

NEWFC Board Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2012
Vaagen Bros. Conference

Next meeting: June 26 (rescheduled June 21 meeting)

Attending board: Russ Vaagen (president), Ron Gray (VP), Bart George, David Heflick, Steve West (Tres.), Tim Coleman (secretary), Dick Dunton, Maurice Williamson, Derrick Knowles, Mike Petersen, Lloyd McGee -- a quorum was present

Absent Board Members: Jeff Juel

Attending Technical Advisor: Tricia Woods

A. Agenda:

1. Minute review
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Board Issues
4. NEWFC Restoration Strategy / Power Lake
5. Misery Tour
6. Letter to Regional Forester

B. Discussion

1. Minutes: Review April 19 minutes. Ron moved and Maurice seconded to approve minutes. Approved.
2. Treasurer's Report starting checkbook balance with an ending balance of \$15,241.16. Dick moved and Tim seconded. Approved
3. Board Issues
Board member Bob Playfair has submitted his resignation. The Board expressed gratitude for Bob's service. Tricia Woods spoke about her willingness to advise the board regarding Colville business issues. Russ expressed appreciation for the Colville Chamber's unique connection to the business community.
4. NEWFC Restoration Strategy / Power Lake
Dave passed out a sheet of NEWFC recreation zone agreement/precedents developed by and currently in use by the Taskforce Committee. Deer-Jasper project is mostly restoration focused. Lloyd said it's important to determine how many acres of this project are in a mesic condition because of the problems experienced with Power Lake project re that forest type. Concerns expressed about Power Lake are new road construction and in particular temporary road construction in a section on map identified as "D" in vicinity of Power Peak. Forest Service has been following a policy of no more than .5 mile of temporary road in restoration zoned areas though this project seems to be a departure from that guidance. This is confusing because the FS has not noted a change in policy. Russ will visit the project area to observe forest conditions and report back.

6. Misery Tour

Dick noted there is a field tour next Wednesday. Misery Project occurred prior to development of NEWFC forestry prescriptions. Dick and David will attend this meeting.

7. Letter to Regional Forester

Some of the board met with Regional Forester Kent Connaughton last week. A letter has been drafted to Mr. Connaughton thanking him for this opportunity and sharing some of NEWFC's insights and asking clarifying questions regarding stewardship contracting and other issues.

Russ Vaagen, President

Timothy Coleman, Secretary