

## MINUTES OF SIFCo BOARD MEETING

June 18, 2009 Thursday, 4 p.m.  
SIFCo Office, Winlaw

**Board Members Present:** Bruce Charlton, Stephan Martineau, Lisa Farr, Phil Larstone, Luce Paquin, Suzanne Schroyen, & Marc Septav  
**Guests:** Jean Patterson & Tom Bradley

### Proposed Agenda:

#### Minutes from Last Meeting

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| <b>1. Role Assignments for Board</b> | <b>2. Proposed Red Mt. Cedar Block</b> |
| <b>3. Mining up Red Mountain</b>     | <b>4. BCTS Pedro Creek Trespass</b>    |
| <b>5. Funding Updates</b>            | <b>6. House-keeping</b>                |

### Minutes from Last Meeting

Agreed; *that the minutes from May's Board Meeting are correct as they stand.*

### Agenda

Agenda is accepted as is.

#### 1. Role Assignments for Board of Directors

Marc moved that roles on the Board remain the same, Stephan Martineau as President, Bruce Charlton as Vice-president, and Lisa Farr as Secretary/Treasurer.

Seconded by Phil.

Carried unanimously.

#### 2. Proposed Red Mountain Cedar Cut Block

Tom has been developing plans for a cedar block up Red Mountain. Area residents have not been consulted yet, so plans are very preliminary. The area covers approximately 20 to 30 hectares. Target areas are identified as a series of "patches" that range in size from .2 to 1.9 hectares. The aggregate of the patches is approximately 10 hectares. This represents approximately 3000 cubic meters of timber. Patches would be cleared. This is due to the prevalent regrowth of hemlock, which would thrive in a partial cut scenario. Clearing would allow us to replant a mix of species that would more accurately reflect the original forest of the area. Each patch contains marketable cedar poles. The areas between patches contain smaller diameter cedar, hemlock and deciduous species.

This block requires no road building. Logs can be skidded to existing roads. Landing sites can be created on Hewlett Mine Rd. and the lower north branch road. Most slopes are 10 to 15%. The steepest is about 30%.

RMRA is having a meeting this Sunday. Bruce will work with Tom to arrange a field trip of up to 8 locals as the next phase of the planning process.

Luce asked:

How do you decide how much to take out?

Tom: Cedar is the only species in the current market that is maintaining a good value. One of our overarching philosophies when looking at smaller units is to take 40 % in a first pass, 40% in a second pass, and leave the other 20 % in perpetuity.

Lisa suggested that the planning committee develop a series of templates for Tom to use as a consistent format for sharing and developing logging plans with the planning committee, the board, and SIFCo members.

Marc suggested that a photographic approach, like using a google earth map, as a good way to illustrate the relationship of cut blocks to the overall lay of the land.

For now,

Tom will supplement his 1:2,000 sketch map with a 1:10,000 google earth map.

Tom will include an overview of his field trip with RMRA in his next weekly report.

### **3. Mining up Red Mountain**

See report from Woodlands Manager, Tom Bradley. SIFCo is interested to hear from Red Mountain residents with regards to their responses to the planned activities.

Stephan will email maps to Luce.

Bruce will let RMRA members know that SIFCo is interested in hearing from them.

### **4. BCTS Trespass up Pedro Creek.**

A Pedro Creek resident reported to Tom that they saw logging activity that looked like it was occurring on SIFCo's land-base. Upon inspection, Tom verified that it is indeed true. There was approximately 4 hectares, or 1400 cubic meters (at first assessment) that were clear-cut off SIFCo's land-base.

Stephan double checked our agreement with BCTS with regards to the transfer of land-base, and there was no mention of this block.

Stephan will contact BCTS and pursue an avenue of redress.

Phil will respond to the resident.

### **5. Funding Updates**

#### **i) J.O.P., Invasive Plants**

This grant has just been granted. It is for \$135,620.00 It will mostly involve grading of access roads, hand pulling invasive plants and installing appropriate prevention measures like gates and signage. Stephan has already started work on the administration and preparation for the work. The grant will last for a period of 12 weeks of employment. Start date is July 14/09.

#### **ii) J.O.P., Wildfire Management**

This project is going well. The crew has moved up to Anderson Creek. Progress is slower with the chipper. The current project is ½ of the original proposal. Stephan is talking with our PricewaterhouseCoopers contact about funding the balance of the project.

#### **iii) CAF (Community Adjustment Funds)**

This is a Federal economic stimulus package granting opportunity that Stephan has applied for. It may take several weeks to hear back from them. This grant would involve another crew of 7 employees, working on wildfire interface fuel management, full-time, until March of 2011. This grant allows for the purchase of capital equipment.

#### **iv) UBCM Wildfire Interface Management Funds**

The RDCK, and the East Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary Regional Districts have applied to administer all of the funds available to municipalities and Regional Districts in the south-east corner of the province for wildfire/urban interface management. We will have to wait until this new entity sets application criterion before any of this money will become available. Stephan met

with village representatives from Silverton and Marc has explored possibilities with the village of Slocan. Both communities have projects that they would like to work with SIFCo on.  
[Stephan will meet with Jim Gustaphson, the CAO of the administering group.](#)

**v) RDCK – Micro Home Grant**

Stephan has heard from RDCK regarding our application to build an Ecozy prototype. The grant received is for \$4000.00.

Two suggestions were tabled: a) design and build a scale model of an Ecozy home  
b) design and build an Ecozy fuel/storage shed

Agreed; *that we will have Ecozy Micro Homes Ltd. design and build a fuel/storage shed for \$4,000.00 that will be used and displayed at the SIFCo office site.*

**vi) FIA Funding for maintenance of Bannock Point Recreation Site**

As part of our land-base, we can apply for Forest Investment Account support to maintain Bannock Point as a recreation site. See report from the SLSS (Slocan Lake Shoreline Society) submitted by Luce Paquin.

For now only \$6,000 is available from FIA. After the Provincial budget has been approved, (probably by August) we are anticipating that it should go back up to \$25,000.

[Luce will work on gathering letters of support for the project.](#)

[Stephan and Luce will work on a budget.](#)

**6. House-keeping**

**i) Heritage Credit Union**

Lisa, Stephan, and Phil signed the required paperwork to transform SIFCo from requiring two signatures, to only requiring one. Lisa, Stephan and Phil will have signing rights on our Heritage Credit Union accounts.