

Annual General Meeting Minutes
MAY 9/2018

Attendees: see attached attendance list

Call to Order at 09:38

A round of introductions and affiliations by all present was conducted.

Ron asked for a review of the agenda and asked for any additions.

Moved by Ron Johnson to accept the agenda as presented

Second by Ivan Thompson

Carried

Myles Thorp Executive Director provided an outline of activities for the past year and the year-end report required by the contribution agreement was outlined.

Discussion:

- Dan Reams commented that he did a rough calculation several years ago for the Watson Lake area. If fuel abatement was completed around Watson there would be a 40 year supply of biomass energy including electricity.
- David Dubois mentioned that he had developed an excel tool that could calculate the amount of wood by treatment type on fuel abatement projects that he would be willing to share.
- Roy Whiten talked about the biomass industry in Yukon and that he felt the government was looking for a champion and the YWPA could be that but the government can and should show some initiative by supporting the industry.
- Blair Hogan made the point that Teslin is the champion for the industry at this time and we need to promote that work. YG has been one of the slowest organizations to step up.
- Dan pointed out that YG owns the largest heat load of all groups in Watson Lake and a key to success for Teslin has been that the buildings involved are wholly owned by TTC. It begs the question is YG committed to the biomass strategy.
- Ivan discussed long term access to timber and that we are operating on a pretty short leash in terms of only two months wood supply ahead. Partly due to timber harvest plans and short term tenures.

- Dev talked about branding and the advertising effort that the association should promote. This will require follow up by Myles and the board of directors.
- There was discussion of the need to ensure the value of wood is included in the tendering for fire smart and fuel abatement projects.
- Myles mentioned the research he did with regard to lumber grading. If there is interest in this there is likely funding available through EcDev to fund the training and courses. This item will be kept open for future action.

Break at 11:00- 11:15

Myles presented the budget. See attached.

2018 Budget and year end reports

Moved by Dev Hurlburt to accept the budget and reports

Brad Roberts Seconded

Carried

Waive audit requirement

Dan Reams moved that the requirement to audit the books be waived (see wording in letter to Corporate Affairs)

Second by Louise Blanchard

Carried

Board of Directors election

Myles pointed out that Vlad Petrlak has declined the opportunity to serve on the board this year and that Byron Gagne was not present and had not indicated if he would continue so it could be assumed his posting would be vacant as well.

Ron Johnson indicated interest to continue on the board as President

Ivan Thompson indicated interest to continue

Dan Reams indicated interest to continue

Ron asked for volunteers to fill the two vacant seats on the Board.

Blair Hogan volunteered

Louise Blanchard volunteered

No additional nominations or volunteers amongst the members present were made.

JP Pinard moved to accept the five volunteers as the 2018/19 board of directors
Seconded by Dev Hurlburt
Carried and the five are acclaimed as board members.

12:00 lunch break and welcome to Ministers Pillai and Streicker
Called back to order at 12:40

Ron welcomed special guests Minister Ranj Pillai Energy Mines and Resources and
Minister John Streicker Community Services

After a round of introductions of all present Ron set the tone by outlining the following
key points:

- Forests are forever and renewable
- Ywpa believes in sustainable forest management
- The forests are here for the benefit of Yukon Peoples and we need to avoid the perception of outside shareholders dominating forest utilization and extraction
- We are all for community based economic development and not big capital investment projects and the international commodity markets especially at this time.
- Our primary product is biomass in the form of cordwood and wood chips for the domestic market. we are the reverse of southern industry lumber will be residual value added to our biomass production
- The idea of heat entrepreneurship is key to our industry; that is, we will manage supply chains from the stump in the woods to heat in the building by selling heat
- The idea of woodlot management is a key component of this concept for small operators. Woodlots add in the next step of forest stewardship to ensure that downstream from the heat in the building the forest is renewed by natural regeneration or planting. Full circle heat entrepreneurship stump to fuel to heat to reforestation and forest renewal.
- Fuel abatement programs must be part of the supply chain biomass and the value of the trees removed to reduce fuel loads must be commercialized by recognizing the value of the tree in the tendering process.

Minister Pillai

Minister Pillai spoke to the fact that his family is third generation wood lot owners in New Brunswick and managed a Christmas tree farm. And that he appreciates the family orientation of small scale forestry in the Yukon.

Spoke about the Arctic Energy Fund and Yukon will be receiving significant funding.

Talked about the silviculture plan and how it fits into sustainable forest management. the five year review of the forest act will be an opportunity to fix unintended problems with tenures and other matters and encouraged the association to participate in this work.

Minister Streicker emphasized that one third of GHG emissions in Yukon are produced by using fossil fuels for heating buildings. He says that biomass is clearly a big part of the solution to reduce GHG's in Yukon.

He emphasized the need to participate and work together on the following subject areas

- Interactions and communications between Government, YWPA and the public
- Government will have to develop appropriate regulations
- Set emission targets and standards.
- Must focus on sustainable management
- Ensure the right fuel is produced for the right heating systems

A good and frank discussion followed between the Ministers and attendees.

15:00 break and expressions of appreciation to the ministers

15:10 Forest Management Branch updates

Lyle Dinn emphasized the importance of association members developing long term relationships in each of their communities. This is a critical part of obtaining social acceptance of the community for private sector harvesting for biomass.

FMB staff highlighted the Timber Supply Analysis for Dawson and Haines Junction. There will be specific consultations with industry regarding the AAC determination. This will provide the opportunity for YWPA to express our interests in timber and AAC volumes.

Corey provided an excellent overview of the Silviculture program and pointed out the positive aspects of it; including the green house in Dawson that grew seedlings for a planting program in that region.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:48

