

## MINUTES OF SIFCo's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 7 p.m.  
SIFCo Office, 5645 Hoodkoff Rd., Winlaw, B.C.

### Members Attending

Lisa Farr	Peter Vogelaar	Tom Bradley
Stephan Martineau	Lesley Mayfield	Randy Cofer
James Rutkowsky	Sam Tichenor	RMRA
Sally Hammond	David Liske	EACT
Tom Armstrong	Henry Hutter	Winlaw Watershed Committee
Glenn Jordan		

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 30, 2017

Time was taken for all to read through last year's minutes.

Business arising from the minutes:

Henry Hutter asked why it had been suggested that the Lemon Creek access road be gated. Response from the board: there was (and is) an ongoing issue with firewood poaching, including the indiscriminate cutting of live trees. Also, Streamkeepers had expressed concern about the poaching of bull trout in the Lemon Pools, and had requested a gate for that reason. The site was assessed but no gate was installed, as the terrain would allow for easy circumnavigation of any gate installed. As this area falls within SIFCo's tenure, it is being managed for ecological values.

Moved by Moonbow: that the minutes be accepted as read.

Seconded by David Liske.

Carried.

### President's Report

Lisa Farr read the President's Report, and all attending received a copy.

Business arising from the report:

Sam asked: How many Community Forests are there in B.C.?

Stephan: Approximately 54.

Sally asked: How does our management approach compare with others?

Stephan: There are approximately 6 C.F.'s whose management style is more ecosystem-based; SIFCo, Harrop Procter, Whistler, Cortes Island, Xaxli'p and Creston. The balance are managed mainly as funding streams for Municipalities.

Sally shared: She hoped that Community Forests would be more of a force for change.

Stephan: They are a force for change, regardless of management priorities, in so far as they are a move towards local control. An increase in area based tenures also makes sense from an ecological perspective.

Sally asked: are Community Forests a way to address the provincial AAC?

Stephan: no.

Tom Bradley: each community Forest can change the AAC with regards to their own tenured area, if they provide a reasonable defense of their position. The provincial AAC is set by government public policy.

### Discussion of Winlaw Prescribed Burn & Video Viewing

This project involved SIFCo and the Southeast Fire Centre (B.C. Wildfire Services).

SIFCo provided the prescription and the crew from the Southeast Fire Centre carried out the plan. They had approximately 20 crew members on hand for two days, while approximately 60 hectares were burned. This burn was right next to private property; bladders and hoses were set up for extra protection along the private land border. The perimeter was burned first, then strips were ignited in sequence, starting at the top boundary. It was noted that smoke from the fire was not too bad, mostly evident in the evenings. The burn went smoothly and signals a return to this kind of forestry management. Tom Bradley reported that at 10 cm deep, immediately after the burn, the soil was still cool. This is very desirable and was due to last year's preparatory work. \$80,000 (FESBC grant) was spent preparing the site by removing mid-sized fuels, and raking accumulated needles away from the large Ponderosa Pine trees.

Two cameras were set up to record the burn as it passed through. One camera was left to record once every minute for the following 3 weeks to record initial recovery of the site.

The working version of Rachael's movie which we viewed, included some of this footage, as well as over-head shots and dialogue explaining the project and its goals.

Moved by Peter Vogelaar: that the President's Report be accepted.

Seconded by Sally Hammond.

Carried.

### Financial Statement

The Financial Statements were presented by Lesley Mayfield.

There were no questions arising from the Financial Statements.

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

Seconded by Tom Armstrong.

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, 2019."

Moved by Lesley Mayfield: to accept the Special Resolution.  
Seconded by Tom Armstrong.  
Carried.

### **New Business & Discussion**

Pulpwood price has risen from \$39 per cubic meter to \$60. There is also more demand for pulpwood (China is now buying pulp instead of waste paper). Due to these factors, we were able to send 9 truckloads of waste to Celgar, instead of having to pile and burn it on site.

Red Mountain operations have resulted in 3 truckloads of birch available for sale as firewood to local residents. Residents can approach Jesse Mengler for details. There are also some 8 foot cedar poles that could be salvaged by residents (split for posts?).

We are still using vegetable oil for the chainsaw bars, which we buy in bulk from Westside Small Engines. We are not using the Aspen gas as the cost is prohibitive.

We tried using biodegradable flagging ribbon. It was hard to see, so twice as much gets used. It also breaks down too fast. We have adopted an alternative of using standard ribbon and making a good effort to remove any ribbon left after a project is complete.

Sally noted that there were big slash piles on Hewitt Road after 2010 logging there. Tom responded that we caught up on all of our burning as of the 2017 fall season.

### **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 agreed to stand for another two year term:

- Stephan Martineau (appointed by EACT)
- David Liske (appointed by WWC)
- Sam Tichenor (appointed by RMRA)
- Tom Armstrong is filling the board member at large position, for another two year term, by acclamation.

This concludes the business of the AGM.

AGM adjourned at 9:00 PM.