



CCFC Board of Directors

Minutes of CCFC AGM May 7,2023

Board Members Present: Carrie Saxifrage, Maureen Williams, David Shipway, Mark Braaten Aaron Ellingsen, Nick Gagnon, Sadhu Johnston (via ZOOM)
Members Present: Andy Ellingsen (elections official), Rami Rothkopp and Oliver Scholfield (Value added roadmap Presentation), Suzanne Simard (Mother Tree Network presentation), Mark Lombard (managers report), Bruce Ellingsen, Chris Dragseth, Rodd Lee, Max Thayson, Yvonne Kipp, Ron Wolda, Kate Maddigan, Mike Moore, Bob Tracy, Roy Hales, Ralph Garrison, Wayne Roberts, Bill Wheeler, Lisa Fererntinos, Paul Wolda, Noba Anderson, John Preston (via ZOOM)
Meeting Called to Order @ 4 pm

AGM AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Mark Braaten - declaration of quorum for AGM, 25 members present**
2. **Mark Braaten - Welcome**
 - a. Our community forest is growing on the unceded lands of the Klahoose, Tla'amin and Homalco First Nations. We are honored to be working in partnership with the Klahoose Nation, to support them in stewarding these lands for the benefit of our communities and all the life that thrives here.
 - b. **Approval of [2022 AGM Minutes](#)** - distributed by email and posted to CCFC website
 - i. **Motion (Mark/Bruce)** That the CCFC members present approve 2022 AGM Minutes as posted to the CCFC website ~ carried
 - c. **Approval of [2023 AGM Agenda](#)** - distributed in advance by email
 - i. **Motion (Mark/Andy)** That the CCFC members present approve the agenda for the 2023 AGM as posted ~ carried
3. **Rami Rothkopp, Oliver Scholfield - Value Added Roadmap Summary**
 - a. [Business Roadmap for Value Added Forest Products in the Cortes Community Forest](#)
 - b. [Economic Forecast Modeling](#)
 - i. Sadhu - Thanks to Rami , Oliver and Kate on behalf of the CCFC Membership for all the excellent work they have done
 - ii. Discussion Mark Lombard - How could revenue be generated to establish a value added site? Safest to start with local resources, equipment, and personnel. Fundraising - grant, bond, mortgage,

pay per use system

4. Mark Lombard - Managers Report

- a. Now nearing completion of its first 10 years of operation, The CFGP is beginning the process of creating the next [5-year plan](#).
- b. [Maps](#) have been created as a first signal to community members of potential locations in consideration.
- c. The first of 3 public consultation meetings will occur Thursday May 11, 6:30pm at the Klahoose Multipurpose Hall
- d. Fulfillment of the last 5-year plan has been in flux as some of the proposed areas within the plan are being included in treaty negotiations.
- e. Community Wildfire Plan revised in 2020
 - i. Areas identified for remediation have been completed in the Carrington, Squirrel Cove and Gorge Harbour operating areas

5. Suzanne Simard - Mother Tree Network (MTN) report

- a. MTN came to Cortes in the summer of 2022 with 3 students who spent 3 weeks looking at the forest and observing the impacts of past harvesting practices
- b. Observations for the purpose of studying the effects of harvesting methods compared to control areas with a particular focus on forest carbon sequestration and biodiversity
- c. This information could be used to inform choices and future decision-making and will serve to test Bruce Ellingsen's hypothesis that a mature forest canopy strongly supports nutrient cycles in the forest
- d. Range of scenarios from clearcut to 100% retention
 - i. study carbon pool, regeneration, survival, gradient of opening/percentage of retention
- e. Findings
 - i. Higher rates of retention support larger carbon pools
 - ii. 100% retention control plots hold 350 tonnes of carbon per hectare of forest (T/Ha)
 - iii. Clearcut forest has 30 T/Ha
 - iv. Retention of 100 stems per Hectare holds 128 T/Ha
 - v. Diversity of moss species is highest in control areas while moss disappears in clearcut areas
 - vi. Plant diversity is highest in clearcuts
 - vii. retaining 40% of the forest canopy is close to the ideal amount for a diversity of species to regenerate. Higher than 40% canopy impedes regeneration
- f. Using a variety of methods results in a range of outcomes
- g. Discussion
 - i. Is there a linear relationship between the amount harvested and retained carbon?

- ii. There is an additive relationship - each tree retained contributes carbon, but the largest trees contribute the most carbon
 - iii. Retaining biggest trees (mother trees) protects carbon pools
 - iv. Why do we study Carbon? - We are made of carbon. Carbon is a prime indicator of life and a proxy for the productivity of an ecosystem. Indicator of vitality.
 - v. Biodiversity of tree community is tightly correlated to carbon pools
 - vi. MTN intends to study permanent sample plots in 9 experimental forests in the province including Cortes Island, Malcolm Island and Haida Gwai
 - vii. Carbon markets have potential to serve as a transition tool to a well being economy
 - viii. Highlight the “sweet spot” of 40% retention, in general, but recognize the need to balance all values and consider the unique features of each cutblock.
- h. Preliminary report may be available in 2 weeks

6. Maureen Williams- Treasurer's Report

- a. [Report by Maureen Williams](#)
- b. Questions:
 - i. Andy Ellingsen - is there a line item for “Contingency Fund” on the report? Maureen answered yes.
- c. **Motion Andy/Bob** - That the the CCFC membership accept the 2023 Treasurer's Report ~ carried

7. Carrie Saxifrage - Presidents Report

- a. [Introduction by Mark Braaten](#)
- b. [Report by Carrie Saxifrage](#)
- c. [Notes and Data](#)
- d. [Species at Risk](#)

8. Andy Ellingsen - Board Elections

- a. [Directors Terms of Office](#)
- b. Andy - 3 calls for nominations for 3 year terms. None offered
- c. **Motion Noba/Bob** - That the CFFC membership re-elect by acclamation, David Shipway and Aaron Ellingsen to serve as Directors for 3 year terms - carried
- d. Carrie nominates Kate Maddigan to stand for election to the Board for a 1 year term
- e. Andy - 3 calls for additional nominations for 1 year term. None offered
- f. **Motion Maureen/Yvonne** - That the CFFC membership elect by acclamation, Kate Maddigan to serve as Director for a 1 year term - carried
- g. Andy - declares elections closed

9. Discussion from the Membership

- a. **Motion Noba/Andy** - That the CCFC establish terms of reference for a value-added subcommittee. ~ carried
- b. Noba Anderson - Would the Board consider a subcommittee in support of the Mother Tree Network (MTN)
 - i. Mark L. - This is a sensitive matter and is the responsibility of the CFGP, who has committed to study and weigh in on the proposals offered by MTN
- c. Max Thayson - requests the board to consider a subcommittee to participate in a broad based initiative of local institutions to reduce carbon emissions.
 - i. Mark B - The board has recorded this request for addition to the agenda for the coming year.
 - ii. Andy - Motion of thanks to Carrie Saxifrage for her years of work in the community forest. ~ unanimously approved

10. Motion to adjourn (Carrie/Andy) ~ carried

11. Thanks to all who participated in this year's AGM!