

Dunster Community Forest Society
Directors Meeting
October 24, 2018

Called to order at 1900.

Present: Larry Stamm, Chuck McNaughton, Ray Thiessen, Ray Johnson, Donna Hampson, Kelly McNaughton, Sarah Lukens.

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

2. Minutes of the September 19, 2018 Meeting: Read.

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

3. Treasurer's Report

Donna reviewed her report Sarah has been working with Donna. They have signed up for e-tax. Do we want to engage with TBJ again for review? -there are adequate funds to do so & it's easier to do year-to-year. Larry has looked briefly into a new grant for infrastructure -? if it will fit to rebuild Tom's cabin -he will forward same to Sarah to investigate. Ray & Sarah will be returning the \$2000 for the cultural assessment, that the SIMPWC have not come forward to do, regarding the grant for trails - multiple contacts with the SIMPWC have yielded no response.

Donna moved her report. Seconded: Kelly. Carried.

4. Manager's Report

Ray referred to his report. We logged 60 ha this year. Besides the Kiwa, there are 2 areas of pine beetle kill that require logging next year. There are areas of dead pine with azalea growth with full retention, but we can apply for a partial retention with the VQOs. Nothing is finalized with the sale of Hauers. The government reports 700 ha burned in the Kiwa – Ray feels that 175 ha of DCFS area was affected, but much of that is non-harvestable rocky areas, slides, & steep terrain. It takes 1.5 years to grow a seedling.

5. Correspondence

a. Randy Spyksma - Forsite

Covered in Ray's report.

6. Old Business & Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Newsletter update

Sarah will finish it up as a fall newsletter.

b. Website maintenance

Larry spoke with Vincent. He is ready to start but hasn't as yet.

c. Credit card for Manager – Bank appointment

We need to make appointment with the bank, as the other appointment didn't work out. Larry will set this up coordinated with Ray & Donna.

d. Non-motorized Hunting in Raush Valley - Chuck

Chuck followed up with Shelley Marshall, the Biologist involved, & the application for non-motorized

hunting in the Raush did not succeed – the decision was made in Victoria -primary issues impeding same were private land holders. Jules had tried to get the SIMPWC to support it, but they never made a decision.

7. New Business

a. Management of expected logging profits

\$670,000 in bank. \$170,000 tied up in inventory -leaves \$500,000. \$150,000 is our basic operating budget for a year, including silviculture & development. If we set aside 3 years operating budget, that would be \$450,000 (this would be a 3 yr operational account) -this would leave \$50,000 plus there will be approximately another \$50,000 coming in before year end. This would take into account the reduction in AAC in the coming years. We have \$290,000 set aside in the silviculture & development fund. Two years of funds, \$300,000, could be put into an investment for now. This could be discussed with the accountant.

Motion: To engage the Accounting Firm of TBJ LLP to do a financial review for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Moved: Ray J., Seconded: Donna. Carried.

Motion: To set aside a 3 year operating funds reserve. Moved: Donna, Seconded: Ray J. Carried.

We need to consider topping up the Grants Fund. Last year we gave out \$5000. We could set aside a 3 year fund -\$15,000, in a reserve fund -to be considered next meeting.

b. ezLink software purchase

This is a user interface software for reporting to government & is useful for the spatial reports. We have been using it under Hauers but they don't want it any more. It is \$600 to transfer the license & \$600 annually. Considering that woodlot would pay half & the DCFS would pay half. It is on Ainslee's computer. Everyone is paying Ainslee to do it, but she would like to pass this on. Ray would get Sarah trained doing same. There is no other way to do this work that is more cost effective.

Motion: That DCFS purchase the ezLink license from Hauers. Moved: Donna, Seconded: Ray J. Carried.

8. In Camera session

Motion: To move into In Camera. Moved: Kelly , Seconded: Donna. Carried at 2105.

Motion: To move out of In Camera. Moved: Kelly , Seconded: Ray J. Carried at 2114.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be November 21, 2018 at 1900 hrs.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Moved: Kelly, Seconded: Chuck. Carried at 2115.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly McNaughton
DCF Secretary