



CORTES FORESTRY

GENERAL PARTNERSHIP



Cortes Forestry General Partnership Board Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2016

Present: Kathy Francis

Bill Barnes

Kristin Scholfield-Sweet

John Marlow

Kevin Peacey

Mark Lombard

Matt Cuscianna

Bob Tracey

Corry Dow

Agenda:

- Financial review
- Squirrel Cove access
- Gorge Harbour boomstick
- Planning for 2017
- Draft budget and planning documents
- Miscellaneous
 - Deposit returned on Larsen's Meadow road
 - Useful to have on-island CF employee to address day-to-day tasks
 - Silviculture contractor needed for early 2017

Discussion:

- Financial review
 - 3939 m3 scaled (not including firewood), all sold except for last cedar boom, currently awaiting price negotiations
 - Local sales have, up to this point, focussed on high end timber. In coming seasons local demand for dimensional wood will presumably increase demand for mid-grade timber
 - Review of costs of operation & Storey Creek financial summary documents

- Squirrel Cove access
 - Road access for firewood harvesting currently good. Road will be deactivated in case of heavy rain.
- Gorge Harbour boomstick
 - Gorge Harbour boomstick moved. Anchors marked with yellow floats purchased by CFGP
 - Review of process and communications in the resolution, liability issues.
- Planning for 2017
 - Potential road to Von Donop via Klahoose lands on-hold pending Klahoose community consultation
 - No information at this point re: the Mary Point Business Venture
 - Main focus at this time on meeting local market demand only
 - Is financing from a log broker required for 2017? Need to know before Storey Creek contract comes up for renewal.
 - Framework for 2017 planning:
 - 3 Phases :
 - Phase One – incorporate feasibility data gathered by Matt and UBC students into current Harvestable Area Maps
 - Phase Two – survey unknown area of the CF and incorporate data into maps
 - Phase Three – using completed feasibility study data as incorporated into the Harvestable Area Maps, plan appropriate roads into feasible areas
 - Next step – assign appropriate harvesting technique to each harvest area identified.
- Draft budget and planning documents
 - Review of draft budget prepared by M. Lombard
 - Further discussion needed to finalize amounts estimated for contingency reserves, and disbursements of profits.
 - \$5000.00 set aside in budget for gravel testing in 2016

Action Items:

1. Corry to post pie charts showing species proportion of harvest and species proportion of sales.
2. Matt to identify accessible areas for gravel testing
3. John to apply for permit for Mary Point area
4. Matt to send map files to John
5. Matt to submit cost estimate for Phase One feasibility report
6. Corry to post silviculture contract application invitation on website
7. Corry to post for silviculture stakes on website