

MINUTES OF SIFCo'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 31st, 2016 7 p.m.
SIFCo Office, 5645 Hoodkoff Rd., Winlaw, B.C.

Members Attending

Lisa Farr	Clarence Denbok	Miriam Mason-Martineau
Stephan Martineau	Lesley Mayfield	EACT
James Rutkowsky	Henry Hutter	RMRA
Tom Bradley	David Liske	Winlaw Watershed Committee
Tom Armstrong	David Butt	

Guests: Tyler Abbot (Winlaw resident)

Meeting is called to order.

Lisa Farr is introduced as Chair.

A quorum is satisfied.

Appointment of Recording Secretary: Lesley Mayfield

All members introduced themselves.

Minutes from last year's AGM, May 19, 2015

Time was taken for all to read through last year's minutes. (attached) There were no questions, or business arising from the minutes.

Moved by Tom Armstrong: that the minutes be accepted as read.

Seconded by Jim Rutkowsky.

Carried.

President's Report

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

One date correction was noted on pg. 2 – work on the Silverton WUI project resumed in February of 2016 for the third season.

Moved by David Butt: that the President's Report be accepted.

Seconded by Jim Rutkowsky.

Carried.

Financial Statement

The Financial Statements (attached) were presented by Lesley Mayfield.

Various questions about general accounting form and procedures were answered.

Changes of note in the last year: SIFCo purchased the 1.5 acre property with building, mentioned at last year's AGM, has completed renovations, and has moved in. This asset is paid for.

Moved by Tom Armstrong: 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, 2017.”

Moved by Lesley Mayfield: to waive the auditor appointment.

Seconded by Miriam Mason Martineau.

Carried.

New Business

- Stephan Martineau gave an update on work with the FLAMMAP fire behaviour modelling software. SIFCo now has maps showing likeliest paths of wildfire travel from various ignition points. The goal is to use this information in planning future cuts in strategic areas that are best placed to also serve as firebreaks across likely paths of fire travel. The first small project, WP-3, was completed in the Pedro Creek area, (some cleanup work is still to be done) to the satisfaction of local residents, and turned a small profit. Without external funding, any such operations must pay for themselves, as well as meeting our mandate of ecological responsibility and water protection. WP-3 showed it is possible to integrate both commercial harvest and fire protection into a landscape level plan. Planning is now underway for treatment areas to protect residents on Paradise Valley Road, a major fire path.
- The provincial government has just created the Forest Enhancement Society to tackle the overall wildfire hazard, with a budget of \$85 million. Stephan has already initiated contact. There is hope that our pioneering work could lead to some funding. So far there is no money to assist private landowners in “fire-safeing” their properties – funds could be used to develop at least an education program on how to do this, aimed first at those whose land covers a critical path of wildfire travel.

- The Village of New Denver has just applied for funds from the UBCM to finish their Wildfire Urban Interface (WUI) project. When this is complete, all 3 municipalities bordering our tenure will be surrounded by areas treated to slow or stop wildfire spread into the villages.
- Dave Butt asked if anything has been done about gating the access to the important Slokan River fish pools below Lemon Creek. Stephan answered that a letter has been sent to fisheries biologist Pete Corbett, noting concerns and asking for recommendations. A community process will be needed to decide on the best approach to achieve the desired result.

Election /Appointment of Directors:

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

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

The following directors have been appointed by their respective member groups for two year terms:

- Stephan Martineau (appointed by EACT)
- David Liske (appointed by WWC)

Retiring from the board is Daren Tremaine – with thanks for his valuable participation.

RMRA has appointed Sam Tichenor to fill the position.

With the board member at large position being open, Tom Armstrong has agreed to stand for re-election. Nominations from the floor were called for. None being heard, Tom Armstrong was acclaimed as director at large.

This concludes the business of the AGM.

AGM adjourned at 8:07 PM.