

# Boundary Forest Watershed Stewardship Society

## Board Meeting Minutes

3:00 pm Thursday 25 July 2019

Kathleen Gabelmann home

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** – Chairperson- Kathleen. In attendance: Jennifer, Joanne, Ray, Roy, Stan, Courtney and Wayne. Regrets: Tony and Blair. Motion -Courtney, Second- Ray. All in favour Motion approved.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – of 12 July Board Meeting. Minutes unavailable so deferred to next meeting.
3. **Committee Reports:**
  - a) Finance
    - i. Treasurer report-- nothing new to report
    - ii. Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation: <https://hctf.ca/grants/>- Kathleen reported that we have until early Nov to submit an application.
    - iii. BC Gaming grants: Jennifer looked into it and we can't apply yet as need to be an organization that is at least one year old .
    - iv. Aviva.ca Community Fund: Courtney suggested that we look at this .
  - b) Fieldwork
    - i. Report from Wayne and Stan about Dan McMaster meeting this week: Wayne got the impression that Dan is willing to work with us at July Creek (which is part of the Community Forest). Him and Stan suggested a few ways – single select and shelter

wood. He was going to talk to Fred Marshall; there is no stewardship plan. Dan wants to bring in a tech from Vaagen Fibre and wants Jennifer to be there. **Is Jennifer to set up this meeting?** They were there for 4 hours. They told him he shouldn't be crossing the creek as it is a S5-Riparian zone. Instead they should access from the neighbor. Dan admitted that it was flagged when there was still 2 feet of snow on the ground. It is CP-12 AAC . Action items: **Wayne to ask Les Molnar if he knows about a report written a few years ago about the state of trout in this creek. Stan is going to ensure that it gets classified as a Riparian zone so that there is a no machine buffer from the center of the creek.** Wayne spoke of another area of concern north of the Granby Wilderness Park -Gloucester (spelling??)- a BCTS big volume area. He also heard that someone is looking into a pellet making plant possibly opening in Midway.

- ii. Bob Keep's road monitoring, data collection and follow-up: What actions do we take regarding his letters about road conditions? Jennifer suggested that she send 2 a week to environment minister and cc Regional directors, Mayor, Tara DeCourcy and dept of Fisheries and that the letters be signed "authorized by BFWSS Board of Directors" . All were in agreement. Then we discussed where else to put his letters: possibly laminating and putting up in out houses, calling them LOO's - Learning Opportunities in the Outhouse. Roy pointed out that most likely anyone who took them down from the tree would just throw the plastic bag on the ground and not put them back up. The outhouse ones might get taken down but who knows who would see them in the mean time.

c) Communications

- i. Private and Public Workers of Canada ( PPWC: ppwc.ca)- Jennifer called the president in Castlegar who said they are 100% in support of us. They work from the bottom up; they are the group behind trying to stop the raw log exports; they want to bring groups together and put forth a unified voice; they also work with Wildsight in the Kootenays; wants to host a Forest Summit.
- ii. Request GF Gazette interviews Jennifer about BFWSS- **Roy to ask the new reporter, Jenson, if he would be willing to do this.**

d) Membership- Joanne to prepare an Excel spreadsheet of all 2019 paid members.

**4. Old Business**

a) Report about Ministry meeting last week (DeCourcy, et al): Roy, Ray, Jennifer, Stan and Wayne attended. Roy read aloud the summary of the meeting that he had sent to Jennifer- basically nothing has changed in 20 years. Ray got the impression deCourcy does not understand that the forest is for more than timber harvest. He didn't think she took us seriously. Most time was spent discussing roads: access management planning-she doesn't think they have the manpower for this. Road Ledger- we could include that this is weak; need 1 or 2 more employees locally to do this work. Road maintenance- thinks we got across that the roads aren't in good shape. Dismissed us regarding filtering before entering creek. Regarding 40H blocks- she said there would be a report coming and she would share it with us. Regarding the cumulative effects group- when we asked for 2 people from our group to attend these meetings it was implied that the meetings were too technical and we would not understand.


Regarding meeting on a regular basis – she pushed us off til October. Jennifer suggested we turn up the heat as in many ways the meeting was a waste of our time. Wayne felt he didn't learn anything; he knows more about what is going on in the forests than they seem to. Stan put a positive spin on the meeting by saying that at least we got the Regional Manager to meet with us.

## 5. New Business

- a) Prep for meeting with Ken McLaren, Ministerial Assistant FLNROD on Monday, 29 July 2019 2:30pm Grand Forks: He is coming to meet us for 2 hours. We need to ask him who we can talk to when he is busy with Canning? What should our approach be? What are we asking him to do? Ask him what do we need to do to get our plan started? Jennifer will present our plan and then ask him “How do we get there?” Ask him can he help with local problems? Discuss staffing issues such as bringing back a local forestry office. Ask him about Nova Scotia. **Stan will reserve the Station Pub meeting room.** Attending : Jen, Kathleen, Ray, Stan, Wayne, Joanne
- b) Interior Forest Renewal engagement meeting to be held on Wednesday, 31 July 2019 in Castlgar: Jennifer and Kathleen were able to get us in!! We will be the only citizen voice in the room. Only 2 people allowed so either Jen and Roy or Jen and Kathleen. **All of us to send bullets to Jennifer on the 5 policies that are going to be discussed.**
- c) NDP Barbecue coming up on Sunday in Castlegar – Stan and Dorothy, Darwin and Jennifer to attend.
- d) Kathleen mentioned the CBC noon show that had guest John Brink. She suggested we bring him in to speak. Possibly the Regional District and Watershed Authority could help with costs and the organizing.

**6. Next Meeting Date - TBA**

**7. Adjournment 4:30 pm by Kathleen**

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