



CCFC Board of Directors

Minutes of CCFC Annual General Meeting – November 23 meeting held by ZOOM digital conference

Board Members Present: Carrie Saxifrage, Aaron Ellingsen, Mark Braaten, David Shipway, Maureen Williams, Nick Gagnon
Members Present - 27 ~ quorum
Also Present to assist - Marla Gagnier from the BC Cooperatives Association (BCCA)
Meeting Called to Order @ 7 pm

Agenda Items:

1. **Welcome and territorial acknowledgment - Mark B**
2. **Introduction to Zoom - Carrie S.**
3. **Approval of [2019 AGM Minutes](#)**
 - a. **Motion (Mark/David)** that the CCFC membership approve 2019 Minutes as presented via email ~ Carried unanimously
4. **Approval of [Agenda](#)**
 - a. **Motion (Aaron/Mark)** that the CCFC membership approve this years AGM agenda as presented via email~ Carried unanimously
5. **Treasurer's Report - Aaron Ellingsen**
 - a. Aaron gave a brief summary of 2019 financial statements
 - b. [2019 Balance Sheet](#)
 - c. [2019 Profit and Loss Statement](#)
 - d. **Motion (Bruce/Maureen)** - that the CCFC membership accept the 2018 financial statements as presented ~ carried unanimously
6. **[President's Report](#) - Carrie S.**
7. **[Community Forest Values in Action](#) - Maureen W.**
8. **CFGP Report - Mark L./ Bruce E.**
9. **Election of board members**
 - a. **Aaron Ellingsen** stands for re-election for a **3 year term**
 - b. **David Shipway** stands for re-election for a **3 year term**
 - c. **Maureen Williams** stands for election for a **1 year term** completing the term of Ralph Garrison who resigned in 2020.
 - d. **Motion (Mark L./Lisa F.)** - that the CCFC membership elect all 3 standing directors by acclamation ~ carried unanimously
10. **Discussion moderated by Corry Dow** - questions and comments from the membership to be added to be carried forward in the 2021 CCFC agenda
 - a. **Ralph G.** - need to address the growing risk of wildfire on the island and in the

tenure

- i. **Mark L.** - CFGP is applying for funding to update wildfire protection plan
- ii. considering establishing East/West firebreak
- iii. commercial thinning reduces the risk of canopy fires and ground fuel loading
- iv. plans for an 11Ha thinning project bordering on residential areas including sale of byproducts - firewood and wood chips
- b. **Lisa F.** - develop strategies to reduce consumption of firewood by island residents by developing alternative heating methods.
 - i. reduce demands on limited firewood supply
 - ii. reduced carbon emissions and air pollution
 - iii. Nick G. - hope to monetize thinning and firebreak
- c. **Inga S.** - expressed appreciation for conservation efforts in the 2020 harvest - Carrington operating area adjacent to her property
- d. **Chris D/ Christine R.** - explore the benefits of linking youth with community forest operations in any way possible
 - i. **Carrie S.** - presentation at schools and ground truthing science projects
- e. **Bruce E.** - current forest cover maps show relatively dense forest cover on Cortes Island compared to other parts of the coast. With our continued conservation efforts it could become “the last green jewel on the Salish Sea”. Importance of setting an example of ecosystem based management
 - i. need a reproducible model on the ground that other communities can visit. provincial review foresees more community forests - we are in a good position to assist.
- f. **Max T.** - need to fast track a different model of forestry that is reproducible for others so that we can pass on what we have learned. Generate local economic benefit to strengthen the case for a reduced Annual Allowable Cut (AAC)
 - i. **Carrie S.** - there is a practical and strategic reluctance to publish numbers
 - ii. **Aaron E.** - economic reconciliation with Klahoose Nation partners is our goal
- g. **Jeramie P.** - UBC professors and International foresters have expressed interest in our methods and a reproducible model.
 - i. Pursuing different models of certification for Ellingsen Woods
- h. **Nick G.** - participated at the Islands Economic Forum. Other communities are envious. We are blessed with many advantages. Our projects will create a wave of interest

11. Motion (Maureen/Aaron) - that the meeting be adjourned ~ Carried