



CCFC Board of Directors

Minutes of CCFC Board Meeting - September 18, 2023

Board Members Present: David Shipway, Mark Braaten, Maureen Williams, Kate Maddigan, Sadhu Johnston, Aaron Ellingsen and Bruce Ellingsen

Meeting Called to Order @ 7 pm

Agenda Items

1. 5 year plan email newsletter to membership - Maureen

- a. intention of the newsletter is to encourage the active participation of CCFC members in the 5 year planning process
- b. since the first public consultation meeting there has been no further plans made with the exception of progress with access
 - i. Von Donop road access will be built through the Klahoose woodlot
- c. The CCFC board needs transparency and solid information from the partnership reps and community forest management staff.
 - i. Suggest inviting Mark L to CCFC meetings for questions from the board at the beginning of meetings for CFGP agenda items only.
 - ii. CFGP representatives will report back to the CCFC board
 - iii. Reps should copy emails to CCFC board members when relevant.

2. Value Added Roadmap - Sadhu

- a. Kate and Sadhu met with Rami
- b. Discussion - CCFC involvement in implementing roadmap
 - i. operationalize roadmap
 - ii. develop strategies, considering: land acquisition, investment in equipment, sponsoring a Value Added Advisor position
 - iii. Rami is willing to return to island to meet with the CCFC board and interested members
 - iv. map out core pieces of a multi year action plan
- c. Rami is open to continued involvement including making a trip back to Cortes
- d. notes from a conversation between Rami and Kate - priorities of meeting:
 - i. confirm which course of action will be taken,
 - ii. identify responsibilities of business advisor
 - iii. review best land options
 - iv. seek grant money for business advisor
 - v. connect with Ron Wolda, Kevin Peacy Aaron Ellingsen and Value Added

subcommittee

- vi. regroup to reconfirm commitment
- e. costs estimate for Rami's visit \$2633
- f. CCFC board needs to all be on the same page prior to discussion with Rami
- g. Non profit status questions - Aaron
 - i. could the CCFC be a non profit while the CFGP partnership is for profit?
 - ii. could other Non Profit organizations receive grants on our behalf or on behalf of our objectives?
- h. **Action Sadhu /Kate** explore grant options
 - i. explore example of Harrop Proctor who have received a grant
 - ii. partner with a non-profit society that is eligible for funding if the Co-op is not eligible
- i. Board discussion
 - i. familiarize ourselves with the options
 - ii. chart a course
 - iii. this will be added as the main agenda item for the next scheduled board meeting

3. **Anvil Lake Community follow up - David**

- a. Notes from conversation with Ian King
- b. Ian's family had been disturbed by gunfire in the adjacent Klahoose woodlot where allegedly; semi automatic and automatic firearms were heard. Ian had appealed to the RCMP and Klahoose for support
- c. these circumstances set the tone for apprehension prior to commencement of operational activities
- d. David reassured Ian that the community forest boards aim to be more proactive in community consultations in future
- e. Klahoose did take action by installing a gate following the public consultation and site tour in which concerns were expressed about the firearms use in the Klahoose woodlot

4. **Treasurers Update - Maureen**

- a. CCFC accountant may reassess tax obligations based on past unrealized profits This could possibly result in additional tax owing
- b. CCFC is functioning as a taxable cooperative
- c. Jay Haavelar corporate lawyer for the fire dept might be able to assist better in identifying the specifics about our tax obligations in relationship to profit distribution from the CFGP
- d. **Action Maureen** follow up with corporate lawyer

5. **Next Meeting Monday October 16, 7pm**

- a. agenda will be shared in advance via Google Docs
 - i. Value Added Conversation - CCFC orientation prior to follow up with Rami
 - ii. FOCI Heat Pump initiative

6. Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm