



CCFC Board of Directors

Minutes of CCFC Board Meeting – July 16, 2018

Board Members Present: Corry Dow, Aaron Ellingsen, David Shipway, Carrie Saxifrage, Mark Braaten, John Drew, Ralph Garrison ~ quorum. Also in attendance Bruce Ellingsen

Meeting Called to Order @ 7 pm

Agenda Items:

1. **Approval of Minutes CCFC Board Meeting 2018/06/11 Via email ~ carried**
2. **Approval of Agenda Corry/Carrie ~ carried**
3. **GFGP Meeting Report - refer to minutes CFGP website**
<http://www.cortesforestrypartnership.com/>
4. **Article by Bruce Ellingsen - Clarifying the Meaning of “Sustainability” in the Management of the Cortes Community Forest**
 - a. Discussion by CCFC Board
 - i. The analogy used is appropriate and easy to understand. It presents a hypothesis that 15% of the annual growth of the forest (Mean Annual Increment - MAI) is a sustainable amount to harvest, which can serve as a basis for further study.
 - ii. More evidence is needed to prove the hypothesis
 - iii. Community support is an important mandate of the Ministry of Forests (MOF) Developing community support through clear, understandable terms fulfils part of our obligations to MOF
 - iv. MOF has accepted our current 5 year plan which closely corresponds to the approach outlined in the article
 - v. Herb Hammond’s best educated hypothesis corresponds to 15% annual harvest of MAI. We should seek additional professional advice on this figure. MAI is based on total volume of biomass and not on volume of “usable wood”
 - vi. Traditional methods of establishing MAI were based on recovery from previous logging and Timber Supply Reviews for the Sunshine Coast Forest District
 - vii. LiDAR (LIght Detection and Ranging) technology could be a more accurate method of measuring forest cover and improving terrain and watershed data to substantiate our THLB, SEI and harvest rate.
 - viii. Establishing exact percentages may be provocative if MOF parameters differ, but we do have a collective agreement to age our forests over time.

- b. Presentation by Bruce Ellingsen
 - i. Advocates community discussion on the subject at this time
 - ii. Opportunity for Cortes to set an example and research the results
 - iii. We need clear terminology, numbers and understanding to unify the community, guide management decisions and justify our approach to MOF and to the community
 - iv. 15% annual sustainable yield is science based on stable population dynamics between species.
 - v. We can base our final numbers on 3 expert opinions and a clear strategy to test the hypothesis.
 - vi. We are charged by our Community Forest Operational Plan (CFP) to act according to our communities wishes
 - vii. The CCFC can have a meaningful influence on the CFGP by working on these definitions
 - c. **Action John** - contact companies which provide LiDAR survey using drones for cost and feasibility
 - d. **Action Carrie** - contact foresters; lone Brown, Tom Bradley, Anthony Bretnef, Laurie Kremsater to learn more about MAI measurements
 - e. **Action Bruce** - contact foresters; lone Brown, Tom Bradley, Anthony Bretnef, Lurie Kremsater to learn more about MAI measurements
 - f. **Action Mark** - Help organize community forum on Sustainability Definitions. Book hall,
 - g. **Article attached**
- 5. Investors Letter**
- a. **Action Ralph/Aaron** - draft letter for mail out to investment shareholders
- 6. Profit Sharing Policy Review**
- a. **Action Carrie** - draft Report Guidelines for profit disbursement recipients
 - b. **Action Aaron** - send Carrie list of 2018 recipients
- 7. CCFC Website Mission and Vision**
- a. **Action All Board Members** - review current webpage and consider feedback
 - b. develop Cortes Island Brand concept. Story telling. "Buying into the idea"
- 8. Next Meeting Aug 13 at John's Beach**
- 9. meeting adjourned 9:30pm**