

## **Minutes April 12/2014 Annual General Meeting**

### Attendees:

Members in good standing:

Ron Johnson; Dan Reams; Joseph Gwerder; Byron Gagne; Atlin Shopland; Richard Annette; Bernard Briggs; Don Starnes; Vlad Petrlak; Ivan Thompson; Romeo Leduc; Doug Van Bibber; Myles Thorp

### Regrets:

Erik Von Flowtow; Gerald Strobo; Darrel Bauman; Joel White; Chad Lavender; Dev Hurlburt; Dan Hnetka; Markku Riionheimo; Rod Graham

### Guests:

Joyce Bachli; Erwin Bachli

### **Meeting called to order:**

1. 10:10 am President Ron Johnson called meeting to order
2. Review of the agenda any additional items from the floor
  - a. Added communications and networking to the agenda
  - b. Moved by Doug Van Bibber to accept the agenda
  - c. Seconded by Ivan Thompson
    - i. Show of hands carried
3. Review of the April 26/2013 annual general meeting minutes
  - a. Need to add the list of attendees to the minutes; will be done
    - i. Moved that the minutes be accepted as presented by Dan Reams
    - ii. Seconded by Romeo Leduc
      1. Show of hands carried
4. Ongoing business
  - a. Budget, work plan for 2014/15 and financial reports presented by Myles Thorp
    - i. Suggested that the meetings between Myles Thorp, Richard Annette and the building inspector regarding using Yukon

produced lumber in structures be added to the FMB reporting letter. (this will be done)

- ii. For Corporate Affairs annual reporting requirement a motion to waive the requirement for an accountant to audit the books was put forward.
- iii. Moved by Dan Reams that “the requirement to audit the books by a professional accountant be waived. The Forest Management Branch reporting requirements are strict enough that this function is fulfilled by them.”

Seconded by Doug Van Bibber

- 1. Show of hands Carried

#### 5. Nomination of directors and election

- a. President explained that the current number of directors is six and in the past we have operated with five.
- b. Ron Johnson presented a motion that the number of directors be returned to the required number of five according to our bylaws.
  - i. The members discussed the requirement for geographic be removed and that the bylaws be adjusted to simply state a minimum number of directors be required. The discussion continued with the question of how we ended up with the geographic requirement and if this was necessary. It was pointed out that it is important not to be Whitehorse centric in our leadership. There was agreement on this point, it was also clear that the director responsible for a region was not required to live in that area. A director could be given duties to look after a region even though they don't live there. This led to a brief discussion of a more complete and aggressive effort to communicate our presence and mandate. It was pointed out that one new member did not realize that there was an association until yesterday (11<sup>th</sup> April).
  - ii. Bylaw section 23 (2) states that there shall be five directors “or such greater or lesser number determined from time to time at the general meeting.” It was decided by consensus that we would proceed with five directors for this year in line with the requirement of the bylaws.
  - iii. Nominations for directors was opened:
    - 1. Doug Van Bibber nominated Dan Reams, Seconded by Ron Johnson
    - 2. Don Starnes nominated Romeo Leduc, seconded by Byron Gagne

3. Ivan Thompson nominated Ron Johnson, Seconded by Atlin Shopland
4. Dan Reams nominated Vlad Petrlak, Seconded by Myles Thorp
5. Myles Thorp nominated Doug Van Bibber, Seconded by Ron Johnson
6. Atlin Shopland nominated Ivan Thompson, Seconded by Doug Van Bibber

iv. Nominations closed

1. The election process was outlined by the president, there will be a ballot created with six names on it and the election will be for five directors.....he highlighted that only five x's should be indicated on the ballot or that ballot would not be counted.
  2. Richard Annette was asked to take on the duties of teller for tallying the votes.
  3. A short break was taken while the ballots were drafted
  4. The Ballots were distributed to the members present. The ballots were folded in half and given to the teller for tally.
  5. Once the votes were counted the five names with the most votes were read out by the teller. The number of votes per candidate was not presented.
    - a. The results; elected as Directors are:
      - i. Dan Reams
      - ii. Ron Johnson
      - iii. Ivan Thompson
      - iv. Vlad Petrlak
      - v. Doug Van Bibber
    - b. The ballots were destroyed by the teller and not shown to anyone present at the meeting
    - c. The executive director suggested that we proceed with filling the three officer positions by asking the two incumbents if they would like to continue and then ask if anyone of the other directors would like the positions. The results: Ron Johnson continues as president, Dan Reams continues as secretary/treasurer and Ivan Thompson accepted the Vice President position.
6. After lunch the executive director's reports were presented and discussed.
- a. Dawson Land Use planning process, Myles attended meetings and provided the commission with YWPA comments. The written submission

is available on the YWPA website. The process is proceeding in a relatively positive manner. The next steps are the critical ones for the plan especially if there is deviation from the existing approve forest resource management plan and if thresholds are proposed in addition to the current regulatory standards.

- i. The invitation to senior EMR staff to come and highlight the Peel Planning situation was declined until after the court cases have been completed.
  - b. The caloric value of fuel wood analysis was discussed and will be placed on the website
  - c. Reforestation committee was discussed in the context of the decision to disband in favor of a wider scoped committee to review barriers in the current legislation to forest industry growth and development.
  - d. The Oregon fire wood processing tour was discussed and a slide show of Integrated Biomass Inc. was presented. There may be funding available through Economic Development Branch if at least six members are interested in this tour. It would be a week long; Monday to Friday to make it worthwhile. There was interest but no commitment so an email seeking participants will be sent out shortly.
  - e. Memberships.....reminder to everyone to sign up for 2015
  - f. Biomass conference in Prince George on June 11 to 14/2014, two people expressed interest in going
7. At roughly 14:00 hrs the Forest Management Branch joined the meeting. The AGM members welcomed Lyle Dinn, Kirk Price and Lisa Walker to the meeting.
  - a. Kirk Price talked about the allocation process for Haines Junction and has not received any indication that there are problems with the procedures so no review are anticipated at this time.
  - b. Kirk Price presented the Haines Junction timber supply process update. All photography is complete and a consulting firm is currently doing the mapping with field work scheduled for this summer. The new inventory is on schedule for late 2014 or early 2015. Showed the group the infrared photos that enable accurate inventory of live and dead timber in the area. The AAC process should be ready to go in 2015 and an AAC determination completed in 2016.
  - c. The southern lakes area around Whitehorse is being re-inventoried using older photographs as well. This is being done to support the Southern Lakes FRMP process.
  - d. Lisa Walker presented the Road standards pamphlet she is working on and thanked Vlad Petrlak for his assistance with comments he provided. There will be a need for a review of this product and asked for volunteers. (see below regarding who volunteered)

- e. Lisa Walker outlined that the Southern Lakes FRMP process is moving forward and there have been meetings with the three First Nations that will be part of this plan. There will be a need for the YWPA to become engaged in this process soon. We indicated we would do so when asked and suggested that we should be brought in fairly early in the process.
  - f. Lyle Dinn talked about the Wood lot program and indicated that consistent with the YWPA letter last summer this is not a high priority for the branch. This will free his staff to work on other more pressing priorities.
  - g. Lyle outlined the wood processing regulation work presented a year ago. It has gone forward to the Cabinet screening process. He acknowledged the YWPA recommended threshold for exempting the current industry was 100,000 m<sup>3</sup>/yr, however; the branch felt the YESAB threshold of 20,000m<sup>3</sup>/yr is already in place. This is the threshold they have recommended at this time.
  - h. Should be noted that since the Forest Resources Act was brought into force three years ago the branch has issued over 4,000 timber harvesting authorizations.
  - i. Lyle Dinn discussed the replacement process for the reforestation committee. The process is being referred to as the streamlining process. This process will be near term in nature and will hopefully come up with solutions to some of the problems on a quick turnaround. This is not the five year legislative review that will come later but this work will definitely feed into that process.
  - j. There was a general discussion about fire management priorities and how timber values are not being valued high enough in the setting of suppression actions. We will invite protective services to one of our meetings in the future.
8. Two processes need participants from the YWPA membership. The road pamphlet review and the streamlining committee. It was assumed that Myles as executive director will participate in them. A call for volunteers resulted in Richard Annette and Vlad Petrlak being part of the road pamphlet review. Vlad Petrlak and Ivan Thompson will participate in the streamlining process. Doug Van Bibber will act as a backup as needed.
9. Atlin Shopland gave an update on the website and will continue to be the coordinator for the site.
- a. Atlin presented a motion that a permanent link to the Bill Bowie scholarship fund be put on the site.
    - i. The discussion that followed led to complete consensus that this should be done and that the YWPA should contribute some of its budget to the scholarship.

- b. Moved by Ivan Thompson that the link be established on our website and that the YWPA provide funds to the scholarship in an amount that would be determined by the board at a future board meeting. Seconded by Ron Johnson; a show of hands carried the motion.

10. Meeting was adjourned at 16:30 hours