

# **LOWER NORTH THOMPSON COMMUNITY FOREST SOCIETY**

## **Minutes to the Annual General Meeting held at the North Thompson Volunteer Centre on Thursday, October 22, 2015**

Attendees: Harley Wright, Wim Houben, Martin Matthews, Ron Hindson, Brian Bondar, Ted Brown, Gai Conan, Bert Rilcoe, Greg Fennell, Ward Stamer, Anne Maclean, Glenda Watt & Mike Francis along with guests from the community, Carman Smith, Frank Friesinger, Susan Garland, Bernice Randrup and Uli Migl

- 1.0 Meeting came to order at 7:00 PM
- 2.0 Harley welcomed all attendees and introduced the current directors. The directors not in attendance were Norm Kienitz and Daniel Arcand.
- 3.0 Harley introduced current employees, Mike Francis, General Manager and Glenda Watt, Administration Assistant.
- 4.0 Additions to the Agenda. No Additions, Wim Houben moved to accept the agenda as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gai Conan, all in favor, carried.
- 5.0 Secretary's Report: Minutes from previous AGM were reviewed by those in attendance. Gai Conan moved to accept the minutes as presented, Bert Rilcoe 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.
- 6.0 Treasurers Report
  - 6.1 Martin Matthews reviewed the Financial Statements prepared by Campbell & Company for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. A copy is attached to minutes on file.
  - 6.2 Wim Houben moved to accept the Financial Report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Bondar. All in favor, motion carried.
  - 6.3 Brian Bondar moved to retain Campbell & Company as LNTCFS Accountant. The Board discussed with the group the possibility of switching to Ken J. Finnie's office in Kamloops. Campbell & Company has increased their fees by \$825 for the 2015 year end. LNTCFS has acquired a quote from Ken J. Finnie Inc. and the Society would save approximately \$1000 per year after the first year. A final decision will be tabled to the next board meeting to provide opportunity to discuss the year end bill with Scott Campbell.
  - 6.4 Ron Hindson moved to retain Watson & Haines as LNTCFS Lawyer, Wim Houben 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.
  - 6.5 Harley Wright introduced Anne Maclean who is visiting us from the Natural Resources Institute of the University of Manitoba and is studying the socioeconomic impact of

community forestry as part of her master's degree. She is planning on doing a series of interviews as part of her research and is here for six weeks.

7.0 The following 6 members stood for election for a 2 year term:

Ted Brown, Little Fort  
Gailen Conan, Barriere  
Greg Fennell, Barriere  
Ron Hindson, Barriere  
Norm Kienitz, Louis Creek  
Ward Stamer, Barriere

All elections stand by acclamation.

- Carman Smith spoke to the group advising that he came tonight to let us know how our grant from last spring to the recreation society has helped them immensely. There are currently 46 students in grade 3 and due to our funding support, the recreation society has been able to provide them with equipment to teach the students to snowshoe. They have also constructed a woodshed to store firewood for the warming hut.
- Susan Garland from the North Thompson Communities Foundation advised the group that they would like to thank us as well for our contribution of \$ 750 to help sponsor their workshop.
- Bernice Randrup also extended thanks on behalf of the North Thompson Volunteer Centre for providing \$1,000 for much needed computer upgrades.

Harley Wright mentioned that there would possibly be some funding available from the Provincial Rural Forestry Interface Funding. The government has just announced this recently and all the details need to be ironed out.

8.0 Mike presented his annual report. A copy of his report is attached to the original minutes on file.

Harley Wright reminded the group that we will be holding a second series of meetings in the five communities we represent. This will be to provide accountability for the Society and to get feedback from the communities we represent. The meetings are planned for February 2016.

9.0 Ward Stamer moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm