



CCFC Board of Directors

Minutes of Board Meeting – March 6, 2017

Present: Georgina Silby, Corry Dow, David Shipway, Bob Tracy, John Drew, Aaron Ellingsen, Mark Braaten, ~ quorum. Also in attendance: Mark Lombard and Bruce Ellingsen.

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:00pm

Approval of Agenda: Georgina/Mark ~carried

Agenda Items:

1. **Minutes accepted from board meeting 2017/02/02.** - via email
2. **Squirrel Cove Operation Update – Mark Lombard**
 - Community meeting held on site prior to harvest was useful and informative. There was a respectful dialogue and healthy exchange. The board members present were really glad to hear more detail from the Squirrel Cove group, and some of their concerns were carried forward into operations.
 - Operations went very well overall, with positive feedback from all contractors involved.
 - Pre-harvest walk through with all contractors was an effective way to collaborate and establish common understanding prior to starting work.
 - Felled 50-60% of target volume on first pass and benefitted from additional time to observe before returning to fall the remaining trees.
3. **Community Meeting Series**
 - Good communications are essential to good business. Contracts are managed by a 3 step process a) Tender b) Standards c) Report
 - Identified priorities: a) good attendance b) project based agenda c) informative and educational d) include maps for reference
 - Points of Purpose
 - a. Education and member participation
 - b. Rehabilitation and enhancement
 - c. Re-evaluate landscape features in each block of the Community Forest, and measure ecosystem productivity in some better timber management zones
 - d. Meg Cur offers to lead a discussion about Silviculture
4. **Firewood Policy**
 - **Action Cory** – initiate discussion email thread on firewood policy.
 - CCFC to develop draft policy for presentation at the CFGP
5. **“Sustainability in the Cortes Community Forest”**

Correspondence from Bruce Ellingsen included with posting of minutes

Board discussion covered the following points:

- The board identifies the necessity to establish a clear and quantifiable definition of a sustainable harvest rate that applies to the Cortes Island Community Forest.
- Further Investigation of suitable annual harvest rates as a percentage of the Mean Annual Increment as established by scientific analysis over time.
- Cross reference recommendations contained in the Silva Plan - historical analysis of EBM on Cortes Island
- Comparison with Permaculture Zoning systems which identify areas for more intensive uses and areas to be lightly used or set aside.
- EBM ethics – do no harm
- Develop a dictionary of the terminology that can be used to define standards of practice such as “Optimum Sustainable Yield (OSY)” and the “Precautionary Principle”
- Dual Restraints of a) Ecosystem Base Management (EBM) and b) logistical limitations resulting from the unique challenges of harvesting adjacent to private lands and diverse access challenges.

6. First Community Meeting

- Proposed March 23rd Manson’s Hall
- Speaker – Stephan Martineau founding President and current Manager of Slocan Integral Forestry Cooperative (SIFCO)
- Primary topics for discussion a) 5 year planning b) EBM definitions, practices and sustainability parameters.
- The board approves offering an honorarium to Stephan for his services
- An informal dinner with board members is planned for immediately prior to the public meeting

7. Meeting Adjourned 9:30pm