

PRESENT: Elise Rudland, Chair
Barry Smith
Terry Hind
Burns Matkin
Lanny Matkin
Tony Greenfield
Rob Corlett
Lynda Coote, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Al Jenkins
Tom Dolker
Jim Smith

STAFF: Brian Smart, Professional Forester

1. Call to Order
The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. Agenda
The agenda was approved as presented.
3. Delegations
There were no delegations.
4. Minutes
CFAC accepted the March 17, 2009 Community Forest Advisory Committee minutes as presented.
5. Business Arising
The Chair reviewed the action items from the previous meeting:
 - Recreational maps not proofed yet
 - Mark Schmidt hired to write up the recreation plan
 - CFAC Terms of Reference not completed.
6. Correspondence
 - 6.1. Sunshine Coast Community Foundation Letter, dated April 7, 2009
CFAC received the letter from the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation for information only.
 - 6.2. SCPI Minutes, February 26, 2009
CFAC received the SCPI Board Minutes for information only.

SCPI Annual General Meeting scheduled for 5 pm, Thursday, April 23, 2009 at the Seaside Centre.
 - 6.2.1. Demonstration/Interpretive Forest
There was a brief discussion about incorporating the adjacent working forest next to Hidden Grove into a demonstration and interpretive forest.

CFAC comments included:

- Great idea
- Seek public input
- CFAC can contribute but will need a consultant to develop a plan.

MOVED by Tony Greenfield, SECONDED by Barry Smith
"THAT CFAC support the development of a demonstration and interpretive forest within the Community Forest and that this initiative be pursued forthwith."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Brian Smart explained the purpose of a demonstration and interpretive forest.

Comments included:

- An interesting place to walk
- Use interpretative signage along the trails
- Offers community education
- Explains the ecology of the area
- Provides a history of the older stands
- Demonstrates harvesting practices.

Tony Greenfield announced he would like to be involved with this process and be part of the committee to establish a demonstration and interpretive forest.

7. Committee Reports

7.1. Recreation

Elise announced the details of the Community Forest Trail Recreation Strategy Public Open House scheduled for April 25, 2009 at 9 am. Mark Schmidt will be the facilitator and Brian was invited to make a short presentation on the Community Forest.

There was a short discussion about how trails were identified and classified. Brian confirmed the Community Forest would rebuild any trails that were disturbed during its forestry operations. Contact with community groups and proactive planning is positive and the trail information will also assist the Sunshine Coast Search and Rescue in their rescue missions.

7.2. Value Added

Lanny reported there was a Value Added Committee meeting planned for April 29, 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Community Forest office. It was recommended that members be given a greater lead time for these meetings so they can plan their schedules.

Brian also reported on the unique characteristics of the Lodge Pole Pine samples and its potential markets.

7.3. SCPI

There was no report from SCPI.

It was noted that CFAC had not been invited to participate in the 2009 SCPI AGM or in any substantial way with the newsletter as had been the case in 2008.

CFAC members questioned what had happened during the last year and why was the process different this year. CFAC members agreed it was an omission not to have CFAC present a report to the SCPI Board at their AGM.

ACTION:

a) Add AGM omission to Joint Meeting Agenda

8. Operation Manager's Report

CFAC received the brief written March 2009 report, which included the following topics:

- Engineering
- Logging
- Timber Supply Analysis
- Value Added
- Communications
- FIA Spacing
- Market Conditions.

There were questions about the appraisal maps, harvesting and site plans as well as the information included in the tender packages. There was also a concern about the report not having the most current information included in it.

MOVED by Rob Corlett, SECONDED by Burns Matkin

THAT "CFAC request that the Operation Manager's Report be current to the date it is written."

AMENDMENT MOVED by Lanny Matkin, SECONDED by Tony Greenfield

THAT "The words 'the date it is written' be replaced with the words '15th of the month in which it is submitted'."

Rob Corlett accepted the amendment
AMENDMENT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDED MOTION MOVED by Rob Corlett, SECONDED by Burns Matkin

THAT "CFAC request that the Operation Manager's Report be current to the 15th of the month in which it is submitted."

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Brian agreed to review the Timber Supply Analysis (TSA) at the next meeting. He also provided a brief update on the harvest of 145 logs for West Coast Log Homes.

9. New Business

9.1. Harvesting Plan Process and Operational Plan Revisions

Elise presented a memo for discussion about the harvesting plans and process for future revisions to the Operational Plan.

Comments included:

- How CFAC can inform the community if they do not receive the information
- Needs to be a cooperative process between CFAC and SCPI
- CFAC did not receive the community comments on the Operations Plan

- Missed out on due process
- Community input required
- Crisis to crisis logging as opposed to managed forest practices
- CFAC not getting the information before harvesting takes place
- Now a governance issue.

ACTION:

**b) Add Process and Revision of Operational Plan to Joint Meeting
Agenda**

9.2. Motion from April 7, 2009 CFAC In-Camera Meeting

Elise Rudland presented a motion arising from the April 7, 2009 CFAC In-Camera meeting.

Comments included:

- Need a medium term harvest plan of at least 2-3 years
- What has changed since last year when four areas were identified and walked; with three areas approved and one requiring a compromise
- Need to know how the areas will be cut
- We need to see plans and details not just philosophy
- There is a disconnect with the community and the Community Forest
- Resources and values are indented in the Operational Plan
- Why cannot SCPI show their site plans like BC Timber and Interfor?
- Need to build the trust for the community
- Encourage SCPI to put aside sufficient funds to address activities for the next three years
- Process should include discussions with CFAC
- Need silviculture plans as well as harvesting plans.

MOVED by Tony Greenfield, SECONDED by Barry Smith

WHEREAS the purpose of the SC Community Forest is to further the involvement of the community in the operation of the Community Forest;

AND WHEREAS one of the fundamentals for CFAC is to allow the input of the community and of CFAC itself through the medium of the walkabout;

AND WHEREAS it is normal procedure for a license holder to prepare a variety of cutting permits in advance to take advantage of market conditions and to allow community input into harvest plan;

AND WHEREAS the Terms of Reference for CFAC state that it is the role of CFAC to “review and comment on the operational plans for the Community Forest”;

BE IT RESOLVED “THAT CFAC will withhold support of any further harvesting or silviculture plans within the Community Forest unless due process is followed. By this is meant that CFAC has full opportunity to comment on all proposed operating and site plans.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3. Bio-diversity in the Community Forest

Due to time constraints, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

10. Next Meeting

The next regular CFAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7 pm in the Community Room, Sechelt Library.**

11. Adjournment

The regular Community Forest Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

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Elise Rudland, Chair

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Date

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CFAC Member

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