

PRESENT: Terry Hind, Chair
Elise Rudland
Al Jenkins
Burns Matkin
Lanny Matkin
Barry Smith
Jim Smith
Lynda Coote, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order
Chairman Hind called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

2. Minutes

MOVED by Barry Smith, SECONDED by Elise Rudland
THAT "The minutes of the May 20, 2008 Community Forest Advisory Committee Meeting be approved as circulated."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Recreation Plan

Elise Rudland and Al Jenkins led a discussion around the need for a professional recreation plan for the Community Forest.

Comments included:

- Wormy Lake motion needs to be retracted
- Set Wormy Lake aside for the time being
- Lots of effort, time and money spend on this site and it would be a shame to waste and throw it all away
- Can we find some common ground?
- SCRD and SCPI Boards have rejected the CFAC proposal
- Not given any strong directions
- Recommend we go back a step before there is anymore money spent on infrastructure
- Campground is a no go
- Highly frustrating
- SCPI never came back with any concerns
- Without some goals and parameters we cannot win
- Find out what SCPI wants so we can go and do something
- Can we put up trail signs as a small step forward?
- SCPI Board has recognized their mistake
- Need for due diligence.

Elise presented a brief overview of the Burns Lake Community Forest and what they had been able to achieve with recreation sites and putting money back into the community. It was noted that Burns Lake does have a 25 year tenure and they too have their problems.

Al noted it was a difficult decision, especially with Wormy Lake being near the mining site. He stressed the need for a recreation management plan that was broader than the Community Forest and involved adjacent property owners.

Al described the essential need for a guiding plan for outdoor recreation that involved the general public, ATV enthusiasts, fishing, biking and hiking groups. He noted that this one small step backwards would allow for more time to build a methodical plan for the community.

Barry Smith suggested CFAC develop some Terms of Reference and send a motion to SCPI recommending they allow CFAC to move forward with this initiative.

Other comments included:

- We might end up doing more things SCPI does not want
- We need guidelines to operate under
- No base or guidelines to work on
- What liability is SCPI prepared to take on
- Limited time to do what we can
- Mistakes have been made so we learn from them
- Things have been too helter-skelter
- CFAC has been successful to date
- Balance and flexibility needed
- This process will get the ball rolling
- SCPI Operational Plan lays out the commitment and a process for a Recreation Plan.

MOVED by Elise Rudland, SECONDED by Barry Smith
THAT "The Community Forest Advisory Committee retracts the original motions made at the March 18, 2008 meeting regarding Wormy Lake."

MOTION CARRIED
LANNY MATKIN ABSTAINED

MOVED By Al Jenkins, SECONDED by Elise Rudland
THAT "The Community Forest Advisory Committee initiate a recreational management planning process."

MOTION CARRIED
LANNY MATKIN & JIMMY SMITH AGAINST

4. Operations Plan and Open House

Elise reviewed some of the details from the Community Forest weekend and referenced a BC Community Forests Checklist that detailed what should be included in an Operational Plan. She particularly noted that the following items were absent from the SCPI Operational Plan:

- (a) No mention of measures for dealing with invasive plant species
- (b) No mention of cultural and heritage resources
- (c) No mention of wetlands management.

Other comments included:

- Commitment not to log old growth stands
- What about special management zones
- Wildlife habitat areas need to be shown on a map
- Maps should be attached to the Operational Plan.

Burns Matkin noted that there will be areas that are not going to be logged and would be off limits. He also stated that maybe not everything on the checklist needed to be included in the SCPI Operational Plan.

Terry Hind read an email message from Brian Smart that indicated the maps, with layers, would be available for the Open House. Volunteers for the Open House were Barry Smith, Elise Rudland and Al Jenkins.

ACTION:

(a) Elise will email Brian Smart with a copy of the checklist and website link.

5. Logging Costs

Issue tabled until the June 17, 2008 CFAC meeting.

6. Value Added

Burns Matkin provided the first of several documents he was preparing on Value Added.

Challenges for small producers (SP):

- Timber or raw material supply that is steady and affordable
- Land base that is flat with three phase power and access to other SP
- Market coordination and assistance
- Ability to borrow money at reasonable rates
- Vision and business experience.

Current forest operations:

- Logging is proceeding quite well
- Doesn't help value added products
- Lots of wood shipped off Coast
- Value added cannot consume significant quantities and SCPI need the revenue
- Little or no commitment from SCPI for value added products
- Time to set plans for the future.

Plans for the future:

- Plan now for value added in order to be ready when the full tenure is granted
- Develop the vision and plans
- Establish start dates and commitments for finances and political assistance.

Comments included:

- Consider the leasing of Crown Lands
- Lease and put the money back into the site and infrastructure
- Need small two acre site
- Create a listing of the small producers
- Check out the resources available on the BC Community Forests website
- Work with Kevin Davie and a SCPI board member
- Develop a well reasoned proposal with criteria, markets, needs, infrastructure and returns
- What about the need for water and septic systems?
- Work on a super simple plan.

7. Watershed Committee

Terry Hind announced the Watershed Committee had invited SCPI and the CFAC Chair to a meeting on June 19, 2008 to respond to a series of questions on the watershed.

MOVED by Al Jenkins, SECONDED by Burns Matkin

THAT "Len Pakulak and the SCPI Board meet in-camera with the Community Forest Advisory Committee Board before the public June 19, 2008 Watershed Committee meeting to discuss the responses to the questions."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Election to SCPI Board

Terry Hind initiated a discussion on the election of a CFAC member to the SCPI Board, noting it was a one year appointment. Elise recommended that Lynda Coote, as a non-voting member, oversee the nomination process.

Lynda Coote called three times for nominations from the floor. Terry Hind and Barry Smith agreed to stand for election. Al Jenkins declined to stand.

Ballots were issued and both nominees were given the opportunity to share why they wanted the position.

Lynda Coote counted the ballots and declared Terry Hind elected as the CFAC member to the SCPI Board.

9. Next Meeting

The next regular CFAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 7 pm in the Sechelt Community Meeting Room.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9.20 pm.

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Terry Hind, Chairman

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Date

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CFAC Member

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