

Dunster Community Forest Society
Directors Meeting
February 20, 2019

Called to order at 1900 hrs.

Present: Larry Stamm, Ray Thiessen, Chuck McNaughton, Donna Hampson, Ray Johnson, Kelly McNaughton, Jan De Niet.

Guests: Archie McLean, Keith Harcus.

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

2. Minutes of the January 16, 2019 Meeting: Read.

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended. Moved: Donna, Seconded: Ray J. Carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

Donna referred to her report. Ray & Donna met regarding how best to do the transfers for the GIC & these transfers have been done. Donna has been working with TBJ – if we have grants over \$100,000.00 we have to move from a review to an audit -this isn't necessary, as none of the grants have exceeded \$100,000.00. TBJ advised that there are new standards that have come out for a review. Donna asked TBJ regarding reporting requirements for CRA -as a Society, we are not required to report. CRA has requested that based on our income, that we submit GST quarterly. Ray advised that all the trees for the 2019 planting have been paid for. We usually get more trees than ordered & he advised the grower that the 15,000 over-run trees will be kept by us & we can sell them off, as there is local demand for same.

Donna moved her report. Seconded: Chuck. Carried.

4. Manager's Report

Ray referred to his report. Ray attended the B.C. Natural Resources Forum -the main focus was LNG; the Premier spoke regarding stopping raw log sales (doesn't affect the Interior); no commitment to research from the Ministry; main concern from Ministry is related to waste burning & wild fires – they want to eliminate all burning in 5 years, which is unrealistic; new open burning & smoke mitigation policies coming out in the spring (primarily driven by lower mainland) -in terms of wildfire mitigation in our area, we could look at a buffer all around the community, which would be costly; we have an allowable allotment of waste to date, but this is ending in the spring & we will be charged for all waste – Ray sees a method of trucking all the waste to the bottom of the block & processing it, which will cost an additional \$7-8 per tonne -we will hear in March regarding the waste facility going forward in McBride. Ray has committed to taking on a couple specific tasks with MCFC. Sarah & Ray have done a costed work flow on a gravel pit on C Road & will be sending out this data for the Board's review.

5. Correspondence

a. Larry received a letter from Jane Houlden, with concerns regarding the 20 hct cutblock on Raush Valley Rd., regarding her view of the block. This block was cut 4 years ago & was related to dead pine stands. She is concerned with expansion of these blocks. These blocks will not be expanded. Ray will work on an information page that could be made available to the public (Kelly suggested the newsletter). Larry will speak to Jane that her letter was discussed at the Board meeting & Ray will write a letter in response.

6. Old Business & Business Arising from the Minutes

a. GIC Investment

\$250,000.00 GIC invested at 2.688% for 188 days with Scotia Bank.

b. Update of Policy Manual

Larry reviewed & updated the Policy Manual.

Motion: To put forward the draft policies for special resolution at the AGM.

Moved: Ray J., Seconded: Kelly. Carried.

c. DCFS-DFASS Committee report

This committee met last week. A flow chart was developed & this is going forward.

7. New Business

a1. Archie McLean -Community Grants Report

Archie presented his report. He developed a checklist for the applications. He presented the list of applicants, which included two student requests, & successful applicants/amounts. The grant applications exceeded the amount available, as in the past. Notification of all applicants arranged. The Grant Committee suggested that student bursaries should be set at a certain level with a recommendation of \$500 & that a 500 word essay be recommended. Many thanks to Archie & his committee.

a. AGM planning

AGM will be held March 13, at 1930 hrs. A Board meeting will be held at 1900 hrs. Ray T., will have Sarah send out notification.

b. Recruitment of new Board members

Kelly will be away, for some meetings, in the coming year. Ray J., offered to take minutes when Kelly is away, if Sarah is unavailable. Discussion of Board member recruitment, including a SIMPWC member. Ray T., is going to Barriere on the 28th, so he will inquire regarding this. Ray T., brought up the issue of other native groups regarding claims in the area, re membership on the Board. Archie reminded the Board that the SIMPWC were forthcoming with finances when the DCFS was first starting up.

8. In-Camera session

Motion: To move to In-Camera. Moved: Donna, Seconded: Kelly. Carried at 2109.

Motion: To move out of In-Camera. Moved: Kelly, Seconded: Chuck. Carried at 2111.

Next meeting date: March 13 at 1900 hrs & AGM at 1930 hrs.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Moved: Donna, Seconded: Ray J. Carried at 2112.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly McNaughton
DCFS Secretary

