



CCFC Board of Directors

Minutes of CCFC Annual General Meeting – September 20, 2021 meeting held by ZOOM digital conference

Board Members Present: Carrie Saxifrage, Aaron Ellingsen, Mark Braaten, David Shipway, Maureen Williams, Nick Gagnon
Members Present - 15 ~ quorum
Also Present to assist - Andy Ellingsen, Corry Dow
Meeting Called to Order @ 7 pm

Agenda Items:

1. **Welcome - Mark Braaten**
 - a. 2020 AGM was postponed to November due to COVID measures
 - b. 2021 AGM was postponed until September
 - c. 2022 AGM tentatively scheduled for April
2. **Territorial Acknowledgement - Maureen Williams**
3. **Approval of [2020 AGM Minutes](#)**
 - a. **Motion (Maureen/Mark L.)** that the CCFC membership approve 2020 Minutes as presented and ammended 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 2020 transactions. Financial reports were not available at the time of the meeting but were to be included in the AGM minutes
 - b. [2020 Balance Sheet](#)
 - c. [2020 Profit and Loss Statement](#)
6. **[Presidents Report](#) - Carrie Saxifrage**
7. **[CFGP Operations Summary](#) - Mark Lombard**
8. **Directors Report - Falling Certification Course - Nick Gagnon**
 - a. Harvesting in the community forest willingness and patience from partnership. Our manager manager Mark Lombard is very present and involved. Including a training program requires a huge effort from all parties. The trainees Greg, Laurier and myself are studious, willing and focused learning from each other, and sharing our learning experiences.
 - b. Exceptional Training from Richard Butler who gives a wealth of knowledge and is great at inspiring crew morale. encompassing taking care of yourself and each

other. It has been a groundbreaking training program that has never really been done this way before.

- c. We are creating a team of local forestry workers and contractors who care enough to do a better job with willingness to think outside the box.
- d. It will be very important to future generations to learn from, carry on/pass on that knowledge.
- e. Upcoming training in level 3 first and s101 firefighting will be a huge asset to the workforce.
- f. Thanks to Mark Lombard, Richard Butler, the Klahoose Nation and Dubois

9. CCFC Membership Forum - Discussion and Questions

- a. **Sadhu Johnston** - how do we choose the species of trees we replant and how does this support climate change adaptation?
 - i. Mark Lombard - ministry has only 2 accepted species; Western Red Cedar is allocated for wet areas and Douglas Fir is allocated everywhere else
 - ii. There are areas of the operating land base infected with 2 different species of root rot which both affect Douglas Fir. The Vondonop Operating area, in which this years harvest is taking place, has areas infected with root rot.
 - iii. revised stocking standards established in 2021 allow for planting of white pine in root rot areas
 - iv. Alder requires wet areas to thrive. Planting or otherwise encouraging Red Alder growth could support firebreaks as wildfire spread less through deciduous trees compared to conifers
 - v. Other species such as Alder, Sequoia and Broadleaf Maple are not currently accepted within ministry guidelines in restocking standards
- b. **Sonya Friesen** - are there any examples of alder that has been planted in the community forest? Will there be records of this meeting made available for other members?
 - i. There have been no Red Alder planted in the community forest so far, but there are existing Alder stands that could be managed.
 - ii. Mark Braaten - will post minutes of the AGM including all reports and send them to the membership for review and approval.
 - iii. Sonya - Do larger harvest areas increase fire risk? Some foresters suggest that harvesting can increase fire risk. Wildfire results in increased carbon emissions. What is the cost of not doing fire remediation
 - iv. Mark L.- land based managers advocate mixed age broken canopy reduces fire spread. Larger openings are needed in areas affected by root rot and for other areas not suitable to selective lens cut techniques. Removal reduces fire risk by reducing dead woody debris
- c. **Max Thaysen** - What measures are being applied to protect wetlands/riparian areas in the community forest? Interested in the Dillon Creed Wetland Restoration Project. Wetlands increase wildlife habitat and increase ground and surface water storage. Wet soil with the presence of water loving plants can be included in the classification of a wetland.
 - i. Carrie Saxifrage - there are many ephemeral streams and small wetlands in the community forest landbase. Many have been mapped and included in reserves. Many more have not yet been mapped. There is interest in mapping projects to identify and record the exact location of small wetlands. These are identified when an operating area is surveyed prior to harvest.

Boundaries can be maintained in excess of ministry requirements at the discretion of management.

- ii. David Shipway - The perspective of what is happening in all of BC does not apply to coastal forest ecosystems. BC contains a large variety of ecosystems. Many are doing just fine, sequestering carbon. Interior forest types are in a state of increasing ecological crisis, mostly from overcutting and fragmentation, followed by oversimplified silviculture. As Dave Broadland and Herb Hammond point out, large continuous clearcuts radically change the ecosystem and climatic and landscape-level seasonal moisture conditions. Add to that the pine beetle explosions and some other emergent pests, and uncontrollable fires, which can just as easily start in clearcuts as in standing trees, and the situation just gets worse for trees in general, and large areas of the Cariboo and Chilcotin are forecast to gradually become more open grasslands and even sagebrush desert eventually. We just don't have that problem on the islands around us, with dispersed patch cutting and higher moisture regimes. Rainfall may not actually decrease enough to cause significant changes since we are on the transition from geological rainshadow to true rainforest. Cortes has a 30"/yr rainfall differential from one end of the island to the other. We are witnessing more tree mortality now as our forests get older and trees die naturally. Dead trees are wonderful, in that so many different species depend on them. We may notice some mortality from drought stress, but that is caused by either human changes to the site, or just the fact that a few decades have passed since the last major drought, and trees can grow quite large and thirstier in the interim, especially with increased CO₂. Bluffs are not fractured enough to allow deep root penetration. The bigger the tree gets the more water it needs, so they have simply exceeded the carrying capacity of a dry site. We should significantly improve our collective historical knowledge of weather patterns in this part of the coast over the last 100+ years before making guesses on what might happen in the next 100+.

10. Election of board members- Officiated by Andy Ellingsen

- a. **Mark Braaten** stands for re-election for a **3 year term**
- b. **Carrie Saxifrage** stands for re-election for a **3 year term**
- c. call for further nominations for 3 year terms. No nominations are forthcoming
- d. **Motion (Maureen/David)** - that the CCFC Membership elect Mark Braaten and Carrie Saxifrage be elected to the Board of Directors, each for 3 year terms by acclamation ~ carried unanimously
- e. call for nominations for a director to stand for election for a **1 year term** completing the term of Matt Cuscianna who resigned in 2020.
- f. **Motion (Mark L./Aaron)** - that Sadhu Johnston be nominated to stand for election to the Board of Directors for a 1 year term - carried unanimously
- g. Sadhu accepts the nomination
- h. call for further nominations for a 1 year term. No nominations are forthcoming
- i. **Motion (Maureen/Carrie)** - that the CCFC Membership elect Sadhu Johnston to the Board of Directors, each for a 1 year term by acclamation ~ carried unanimously

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

