

MINUTES OF SIFCo'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 30st, 2017 7 p.m.
SIFCo Office, 5645 Hoodkoff Rd., Winlaw, B.C.

Members Attending

Lisa Farr	Peter Vogelaar	Miriam Mason-Martineau
Stephan Martineau	Lesley Mayfield	Randy Cofer
James Rutkowsky	Sam Tichenor	RMRA
Sally Hammond	David Liske	EACT
Tom Armstrong	David Butt	Winlaw Watershed Committee

Meeting is called to order.

Lisa Farr is introduced as Chair.

A quorum is satisfied.

Appointment of Recording Secretary: Lesley Mayfield

Minutes from last year's AGM, May 31, 2016

Time was taken for all to read through last year's minutes. (attached) There was one question arising from the minutes re: the issue of access to the fish pools below Lemon Creek. Chair added this item to "new business".

Moved by Peter Vogelaar: that the minutes be accepted as read.

Seconded by Sally Hammond.

Carried.

President's Report

Lisa Farr read the President's Report, and all attending had a copy. (Report attached)

Sally Hammond requested clarification re: the circumstances under which machine based interface cleanup would apply.

Stephan replied that this treatment would apply to areas with considerable already-fallen trees, with no harvestable timber (i.e. in a forest with extensive beetle kill and subsequent blow-down). We have not yet applied this treatment anywhere.

This lead to another question: would Celgar accept such wood for chipping?

Stephan: they are beginning to take a certain amount, but at issue is the size of the road and clearing required to create access for their giant chipper. It's approximately the size of our building – this may be an exaggeration, but it is big.

Moved by Tom Armstrong: that the President's Report be accepted.

Seconded by Jim Rutkowsky.

Carried.

Financial Statement

The Financial Statements (attached) were presented by Lesley Mayfield. There were no questions arising from the Financial Statements. Appreciation was expressed for the prudent nature of SIFCo's financial operations.

Moved by Sally Hammond: that the Financial Report be accepted.

Seconded by Dave Butt.

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, 2018.”

Moved by Lesley Mayfield: to waive the auditor appointment.

Seconded by Miriam Mason Martineau.

Carried.

New Business

- At last year's AGM, David Butt asked if access to the important fish pools below Lemon Creek could be gated. He asked tonight, for an update.

Stephan replied: SIFCo commissioned a report with recommendations, on the area, from Pete Corbett, RP Bio, with extensive knowledge of the area. Pete did recommend restricting access. SIFCo Board Members made a field trip and assessed the Lemon Pools access area and concluded that due to the relatively flat and open conditions, there is no useful place to put a gate that could not be easily compromised. It was decided that strategic placement of large boulders, and signage to explain why access was being limited, would be the best option. ATV access can never be controlled.

Based on Pete Corbett's recommendations, a treatment plan was drawn up for the 16 hectare parcel; 7 hectares would be included in wide riparian reserves, and the remaining 9 hectares would be treated by thinning from below. A good screen of trees and brush would be left between the Rail Trail and the treatment area, which is important winter range for ungulates. There is no harvestable timber – treatment would be paid for under our FESBC funding.

A subsequent public meeting was attended by only 4 local residents. One has significant breathing issues that would make burning the slash problematic. Attempts will still be made to find a solution; next spring, bird nest trees can be identified. Meanwhile work continues in other areas.

Election /Appointment of Directors:

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

- Stephan Martineau (appointed by EACT)
- Sam Tichenor (appointed by RMRA)
- David Liske (appointed by WWC)
- Tom Armstrong (elected board member at large)

The following directors have agreed to stand for another two year term:

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

This concludes the business of the AGM.

AGM adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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