynn, Carried*

Manager's Report: Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) being done for "L" block (Croydon area) by Jeff and Optimum Resource Management staff. Ray is also looking into low elevation blocks in the same area for some winter logging. Waiting to hear what the DCFS new annual allowable cut will be for the next years but Ray has a good idea what it will be. Grant requests for the "business initiative" have been submitted. Ray is trying to speed up the inventory process that Tesera is stalling on - hoping for results in Feb. 2020. We will have seedlings to sell next year due to the low cut volume in 2019. Ray is looking into contracting "any" potential contractors for some winter logging in 2020 in some "interspersed" areas. Lumber prices are starting to show some recovery after recent news that Canfor sale did not go through.

Correspondence: 1) BCCFA communications: Susan Mulkey going to set up Board meeting conference call about DCFS not being willing to pay previous membership fees but willing to become members again if back fees are ignored. DCFS Board members in agreement that we are willing to become members again but not willing or able to pay previous years' membership fees.
2) Jeff McNaughton sent in his resignation from the DCFS board to prevent any conflict of interest due to his new job structuring.
3) Frankie Albano of TBJ: **A)** Information return to CRA needs to be submitted for the business assets. Donna is willing to do this return. **B)** Donna, Ray and Larry wondered if they need to keep minutes of conference calls to TBJ to present to the Board or not. Most agreed that a brief summary is sufficient.

New Business:

Grants: Archie was not in attendance due to a meeting time change that he was not notified of. Sarah is going to send out the formal flow chart being used for the grant selection process. Reporting from some of last year's recipients is not all complete Sarah to send out reminders to those who have not reported. Larry to send out call for 2020 applications that will close on Jan 31, 2020. \$5000 will be the total grants amount for 2020. Archie will be running the selection process again.

AGM: March 11, 5:00pm

In Camera session.

Next meeting date: Jan 15, 2020

Meeting Adjourned: 8:39pm *Motion to adjourn the meeting by Donna seconded by RayJ, Carried.*