

Annual General Meeting
May 2, 2015

Members present:

Ivan Thompson, Vlad Petrlak, Richard Annette, Jesse Reams, Dan Reams, Daryl Buckley, Ron Johnson, Myles Thorp

Meeting called to order by President Ron Johnson at 11:00 am.

New Business:

1. Review of the agenda added the following; Election of executive members for coming year; lumber drying and locally sourced lumber for non-structural lumber.
 - a. Moved to adopt agenda by Daryl Buckley
 - b. Seconded by Dan Reams
 - i. Carried
2. Review of the minutes to April 12, 2014 AGM
 - a. Moved to accept the minutes as presented by Dan Reams
 - b. Seconded by Ivan Thompson
 - i. Carried
3. Financial reports and budget presented by Executive Director
 - a. Motion to waive the requirement for an audit of the books:
 - i. Pursuant to clause 9(5) of the Societies Regulations, the YWPA hereby request an exemption from the requirement to have the financial statements for our fiscal year April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 reviewed by a professional accountant.
 - ii. Motion to waive presented by Dan Reams
 - iii. Seconded by Daryl Buckley
 1. Carried
4. Executive director presented the activities the association has been working on the past year:
 - a. See the attached annual report to forest management branch dated May 4, 2015
 - b. Discussed woodlot licenses and the level of management commitment required and the amount of work it would require to hold one. The

discussion focused on the amount of extension work that may be needed to ensure success. The idea of approaching the college with the notion that they could have a segment in their natural resources courses on woodlot management. There was general agreement that for now the need for these licenses was low and this would be an item in the future. No further action at this time required.

5. Two proposed amendments to the association's bylaws were sent out by email to all members on April 9, 2015 as part to the proposed agenda. The AGM dates were mentioned with follow up reminder emails. The amendments are as follows:
 - a. Background, the current by law seems to require that the directors must come from each of the forest regions in the Yukon. This is not always possible as there times when there are no available members from a specific region. The wording below is offered as a suggested change for discussion.
 - b. Motion that: "Bylaws Part 5 (23) (2) be amended by removing the wording 'one representing' each forest region in the Yukon Territory' and replacing them with the following wording, 'a director could be given responsibility to represent one or more forest regions in the Yukon.'"
 - i. Motion to amend Part 5 (23) (2) of the bylaws as worded in b) by Ivan Thompson
 - ii. Seconded by Vlad Petrlak
 1. Unanimously carried
 - c. Background, the bylaws are not clear with regard to when new members are eligible to vote at annual general meetings or special meetings. This needs to be clarified by adding a new subsection in Part 4 (21)
 - d. Motion that: "Part 4 (21) (4) A member is in good standing if their membership application has been approved by the directors no less than one month prior to the annual general meeting or special meeting."
 - i. Motion to add Part 4 (21) (4) to the bylaws by Dan Reams
 - ii. Seconded by Richard Annette
 1. Unanimously carried

6. Election of Directors for the coming year:
 - a. Last year the directors were Ron Johnson president, Ivan Thompson vice-president, Dan Reams, Vlad Petrlak and Doug Van Bibber
 - b. Each of the incumbents with the exception of Doug Van Bibber (not present) agreed to stand for election this year.
 - i. Moved by Myles Thorp to acclaim the four incumbent directors as noted.
 - ii. Seconded by Jesse Reams
 1. Carried
 - c. Action item from the election: Because none of the other members present were willing to stand for election the association will be short one director. Pursuant to the bylaws the current directors are provided authority to approach individual members and ask them to fill the vacancy. There were a few possible candidates discussed and they will be approached with regard to serving on the board of directors for the association.
7. There was a discussion regarding the split membership fee between corporate and individual. Currently corporate fees are \$100.00 and individual fees are \$40.00 the feeling is that this is not necessary and a single fee may serve the association better. It was decided to peg the membership fee at \$40.00 dollars for all new memberships effective the end the AGM.
 - a. Moved by Myles Thorp to set the fee from May 2, 2015 onward at \$40.00.
 - b. Seconded by Ivan Thompson
 - i. Carried
8. Guests from Department of Energy Mines and Resources arrived at 14:00 hrs (2pm).
 - a. Bob Kuiper presented the recently released discussion paper on Biomass Strategy for the Yukon. He highlighted the six key issues presented.
 - b. There is a survey attached and copies will be sent to the membership
 - c. There is an open house scheduled on June 4 2015 at the Energy Solutions Center. It runs from 1pm to 7pm. If you plan to attend you are asked to let them know in advance. This is required because if there is a lot of interest they may move to a different venue. Call them at 867-393-7063.
 - d. If there is interest the association will request a specific presentation for members regarding the strategy.
 - e. Members present expressed support for the strategy and assured them that comments will be provided.

9. Lyle Dinn FMB director and staff presented a number of items:
 - a. FMB and the YWPA will be hosting a works shop by FPInnovations in the fall likely in October. The focus will be for a one and a half days on harvesting methods specific to biomass production.
 - b. Then a follow up workshop in the spring of 2016 focusing on biomass products and production. \
 - c. There is a project underway in Teslin regarding delivered wood cost estimates this will be completed shortly and the results will be shared shortly.
 - d. FPInnovations and FMB are looking at the utilization of green timber for firewood. The case study is focusing on how wood in log form progressively dries. This will include various log lengths ranging from sixteen foot to tree length in various deck configurations.
 - e. The work of the streamling sub-committee is moving through internal processes and is going to be presented to cabinet in the near future. The amendments suggested by the committee with regard to regulation changes will likely be accomplished however; Act changes will not likely be completed this year.
 - f. FMB is concerned that industry is not visible in the YESAB processes and Lyle is requesting that the YWPA become more active in providing comments to the YESAB on forest related projects.

10. Lisa Walker policy adviser at FMB:
 - a. There will be a public review request in the coming weeks with regard to the Timber Processing Facility Regulation. Previous comments have been considered and this will be the next phase to getting this regulation into the legislative regime.
 - b. There will be a development fee policy paper coming out soon outlining a streamlined approach to the application of development fees that will even out the fees charged for THP development functions; layout, roads etc.

11. Kirk Price operations manager:
 - a. Discussed the Fox Lake allocation policy. The YWPA members had provided input a few weeks ago and there was no issue with the allocation policy at this time.

12. Gavin Dykshoorn forester:
 - a. Discussed changes to tier 1 licenses in Haines Junction. Primarily an administrative adjustment, in the past the volume controls were done by restricting the volume in the license. Now the volume restrictions will be carried out through cutting permits. The license volume will be established fairly high with cutting permits being issued under the license for the

maximum amount allowed to tier 1 operators. This will allow for a smoother transition to the next permit while still allowing the branch to manage licensees who do not operate in compliance with the license. E.g. use it or lose it. Members present saw no issues with this approach.

13. Ron Johnson adjourned the meeting at 15:50 hours (3:50 pm)