

BRITISH COLUMBIA FORESTS SOCIETY

Minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting

Date: 2010-12-09; Location: Victoria

Attendees: Bill, Rick, Mike, Anthony, Harry. Regrets: Mike, Denis, Keith, Roger, Eric

- a. The president convened the meeting @ 10:10 @ Pacific Forestry Centre. A quorum was present and two new members were in attendance.
- b. The proposed Agenda was approved as presented.
- c. The Minutes from the 2009 AGM were approved: m. Rick s. Anthony
- d. The Financial report for 2009/10 was approved: m. Bill s. Harry
- e. The President's report for 2009/10 was adopted: m. Mike s. Rick
- f. The Board of Directors election for 2010/11 was carried out: m. Bill s. Rick
Pres - Harry; VPres - Rick; Sec/Trea: Denis; Directors at Large: Mike, Bill
- g. Review of 2009/10: Most of our activity was centered on the single issue of the dismantling of public oversight for our forests. There were lead-ins to major cutbacks to Government resource staff which occurred in the spring of 2010, particularly in the Forest Service, to take effect in the Fall and the key question became 'what to do about it'. This will need to be addressed on a continuing basis. As determined at the AGM, the vehicle of Letters-to-the-Editor will be the preferred action to provide the best-bang-for-the-buck without overextending our resources.
- h. Discussion for 2010/11: To address this major issue, many people and groups will be needed to actively express their concerns. Our Society can assist to encourage and enable. As well, there may be some causes that we can champion directly. There are several separate but aligned initiatives taking shape to challenge the Government changes, that we need to be aware of and contribute to as appropriate. We should establish a list of contacts to take forward our concerns and ideas - media, legislature, mayors, forest associations, others. This may require a Society 'communications' team to be sure we have members who are identifiable, and can respond to the needs as they develop, including people to participate in face-to-face meetings. Also, our website may require expansion and regular updating as a useful source for various readers. The President will keep the membership informed as opportunities become more clear.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:50.

