

MINUTES OF SIFCo’S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, July 5, 2022 7:15 p.m.

Held in the SIFCo garage, 5645 Hoodikoff Rd., Winlaw, B.C.

Members Attending

Lisa Farr	Thomas Armstrong	Tyler Abbott
Stephan Martineau	Lesley Mayfield	RMRA
Moonbow	Peter Vogelaar	EACT
Tom Bradley	Gary Parkstrom	WWC

Attending via ZOOM: Sally Hammond and Randy Cofer

Guests/New members attending: Natasha Carolan and Blaine Cook, from Enterprise Creek area

Meeting is called to order.

Lisa Farr is introduced as Chair.

Quorum is satisfied.

Lesley Mayfield is appointed as Recording Secretary.

Minutes from Last year’s AGM, October 17, 2021

Moved to accept the minutes from October 17th, 2021: Moonbow

Seconded: Tom A.

Carried

No business arising from the minutes.

Carried.

President’s Report (attached)

Year End Financial Report

Circulated and read by all.

It was noted by the Chair that new rules governing professional accountants have come into effect. Comishin and Associates prepare our taxes, and also summarize our annual activity in a “Compilation Engagement Report.” We formerly presented this as our Annual Financial Report, but are now only allowed to use it internally.

After extensive cross-checking to confirm accordance with our more detailed in-house QuickBooks records, our Office Manager created the Statement of Financial Position presented tonight. Both sets of records have been reviewed by the Secretary Treasurer. Noted on presentation by the Secretary Treasurer that the Plan 24-4 Communication Platform Reserve, being no longer needed, has been redirected to serve as our contribution to the aquatic restoration portion of the CBT 900 project.

Moved to accept the financial statements: Tom A.

Seconded: Tom B.

Carried

Special Resolution

A Special Resolution was put forward from the Board of Directors and read by Lesley:

“That SIFCo waive the appointment of an auditor under Section #109 of the Cooperative Associations Act for the year ending January 31, 2023.”

Moved to accept the Special Resolution: Lesley M.

Seconded: Moonbow

Carried

New Business

No new business raised

Election / Appointment of Directors

The following directors have one year left in their two-year term:

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

The following members have agreed to stand for another term and paperwork is in progress by the member groups:

Gary Parkstrom	(appointed by RMRA)
Stephan Martineau	(appointed by EACT)
Tyler Abbott	(appointed by WWC)

Tom Armstrong is standing for re-election for the Board Member at large position.

Call for other nominations from the floor: none.

Tom A. is elected.

This completes the official business of the AGM, meeting adjourned.

Discussion

In the interests of keeping our members and guests informed as to current projects, Stephan and Tom B. gave us an informal rundown.

There is a prescription up Anderson Creek for a small 8 ha. patch of Type 1 treatment. Original plans were for a larger area, but last summer's fire burned through it, and the fireguard went through the middle of it. We will now use the guard as a boundary for the Type 1 treatment.

WUI crews have been working since spring on the west slope between Valhalla Park and the Village of Slokan, and are almost finished.

A 3.5 ha. demonstration area of Type 1 treatment was completed around the Hills firehall. Having an actual example of the work may encourage residents to plan further wildfire mitigation treatments.

The Aquatic rehabilitation work on Winlaw Creek, has long been on hold, pending CPC's decision regarding the highway culvert (believed to come soon). We would need a 1.5 year extension due to delays. Biologist Alan Thompson reviewed all the past studies. He also determined that there are distinct fish populations above and below the culvert – they don't migrate through it.

We were all ready to do the next phase of prescribed burns up Winlaw and Trozzo this spring. Between SIFCo and the SE Fire Centre at least 1000 person-hours went into the prep. Unfortunately, an appropriate opportunity with adequate snowmelt and good venting never arrived. At least half the work will need to be done again next spring.

As soon as our new Forest Stewardship Plan is approved, we will harvest 2 more salvage blocks resulting from the fire.

CRI projects are ongoing in all 3 villages. Michelle is staffing a table at local markets. Homeowners can apply to CRI within the villages, or RDCK for the rest of us, for a \$500 rebate on appropriate Fire Smart improvements.

Visionwise, our concept of community resiliency is expanding beyond forestry to include food and the general local economy. Talks continue with a local group regarding establishment of a Resiliency Centre for the south valley.

We touched on forestry tenure as a means of local control over our watersheds and natural environment. It is entirely in keeping with our general philosophy to look at forestry through the broader lens of all these other factors.