

**Cortes Forestry General Partnership  
Board Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2020**

**Present:** Georgina Silby  
Kevin Peacey  
Steven Brown  
Bruce Ellingsen  
Carrie Saxifrage  
Mark Lombard

**Agenda:**

- Update re Carrington Operations
- Firewood Theft
- Resignation of Steven Brown
- Misc.

**Discussion:**

Carrington Operations: Road built autumn 2020. No spring harvest due to fall in log prices/COVID. Plans for mid-September harvest to provide high quality logs to local purchasers. Expectation of ~ \$15,000 profit. Exclusion of mistletoe rehab and thinning the private land boundary as these are not profitable under current market conditions. Plan can be scaled up if log dump is made available. KFN relies on CFGP profitability to fund projects.

**MOTION: to approve Mark Lombard moving forward planning and outreach for Carrington harvest this fall. Kevin/Georgina** **CARRIED**

Firewood Theft: Ongoing problem. Recent theft from Larson's meadow recorded by neighbour, RCMP notified. RCMP recommends community justice response – charges not filed if community restitution performed. Agreement we need to step up prevention and enforcement to protect forest. Mark L. recommends hiring feller to cut swath of mistletoe infested hemlock which shades seedlings in Larsons Meadow cuts 3/4/5. The people found stealing the wood could buck and move this for community firewood, 2 six hour days of labour. Signs and gates will give future notice re prosecution for theft. RCMP recommends signs state that area is under video surveillance. Would like to address need for firewood in community in more proactive manner.

**MOTION: To research cost for four entrance gates and four signs which prohibit taking firewood. Kevin/Steven** **CARRIED**

Resignation of Steven Brown: Steven Brown is stepping down from the board due to other commitments. It has been a pleasure to work with him and we wish him well in grad school and in his policy work for KFN!

Kevin and Steven left – 10:20

Misc:

BCCFA – membership dues are \$2800/year. We support BCCFA but this expense doesn't make financial sense in the current situation. We will accept their offer to waive the fee.

Carrie and Bruce approve the board liability insurance. Georgina will get Kevin's approval and pay ALN.

Larson 1 has been brushed by volunteers in past. Georgina and Mark will plan volunteer event for July 4.

Fire mitigation: KFN and Cortes received funding for fire mitigation planning. We will reapply for pilot projects once this is done. Matching funds could encourage approval. The sooner we can do this, the better so we can tailor our operations to implementing the strategy (eg fire breaks and corridors).

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- Mark Lombard: planning and outreach for Carrington harvest this fall; research cost for four entrance gates and four signs; ask RCMP to include wood theft incident in monthly tideline report.
- Georgina: draft community justice agreement for signature by persons found stealing wood from CF.
- Georgina and Mark: plan volunteer event for July 4 to clear around seedlings in Larson 1.

#### Deferred Action Items:

- when signs and gates are installed, tideline article linking to CFGP website will be posted to notify people that we are no longer using honor system: we are putting up gates and referring thefts to RCMP.
- Mark L. doesn't bill time, spends average of 2 days/week on CF. Discuss honorarium or commitment to pay in full when we more financially sound.