



British Columbia Forests Society Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2007

Location: Pacific Forestry Centre

Time: 10:00-12:00

Participants: Board - Bill Wagner, Ray Travers, Andrew Mitchell, Harry Drage
Guest - Larry Sluggett (member)

Note: Our Vice President Ken Balaski has recently died. His contributions and guidance to the Society, particularly keeping us focused and real, will be missed.

Old Business:

Log Exports - a major coastal forest sector report (Dobell) is expected within two weeks, part of which will include the issue of log exports. The Society will consider a response.

TFL's and Private Land - the Society submitted a statement of concern in the form of a Letter to the Editor of several newspapers. There has been little expressed interest to date.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Coastal Forest Health - a draft issue paper from Ray was discussed. Comments requested to enable him to finalize (note good timing re the expected Dobell report).

Interior MPB - the Community Guide to local public action re the Mountain Pine Beetle is finished and will be posted on our website.

Book Report - Ray has submitted his review of the book 'Up Coast'. It will be circulated to members and posted on the website.

New Business:

Several new issues were discussed at length, including: BC population declines in forest-dependent communities; declining enrolments in forestry schools (BCIT program closing); forestland conversions to farmland in the central Interior (Vanderhoof) following MPB harvesting.

Bill Wagner outlined parts of his recent trip to Columbia, and site restoration efforts for coffee-growing sites with eucalyptus and pine. He will do up a slideshow.

Next Meeting: scheduled for Tuesday May 01 @ PFC 10:00-12:00.