**Boundary Forest Watershed Stewardship Society**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**9:00 am**

**Saturday, November 16, 2019**

**Kathleen Gabelmann Home**

1.       **Meeting called to order:** 9:17 am

* 1. **Approval of Agenda.**MOTION by Roy.  Seconded by Ray.  Additions to New Business:
     1. Ray - Harrop/ Proctor Presentation
     2. Jennifer; – KRWAC meeting.

All in favour.  Motion carried.

* 1. **Approval of minutes** from Board Meeting held 25 July 2019.  MOTION by Jennifer.  Seconded by Roy.  All in favour with corrections.  Motion carried.
     1. **Note from previous Minutes –** Aviva Community Fund – tabled. Habitat Conservation Fund – tabled. We can calendarize these opportunities.
     2. **Ray –** Field Work – Stan’s discussion with Fred Marshall “there is no Stewardship Plan”. What does this mean? Fred
     3. **Correction to July 25 Minutes –** DeCourcy; her correct title is District Manager of Selkirk.
     4. **Correction to July 25 Minutes –** Kathleen was not in attendance at the DeCourcy / Forest Renewal Meeting.
  2. **Approval of minutes** from 12 July 2019 Board Meeting read by Jennifer. MOTION by Ray. Seconded by Jennifer. All in favour. Motion carried. Discussion of progress after looking back and accomplishments since.

1. **Reports:**
   1. Finance
      1. Treasurer’s Report (see attached) – current balance $28,674.57
      2. Jennifer and Joanne will open separate accounts for:
         1. Grant received $25,521
         2. Forest Summit and Convergence held in Nelson Oct 26/27, 2019.
      3. **MOTION** by Joanne to accept Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Stan. All in favour. Motion carried.
   2. Fieldwork
      1. Paulson Rail Trail update. Stan’s notes on observations, Deverney Engineer’s report and documents related to “development” on section of Rail Trail: From Farron Creek to detour road is active logging. Grading done. Green slime at the beaver pond. It is now an industrial road. Private land owner and Interfor have alleged vested interest. Culvert requirements and excavation necessary for road development. No silt fencing at creek that runs to McCrae Creek. Stan went with Compliance and Enforcement Officer (FLNRO), Connie Herman, to share the concerns. Opportunity for changing the current status; contamination. Stan is getting two samples. This is now brought to the attention of a number of agencies. Roly Russell recommended Kristina Anderson get involved. Stan is in touch with her. Roy’s notes: calls to different agencies. Interfor has received the permit to build the haul road; this is done. Now Roy would like the focus to be on what happened and why, what impact it will have, and to bring attention to this situation. Kathleen is wondering if we should get advice from journalists to get mainstream awareness. Jennifer read a part of Trails Society of BC regarding this road tenure. Jennifer’s recommendation for strategy; use observations from photos, video and drone to create a video with a report.
         1. **Action Item** – Website contact for infractions witnessed and BFWSS to take action.
      2. **Hornet Creek update** –Kathleen and Tony to meet with Tara DeCourcy and BCTS for updates on Hornet Creek logging.
      3. **Road Monitoring** – nothing to report.
   3. Communications:
      1. **Ray** is meeting with the Range Technician for Ministry of FLNROD, Alicia Siemens, regarding **Riparian Restoration. How can our group support the work?**
   4. Membership:
      1. **Action Item -** Kathleen and Jennifer to meet with an interested / concerned couple.
      2. **Action Item –** Clarification of membership for BFWSS. Roy will type something up for Jennifer to add to our website information.
2. Old Business:
   1. Forest Summit – Joanne and Kathleen volunteered / attended at desk. Great feedback. Day 1 – Variety of speakers, approximately 80 in attendance, lots of post-secondary students. Day 2 – Strategy sessions. Great engagement. Follow up with Okanagan Nation. Jennifer is preparing a report of the Summit for website, etc. Jennifer’s post-Summit project is to create a package for Communities to become more active in new forestry standards. Intention is crowd funding. Net Income $270.69. **Note –** any project, like this, needs to be Recorded in the Minutes as approved by BFWSS Board.
   2. Strategic Plan Update – **Action item –** Kathleen, Jennifer, Ray and Roy will workshop through the Strategic Plan. **Agenda item -** Roy would like to do a presentation at the next General Meeting regarding his vision for BFWSS. This may assist with the Strategic Plan. Goal would be completing before 2020.
3. New Business:

**MOTION** by Ray to reimburse Stan for soil testing (Caro invoice). Seconded by Jennifer. All in favour. Motion carried.

* 1. Patagonia Project
     1. Overview. Funding received $25,521 CAD. Woohoo!! Discussion of Jennifer’s description of the project. The funds are to be used in a 12 month period. Phase I of the project to be completed by Nov 1, 2020. Discussion of BFWSS intentions and ideas for Strategic Plan.
     2. Budget. Page 4 of Grant Application Report.
     3. Management and Administration. **MOTION** by Courtnay for Jennifer to be our Project Coordinator for the Patagonia Project. Seconded by Joanne. All in favour. Motion carried. Position to begin December 1, 2019. **Action Item** - Jennifer will submit a resume, create a job description for Administration position, establish a work plan, and will report to the Personnel Committee / Board. **Action item:** Courtnay to find out if a Board Member can also be a paid employee. Courtnay to get contracts for two paid positions.
     4. Board Oversight. **MOTION** by Stan to strike a Personnel Committee (Joanne, Ray and Roy). Seconded by Roy. All in favour. Motion carried. Project Coordinator will report to designated person from Personnel Committee. Designate will offer direction and support to Co-ordinator as identified.
  2. Director / Officer Liability Insurance. **Action item**: Kathleen will look into costs and coverage.
  3. Harrop / Proctor Community Forest Presentation. Kathleen spoke with Ramona Faust, one of the Founders, at the Forest Summit. Ramona would be happy to do a presentation to BFWSS. **Action item:** To be organized. Jennifer will contact Ramona.
  4. KRWAC meeting Nov 26. Kristina Anderson invited BFWSS to have a voting member. We need a main and an alternate. Ray will be our main representative. Stan and Tony will be alternates.

**Action item**: What are the reporting requirements to Patagonia?

**Action item**: POLIS Water Sustainability Project an opportunity for us / us for them to partner? Jennifer to contact.

**Action item:** As follow-up to UBCM resolution (Sept 2019) that BC “explore feasibility of adopting a new model of regionally-based forestry management…” Ray will do some preliminary legwork, then act as our liaison with UBCM Organization.

**Action item:** Tony will look into BFWSS marketing ideas; particularly magnetic vehicle signs.

1. **Next meeting reminder:**  Saturday, December 14, 2019

11:00 am

The Station Pub

**General Meeting**

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

6:00 pm

Boundary Museum

1. **Adjourn:** 12:46 pm