

MINUTES OF SIFCo BOARD MEETING

October 22, 2009 Thursday, 4 p.m.
SIFCo Office, Winlaw

Board Members Present: Bruce Charlton, Stephan Martineau, Lisa Farr, Phil Larstone, & Suzanne Schroyen

Regrets: Luce Paquin & Marc Septav

Guests: Jean Patterson & Tom Bradley

Proposed Agenda:

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| 1. Safety Committee Report | 4. Planning Committee Report |
| 2. Business Manager Report | 5. Financial Report |
| 3. Woodland Manager Report | |

1. Safety Committee Report

Lisa reported that we have had our first on the job injury. One of the workers on our IAP crew dislocated his shoulder while raking on the side of the road. This was a repeat of an old injury. It did not result in a claim on his part. Lisa reported it to WCB as an incident.

2. Business Manager Report

a) JOP – IAP Project

Stephan recently did a tour of Trozzo Forest Service Road with Val Miller, the Provincial IAP coordinator, Katherine McRay, the regional IAP coordinator, Eva from the Kootenay IAP Committee, and representatives from Kaslo who are starting an IAP project of their own. All present were impressed with the project. The seeded grass has sprouted and the whole road looked great. This would ideally be a five year project. Support for continuing the project, the first tenure wide approach to IAP's, was evident. Interest was expressed in viewing a final report. The crew has been laid off. Data still needs to be entered into provincial database, and a report will be written. Some work remains to be done on gates.

b) JOP – WUI Project

Burning piles left from the summer is proving more challenging than anticipated. Stephan has applied for more FIA funding to keep working on the project.

c) FIA Project – Bannock Point

We have been successful in securing \$25,000 for the project. The first cheque has arrived. Access trails have been redefined and cleared, steps have been built into steeper sections, blow down has been cleared, a new parking lot has been defined and vehicle access past it has been restricted, holes for two new outhouses have been dug, 10 campsites have been identified. Each campsite will include a metal fire pit frame and will be leveled.

Signs have been contracted out.

Outhouses are yet to be built.

A wood-worker from Red Mountain has been contracted to build two kiosks.

Stephan and Tom both recommend that the boundary of the recreation area be extended to the south to include two view points and the walking trail to access them.

Work with Clarence from RMRA and Slocan Lake Stewardship Society has gone well.

Tom presented a map of the revised recreation area.

d) CAF Grant

Stephan met with Alex Atamanenko seeking assistance to move our application along. His response was intelligent and well measured. He has contacted a B.C. Conservative M.P. whom he has worked with on other projects with who might be able to help. Stephan will follow up.

3. Woodlands Manager Report

Much of what Tom has been working on is covered in the minutes from the Planning Committee minutes.

a) Red Mountain Cut Block

Deadline for First Nations response has been reached. We have received two responses. Tom will follow up. Phil and Suzanne clarified that Marilyn James is the correct contact person for the Sinixt. 3 out of 4 pole buyers are still not buying. The 4th is still vaguely interested. Tom has talked with Richard Smedbol about his interest in the hemlock and Douglas fir. Richard expressed an interest in both. Would pay same rate, but we would save on trucking. He is only interested in about 3 loads.

[Stephan and Tom will investigate leaving the poles temporarily stacked until there is a market again.](#)

b) Pedro Creek Cut Block

BCCFA forwarded a notice of someone looking for large larch timbers for a house fire insurance claim. The larch is needed at the coast and the insurance claim is not settled yet. Tom contacted the future potential buyer. There is no point investing time and energy in this until the claim is settled. There are some risks and complications in planning a block around a special order.

Point of information: Olin McKay now has his portable scaling certification.

c) Black & White Aerial Photos

MoFR is getting out of the business of providing hard copy aerial prints. They will only provide digital in the future. For approximately \$100 Tom could purchase copies of relevant prints.

[Tom has been directed to go ahead with this.](#)

4. Planning Committee

See minutes from Oct. 15th meeting.

[Lisa will forward minutes to Jean.](#)

5. Financial Report

Lisa gave an overview of how the financial pieces go together.

We now have 6 operational accounts, one for each project. This was required legally and facilitates a greater ease in knowing details of each project's financial status at any given moment. Lisa keeps track of each account on a day to day basis through the use of spread-sheets. Maureen Meunter does the larger picture book-keeping which combines all the accounts together. LOC's : we currently have two loc's. Our original account has an unsecured loc (on signature only) for \$15,000 and we have a revolving loc for \$100,000 to cover our grant hold-backs which range between 10 and 20% per grant. This loc also covers our GST costs for grants where GST cannot be included in our grant costs.

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

NEXT MEETING, NOVEMBER 19th, 4 p.m. at the SIFCo office