



# CORTES FORESTRY

## GENERAL PARTNERSHIP



### **Cortes Forestry General Partnership Board Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2017**

**Present:** Kathy Francis

Bill Barnes

Georgina Silby

Kevin Peacey

Corry Dow

Bob Tracy

Mark Lombard

Matt Cuscianna

John Marlow

**Agenda:**

- Appointment of new CFGP Board Members
- Squirrel Cove operation review
- 2017 budget review and approval
- Miscellaneous
  - Sign
  - Firewood invoices
  - J. Marlow resignation as consulting RPF
  - Local Economic Action Plan (LEAP) committee
  - Larsen's Meadow fish box

## Discussion:

- New appointees to CFGP Board of Directors from the CCFC:
  - Georgina Silby – co-chair
  - Corry Dow - minutes-taker
    - Corry to be added as co-signor on CFGP account at the CCCU
- Squirrel Cove operation review
  - Review of correspondence from local community regarding upcoming harvest
    - In-depth discussion addressing individual points and clarifying facts with current and past management
    - Balancing support of local economic activity, good use of existing infrastructure, consideration of eco-system impacts and local community concerns
    - Decision to fulfill current orders with no additional trees cut for firewood-only purposes. Firewood available will be from waste only.
    - Commitment to light touch, single-stem selection along SQ4 roadway
    - Buyers will purchase whole trees to 6" top to maximize use of each tree and minimize number of trees cut
    - Recognition of benefit of 2 smaller harvest to fulfill needs of local mills
    - Letter to be posted answering community concerns
  - Draft contract for roadbuilding reviewed and approved
- 2017 budget review and approval
  - Mark brought projected budget for 2017
  - Profit sharing discussed and approved for disbursement in March 2017.
  - 2017 General Operations numbers approved with modifications:
    - Separate silviculture account to be opened, cage costs to be included
    - Directors declined stipend
    - Minute-taking stipend to be paid in compensation for minute-taking, circulation and posting to the website at a rate of \$100.00/board meeting
- Miscellaneous
  - J. Marlow resignation as consulting RPF
    - John offered his resignation from further formal work for the CFGP
    - All management files transferred to Mark
    - Our thanks for John's experience and expertise in these first challenging years of the Community Forest
  - Letter suggesting upgrade to fish box in Larsen's Meadow received. Further details required. Written proposal requested by Board.

**Action Items:**

1. Kathy to call CCCU to inquire about requirements to change signor on account. Corry to follow up to get on as signor.
2. Corry, Mark & Georgina to draft letter in response to community concern to submit to the board for approval and delivery on Feb. 21.
3. Mark to meet with bookkeeper to help format budget and get appropriate financial balance sheets.
4. Mark and Matt to present 2 options for development in 2017 to Board along with how they could fit into long-range planning at next meeting
5. Mark to follow up with sign contact from John.
6. Mark to send reminder invoices to commercial firewood cutters for 2016 orders. \$800.00/logging truck load & \$25.00/cord.
7. Mark to contact Colleen to confirm year end results reporting and any on-going services.
8. Mark to have regeneration survey completed by certified silviculturalist by May 31, 2018.
9. Mark will R.S.V.P. to attend first LEAP meeting.

**Tabled:**

1. Phase One – feasibility study
2. Establishment of sample plots
3. Carbon credit possibilities
4. Trails Initiative

Next meeting: Mar. 20, 2017

10AM @ KFN Multi-Purpose Building