



CCFC Board of Directors

Minutes of CCFC Board Meeting - April 3 , 2023

Board Members Present: Carrie Saxifrage, Aaron Ellingsen, Nick Gagnon, Mark Braaten, David Shipway. Via ZOOM - Maureen Williams and Sadhu Johnston
Also Present Bruce Ellingsen, Rami Rothkop, Kate Maddigan Via ZOOM - Oliver Scholfield

Meeting Called to Order @ 7 pm

Agenda Items

- 1. Value Added Roadmap Update - Rami Rothkop and Oliver Scholfield**
 - a. Overview of final report was presented for feedback from the board
 - b. Rami and Oliver will present the final report as an overview at the AGM and at a separate meeting in person this spring.
- 2. ICET Grant Update - Kate**
 - a. ICET Grants available for communities to hire a “Forest development Advisor” at an annual salary of \$60,000
 - b. aim is to help communities transition from economical dependance on forestry jobs and diversify job opportunities included value added processing
 - c. Due to a short time frame and slow response Cortes Community Forest is in an excellent position to apply and be awarded the grant and the Value Added Roadmap is compatible with the aims of the grant.
 - d. A Forest Advisor is compatible with the role of a marketing and branding specialist as identified in the VA Roadmap.
 - e. CCEEDA is hiring an economic development officer that could work with a Forest Advisor.
- 3. AGM Planning**
 - a. **May 7, 4pm at Mansons Hall**
 - b. hybrid zoom and in person.
 - c. **Actions Aaron** - talk to Chris Dragseth and take care of zoom/screen aspects and ask Andy to do the election (thanks, Aaron!)
 - d. Rami may be there in person to do a short synopsis of the roadmap or he may appear by zoom and come at a different time to present at a community event dedicated just to that topic. Either way, the board thinks a dedicated event for presenting the roadmap will be an important step for community understanding and support.

e. Director Elections

- i. Aaron and David are willing to stand for 3 year terms
- ii. Carrie will step down with one year left in her term.
- iii. Suggestions for nominations are invited
- iv. Open to other members coming to the meeting with the intention to stand for election
- v. The Board would like to see at least one other woman on the board. A director with administrative capability is also a priority.
- vi. Discussion - cultivating a board culture in which everyone's input is welcomed in a professional manner, and where differing opinions are fully considered, whether or not such opinions are agreed with or ultimately acted on by the boards. Action Mark - post notice of the AGM and invite nominations for new board positions

f. Agenda Items:

- i. Land acknowledgement/welcome/motion to pass last year's minutes: Mark B/ Carrie - 5 minutes
- ii. Simard by zoom - 25 minutes
- iii. Rami on VA road map - 25 minutes
- iv. CFGP update - Mark Lombard Treasurer report/motion to pass: 5 minutes
- v. Mark B intro/president's report: 10 minutes
- vi. Election: Andy Ellingsen: 20 minutes

g. Action All Board Members - arrive at the hall by 3:30 to set up

4. Mother Tree Network letter of support - Carrie Via email Apr 6, 2023

- a. MTN requests a letter of support from the CCFC for their application for charitable status
- b. a draft letter was presented to the board and approved by email

5. Meeting adjourned 9pm