

MINUTES OF SIFCo’s ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 7th, 2019 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
Moonbow	Sam Tichenor	RMRA
Sally Hammond	David Liske	EACT
Tom Armstrong	Clarence DenBok	Winlaw Watershed Committee

Meeting is called to order.

Chair is introduced: Lisa Farr

A quorum is satisfied.

Appointment of Recording Secretary: Lesley Mayfield

Minutes from last year’s AGM, May 30, 2018

Moved to accept the minutes from May 30, 2018: Sally Hammond
Seconded: Moonbow
Carried.

President’s Report

Presented by: Lisa Farr

The report was augmented by viewing a couple of the documentary videos explaining types of treatment for areas being managed for fire resistance.

Questions & discussion arising from the President’s Report:

Why did we take on the CWPP project? (a huge amount of work as expected)

Answer:

- We didn’t want an outside consultant with no local knowledge, producing a plan that would be used to set regional policy.
- It was a chance to build on the work we have already done.
- Funding for future treatment areas will require that a CWPP be in place, and that the areas to be treated be already identified in it.
- Creating this overall plan opens the door for areas to the south, outside our tenure, to also apply for funding to carry out treatment projects.
- The CWPP is an important foundational document, used by forestry, fire departments, and emergency planners. Working on it gave our staff chances to form relationships with all those groups.

What was the main purpose of making the videos?

Answer:

- We hope to inspire other tenure holders, and to share information throughout that community. (The videos area already being used by other tenure holders.)
- We want to explain the planning behind selecting the areas where we work.
- The videos are a useful information package for local residents.

Suggestions for inclusion in future videos:

- Wildfire is the biggest threat to future water production. Fires are easier to put out in treated areas, and heat generated should not be as intense as fires in dense stands.
- Type 2 treatments are a good way to meet our AAC.

Moved to accept the President's Report: Moonbow

Seconded: Sam Tichenor

Carried.

Financial Report

The Financial Report was read by all. Clarifications were made by Lesley, Stephan, and Lisa.

Noted: next year, all reserve accounts will be taken out of our retained earnings. Reserves are set aside to cover retreatment of completed areas as they come due on a 10 year cycle, post harvest clean-up for type 2 areas if funding is not available, silviculture responsibilities, and member shares.

Moved to accept the Financial Report: Sally Hammond

Seconded: 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, 2020."

Moved to accept the Special Resolution: Moonbow

Seconded: Tom Armstrong.

Carried.

New Business & Discussion

- What happened at our Wildfire Conference continues to filter throughout the province.
- We planted our first 2,000 aspens in the Red Mountain area last week.
- A field trip for RMRA was arranged.

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)

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- Tom Armstrong (director 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 8:30 PM.