

MINUTES OF SIFCo'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 19th, 2015 7 p.m.
SIFCo Office, 5686 Highway 6, Winlaw, B.C.

Members Attending

Sally Hammond	Randy Cofer	David Liske
Lesley Mayfield	Tom Armstrong	Larry Lavan
Lisa Farr	Clarence Denbok	Stephan Martineau
Miriam Mason Martineau	Peter Vogelaar	David Butt
James Rutkowsky	Glenn Jordan	Henry Hutter

Meeting is called to order. Lisa Farr is introduced as Chair.

A quorum is satisfied.

Appointment of Recording Secretary: Lesley Mayfield

A round of introductions amongst all attending preceded the actual meeting.
David Butt set up an informal liaison with Streamkeepers.
Sally Hammond is our link to the Slocan Lake Stewardship group.

Minutes from last year's AGM, May 13, 2014

Minutes were read by Lisa Farr, reviewed by members, and adopted.

Business arising from the minutes:

Sally Hammond asked a question re: gating of Road 200 on Red Mountain. She was advised that it would be covered in the President's Report.

Moved by Larry Lavan; that the minutes be accepted as read.

Seconded by Peter Vogelaar.

Carried.

President's Report

The President's Report was presented by Lisa Farr. (attached)

- Information was added on the gating issue, noting that the Trozzo FSR gate now has a lock that opens to both a Ministry master key, and our local keys.
- Elaboration on the Salvage Licence noted that obtaining this gives SIFCo authority to apply full management strategies to all salvage operations, thus controlling prescription, access, debris treatment, what will be left standing, and silviculture.
- Question from Sally Hammond : A new Ministry ruling mandates that new Community Forest Licencees must co-manage their tenure with BC Timber Sales. Would that apply to us, should we ever expand?

The answer : Being surrounded by BCTS tenure, we could only expand into that. The process for expanding community forests into BC Timber Sales landbase is still unfinished.

Moved by Sally Hammond; that the President's Report be accepted as read.

Seconded by Tom Armstrong.

Carried.

Financial Statement

Financial Statement was presented by Lesley Mayfield (attached)

Notes related to our financial position:

- Being in a sound financial position, SIFCo made an Offer to Purchase on 1.5 acres in Winlaw. Property has a well, septic, power, and a building on it which would serve as combined office and shop space. The offer has since been accepted. The property was assessed at \$170,000, asking price \$145,000 We will no longer be paying rent, and we will have a permanent office, our own shop, and be able to consolidate storage of all our tools and equipment. We also gain the capacity to store several loads of wood, allowing us to set aside specialty wood such as spalted birch, prime fir, curved pieces etc. for the local market. Also, sale of firewood might be feasible.

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, 2016.”

Moved by Stephan Martineau; to accept waiving auditor appointment.

Seconded by Miriam Mason Martineau.

Carried.

Election /Appointment of Directors:

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

- Stephan Martineau (appointed by EACT)
- Daren Tremaine (appointed by RMRA)
- David Liske (appointed by WWC)
- Tom Armstrong (Director at Large)

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

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

AGM adjourned.

Following adjournment several topics were discussed informally:

- Stephan presented information re: fuel management as a strategic tool.
- Clarence Denbok outlined improvements to Bannock Recreation Area, including a new outhouse.
- Tom Bradley presented the mapping results from work done with FLAMAP software. Much time was required to input our landbase data. The program lets us postulate various climate and weather conditions, then follows predicted fire behaviour. By lighting many “virtual fires” a pattern emerges showing areas that are resistant to burning, and others that repeatedly show up as fire travel paths. This valuable tool allows us to include fire prevention strategy into the choosing of future areas for harvest, and the kind of treatment to be applied there.