

Minutes of SIFCo AGM, May 13th, 2014

MINUTES OF SIFCo's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 13th, 2014 7 p.m.
SIFCo Office, 5686 Hwy 6, Winlaw, B.C.

Members Attending:

Lisa Farr	Tom Bradley
Stephan Martineau (also rep. for EACT)	Marie-Helene Picard
Randy Cofer	Daren Tremaine
Sally Hammond (also rep. for RMRA)	Peter Vogelaar
David Butt	Henry Hutter
Lesley Mayfield (also rep. for WWC)	Miriam Mason-Martineau

Attending as a guest and new member, Sam Tichenor
Proxy for Jim Rutkowski (Moonbow) is Sally Hammond
Proxy for Tom Armstrong is Lisa Farr

Meeting called to order. Lisa Farr introduced as Chair.

Quorum satisfied.

Appointment of Recording Secretary: Lesley Mayfield

Minutes from last year's AGM, April 30, 2014

Minutes were read by Lisa Farr, reviewed by members, and adopted. No business arising from last year's minutes.

Moved by Sally Hammond; that the minutes be accepted as read.

Seconded by Randy Cofer.

Carried.

President's Report

Report was read by Lisa Farr (attached).

Moved by Henry Hutter; that the President's Report be accepted.

Seconded by Randy Cofer.

Carried.

Time was allowed for discussion of potential new business and issues, as noted below.

- The Kokanee Falls/ Enterprise Creek potential new area for salvage operation: Tom Bradley confirmed the beetle attack on fir. Discussion is in process with interested contractors. A possible alternative is to design a harvest block for this area, giving us better control of the replanting options. Wood supply would go to a local mill operator either way. There will be an RMRA tour once a decision is made.

- Stephan Martineau explained the on-going work we are engaged in with Bob Gray, regarding virtual fire management. This involves mapping the fuel load for the entire tenure, then inputting various wind and weather conditions to model fire behaviour.

Currently, our approach to meeting our AAC begins with “Where can we operate to do the least harm?” The information we gain from the wildfire modelling should lead to a new approach, being “Where do we NEED to operate to do the most good?”

Agreed by the membership present that this strategy is good for both SIFCo and the community at large.

Sally Hammond noted that CBT has a department devoted to climate change, contact person Kindy Gosal.

Year-End Financial Report

Report was presented by Secretary / Treasurer, Lesley Mayfield (attached).

Moved by Peter Vogelaar; that the Year-End Financial Report be accepted.

Seconded by David.

Carried.

Special Resolution

A Special Resolution was put forward from the Board of Directors:

“that the association waive the appointment of an auditor under Section #109 of the Cooperative Associations Act for the year ending January 31, 2015.”

Moved by Randy Cofer; that the special resolution be accepted.

Seconded by Sally Hammond.

Carried.

New Business

- Sam Tichenor queried, “What came of the timber poaching issue on Red Mountain?” Stephan Martineau replied that SIFCo paid for the cleanup and cross-ditching the road. Marie-Helene Picard reported that the perpetrator got a violation ticket, and a bill for stumpage. Proof was “cookies” cut from stumps and matched to felled trees.
- Sam wanted to know if Road 200 will be gated. Stephan replied that RMRA must request this. Support from the District Manager is more likely if the residents can find the previous agreement with SFP, which included gating. General discussion of gating issues followed.

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Election /Appointment of Directors:

The following Directors have one year left in their two year terms:

- Lisa Farr (appointed by EACT)
- Moonbow (appointed by RMRA)
- Lesley Mayfield (appointed by WWC)

The following directors have been appointed by their respective member groups:

- Stephan Martineau (appointed by EACT)
- Daren Tremaine (appointed by RMRA)
- David Liske (appointed by WWC)

Tom Armstrong is willing to stand for the open position of Director-at-large.
Voted by the membership present to accept him for that position.

Meeting adjourned.