

Minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting  
Athol Forestry Cooperative Ltd.  
Thursday, June 2, 2011 – Wandlyn Inn

The Chairman Gerald Read welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced our Guest Speaker, Mr. Duff Montgomerie, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and John Jane Roblee. MLA for Cumberland North, Brian Skabar, MLA for Cumberland South Jamie Baillee and MP for Cumberland Colchester Musquodoboit Valley all sent their regrets. A lovely buffet was enjoyed by all.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

**Approval of the Minutes** –It was moved by Chris Manuge and seconded by Eric Black that the minutes of June 17, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

**Presentation of the Financial Statements** – Jane Berry presented the financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2011. Athol finished the year with a profit of \$22,299 after adjustments.

It was moved by Shelagh Rayworth and seconded by Lyman Bacon that the Financial Statements be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

**Review Engagement Approval** – Gerald Read advised that the Board of Directors was recommending Athol continue with Review Engagement statements instead of an audit.

It was moved by Keith Hunter and seconded by Don Smith that Athol continue with a Review Engagement for the 2011-12 year.

Motion Carried

**Nominating Committee Report** – Lyman Bacon presented the Nominating Committee report. He noted that both Shelagh Rayworth and Ian Ripley had completed their 3-year terms and both had re-offered to remain on the Board of Directors for another 3-year term. Lyman asked if any other nominations were received by the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting and Jane advised that none had been received.

It was moved by Eric Black and seconded by Chris Manuge that the Nominating Committee report be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

**Guest Speaker – Mr. Duff Montgomerie**

Shelagh Rayworth introduced our Guest Speaker, outlining his many contributions to communities throughout the Province over his career. Mr. Montgomerie spoke to the membership on the new Provincial Natural Resources Strategy and how important it was to move towards more sustainable method of harvesting and woodland management. He announced that the Province has allocated \$5 million dollars to assist with the implementation of the program, including \$1 million for outreach, designed to get the message out to small

private woodlot owners and their participation is vital to the future success of forestry; \$2.2 million to assist contractors transition from clear cutting to selection harvesting and \$1.8 million to be spend developing a harvest tracking system. Mr. Montgomery advised that the final strategy would be released shortly.

Shelagh Rayworth thanked the Guest Speaker for his informative presentation and presented a small token of appreciation.

**Closing Remarks – Neal Hewitt and Craig Tupper**

Neal and Craig advised that Athol would be doing a Strategic Plan to assess how Athol moves forward with the new Guidelines and its impact on Athol's operations. It was noted that a strategy session would be held some time in the near future and we would open the process of anyone who wishes to attend. Members will be contacted when a date is set.

**Scholarship Fundraiser** – Melissa Waters announced the winner of the silent auction items and thanked everyone for their donation and/or purchase of auction items, the proceeds of which go to the Athol Scholarship Fund. \$521 was raised.

**Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

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Jane Berry, Recording Secretary

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Gerald Read, Chairman