

Dunster Community Forest  
Directors Meeting  
March 14, 2018

Called to order at 1858.

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

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

2. Minutes of the February 21, 2018 Meeting: Read, Donna comments that she was happy with the signage ideas (information at Store and Community Hall and School door signs) from the February meeting.

Motion: To approve the minutes as read. Moved: Donna, Seconded Chuck. Carried

3. Treasurer's Report

Donna reviewed the report. Ray speaks to some RESULTS questions regarding the report, further detail will come up in the Managers Report. Another low activity month. It is noted that the internet costs have gone up again.

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

There is discussion about the interest accruing on the land rent. Donna explains there is money already set aside and offers the opinion that it would be better to hold on to that money until we commence logging. Donna suggests discussing the issue further next month. The consensus is to hold on to the funds for the time being. In the meantime, Donna has to pay Advantage Insurance – Larry asks what the Liability is - \$2,000,000. Larry suggests upping the Liability to \$5,000,000.00

4. Manager's Report

Larry announces that Ray has decided to stay with Dunster Community Forest for the next term and will not be going to Valemount. The Board shows their appreciation and Ray thanks the Board for their support with his decision now matter the outcome.

Ray referred to his report. Work with Logan has commenced. Sarah has been working on another grant through NDIT to help inventory. Ray discusses his concerns about timber loss. His research has brought him to look into Forest Enhancement Society money to mitigate the loss – he has concerns about the two species of brush that we will have to combat.

5. Correspondence

a. BC Community Forest Assoc. Fees Invoice.

Larry sent them a letter asking for a reduction in fees according to what can be afforded. Said letter was virtually ignored. Donna suggests sending the same letter again to show our stance on the costs and Archie suggests to ask for the abeyance of our membership until such time when we can afford to pay the fees. Larry will write the letter.

b. Andre LaViolette

A letter of thanks from Andre thanking the DCF for the load of firewood. He sincerely appreciates the assistance.

6. Old Business & Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Community Grants update

Letters and cheques have gone out and official notice can go out. Archie volunteers to stay on the Grant Committee even after his leaving the board. Nancy mentions she can try to get a grant writing workshop to assist applicants for next year.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Moved: Donna, Seconded: Jan. Carried at 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Lukens

Stand in for Kelly McNaughton, DCF Secretary