

MINUTES OF SIFCo ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 30, 2013 Tuesday 7:30 pm

SIFCo Office, Winlaw BC

Members attending:

Lisa Farr	Brett Pope	EACT (represented by Lisa Farr)
Lesley Mayfield	Sally Hammond	
Marie Picard	Daren Tremaine	WWC (represented by Lesley Mayfield)
Madeleine Perriere	Moonbow	RMRA (represented by Moonbow)
Stephan Martineau	Paul Kelly	
Henry Hutter	Randy Cofer	

Attending as a guest: Dustin Demontigny

Chair: Lisa Farr

Recording Secretary: Lesley Mayfield

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 p.m. with a round of introductions.

A quorum is present.

Last Year's Minutes: (already approved by the Board) were read by Lisa. Main points were:

- continue with policy of appointing 2 directors from each Watershed Member Group
- intention to apply for a Single Salvage Permit, and reasons for doing so
- explanation of plans for the then current Winlaw block
- waive appointment of Auditor for last year
- Board elected by acclamation, with Paul Kelly as director-at-large

Moved that the minutes be accepted: by Madeleine

Seconded: by Moonbow

Carried.

President's Report: presented by Lisa Farr

Discussion and elaboration of some points included:

- Stephan reviewed the general reasons for undertaking the bio-waste management project, and gave a summary of what the research found.
- A local tour will be arranged this year through some of our completed sites, showing treatments applied to varying terrains.
- Some elaboration on the dry Winlaw block, managed for ponderosa pine / grassland. The contractor employed, Hlookoff Logging, proved satisfactory.
- The next management area above Vevey wetlands will have individual trees flagged in one area, and roads will be decommissioned promptly.
- We did get the Single Salvage Permit in place, and benefitted from it 3 times, when activities beyond our control resulted in removal of trees.
- Stephan elaborated on the problems caused by illegal firewood businesses, ie: clearcutting on either side of roads, removal of wildlife trees, culverts plugged from debris left in ditches. To deal with this, and in response to requests from residents local to the areas of activity, a sign has been posted on Trozzo Forest Service Road, stating intention to close the gate.
- We are using biodegradable chainsaw oil on WUI projects. It is available at Westside Small Engines in Passmore, for almost the same price as regular oil. Bruce also stocks pre-mixed gas

w/o additives for both 2 and 4 stroke engines.

Moved that the President's Report be accepted: by Sally

Seconded: by Randy

Carried.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Lesley Mayfield

- We realized a good year financially, not only climbing out of last year's loss, but making a profit besides. There will likely continue to be an up-and-down cycle of profitability, as work is often started on a block one year but not finished till the next, largely due to weather.
- We took some benefit from a slight rise in lumber prices.
- We are doing labour-intensive, innovative small-scale forestry, yet still managed to make a profit. Credit for this can go directly to our staff, for tight and effective management.
- A review of equipment resulted in capitalizing more of it as assets.
- The Accounts Receivable is for interface work done before the year end, but not yet billed.

Moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted: by Moonbow.

Seconded: by Henry.

Carried.

Special Resolution:

Moved that the association waive the appointment of an auditor under section 109 of the Cooperative Associations Act, for the year ending January 31, 2014 – by Lesley

Seconded: by Randy.

Carried.

New Business and Discussion:

Dustin suggested that more publicity is needed for the greater general public to understand what we do. More informative signage could be put at the gates.

Stephan reminded us that the media (ie: the Valley Voice) is not the best venue for communication, as there is too much lag time between point and response, and no chance for discussion. It's more effective for people to actually see the operations, as has happened with some of the interface work.

We could consider hosting a conference in the near future; the future of forestry, climate change, and local issues.

The Red Mountain contingent could figure out why the gate on Road 100 was removed, and make a request to change this, if they so desire.

Election of Directors:

The number of Board Members remains at 7.

Continuing into their second year are:

Stephan Martineau, for EACT

Daren Tremaine, for RMRA

Brett Pope, for WWC

Paul Kelly, Director at large

Appointed for a 2 year term are:

Lisa Farr, for EACT

Jim Rutkowski, for RMRA

Lesley Mayfield, for WWC

Meeting adjourned. Note that lemon shortbread was enjoyed by all.