

**Boundary Forest Watershed Stewardship Society
Board Meeting 27 February 2020**

MINUTES

5:30 - 8:11 P.M. STATION PUB, GRAND FORKS, BC

Meeting called to order and Approval of Agenda

Board Members Present;

Stan Swinarchuck, Jennifer Houghton, Joanne Waite,
Kathleen Gablemann, Tony Kost, Roy Schiesser,
Blair Engel

Guests: Wayne Tblus, Erik Piikkila (via Zoom)

2. Approval of minutes of Jennifer motions to approve. Stan second the motion.

3. Reports and Communications;

A. Finance:

B. Erik introduces himself. Erik and Jennifer met with the Cumulative Effects staff. There will be some follow up to this meeting. They also met online with David Leverage.

Roy was asked to follow up with David over what information David provided to the Lynch Creek and grizzly bear habitat protection.

6:05 Erik speaks on actions to address Old Growth and what is left of our forests older than 70 years. Fragmentation, connectivity, forest fires account for decline in Mtn. Caribou. Talked about restoring the forests, what it would take to rehab the land. Data and information on the impacts to the land are required. Stan points out to Erik the decline in Mule deer and notes that he and Wayne have seen an increase in woodpeckers, due to habitat being more suitable due beetle infestation, blow down resulting in dead and dying forests. Erik points out that lichen and coarse woody debris are critical factors in healthy ecosystems. How much deciduous is left as they are an important food source for moose. Erik mentions that the state of Washington has re-introduced beaver in order to create more riparian habitat. Moss, fungi and decaying logs restore nitrogen to the soil. Short rotation harvesting limits/reduces long term restoration. We need to move to a multi-prong plan to properly restore ecosystem function and resiliency. We need more big

trees and late successional stage forests.

- 6:20 Wayne comments on blocks. Fibre recovery due to beetle infestation, rather than focusing on other tree species in good health. Emphasized that we need more small scale salvage. We went from selective cutting to clear cuts in 1974.
- 6:30 Question was asked about the stream class of the Granby and legal retention boundaries.
- 6:40 Kathleen states that directors need to be mentioned/listed first followed by guests
- 6:45 Stan comments on Lime Creek and possible oil spill in the fall of 2019. Kathleen suggests we document any infractions for future reference.

Jennifer spoke about fundraising. Jennifer researched the Redstone foundation as well as the Phoenix foundation. BFWSS may not fall under their application guidelines.

Tony asked whether BFWSS sent an official Thank you to Patagonia. Jennifer remarked that she has sent Patagonia a Thank you.

OLD BUSINESS;

Kathleen is working on the liability quotes. Costs are likely to be around \$1000.00.

Jennifer forwarded BFWSS's input on Operating Plan #15. She will submit input on amendment #5. Bradely White informed BFWSS, that we can submit additional comments after February 15, 2020. Tony mentioned that Vicky Gee will be hosting a meeting in Greenwood.

Stan pointed out that Op #14 will harvest 3 thousand hectares out of 54 blocks. Op#15 - 6,131 hectares out of 105 blocks.

Wayne suggested that cutting and limbing logs on site would contribute to coarse woody debris. Logs should then be hauled to a log sort. Stan commented on Fred's recent statement that there are now over 17,000 kms of roads.

- 7:25 Membership Drive; Discussion on fees and purpose of our membership fees. Decision was made to maintain the current fee and ask for donations.

NEW BUSINESS;

7:35 Jennifer is working on emails to other organizations re; BC Summit
Tony will ask Vicky Gee about the outcome of UBCM resolutions and
Blair will speak to his brother-in-law regarding the same.
The cost to host an open house with Harrop Procter will cost
approximately \$500.00. Jennifer made the motion to spend \$600.00
to organize the Harrop-Procter Open House. Joanne seconded.
Jennifer asked for \$210.00 for her and Erik to attend the April 23/24
watershed conference in Comox BC. Total cost will be approximately
\$700.00. Stan made the motion to support Jennifer and Erik to
attend. Tony seconded that motion.

The next meeting will be held at **5:30 p.m., March 19 at the Station Pub.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.