

**Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – Draft Minutes**  
**January 16, 2013**

**Present:** Sybille Haeussler (Chair), Irene Ronalds (Secretary), Don Morgan, Alison Beale, Phil Burton (phone), Brian Edmison, Adrian de Groot, Rick Budhwa (RPM)

**Absent:** Laurence Turney, Greg Knox, Regina Saimoto

**1. Acceptance of Agenda**

*Adrian moved to accept, Alison seconded, approved.*

**2. Approval of Dec 17 Minutes**

*Alison moved to accept edited minutes, Rick seconded, approved.*

**3. Adding It All Up conference update (Rick, Kirsteen)**

Proceedings are complete and reviewed by presenters. The link is to go live asap.

Final conference budget tally is a \$5000 loss. Rick feels that this will be made up in other ways in terms of work coming into the centre. Thank you letters are going out to speakers and to sponsors, followed up by a phone call. The letter could introduce the concept of supporting memberships.

Questions from the Board:

- How many members attended?
- How many new members resulted?
- What are the good ideas arising from this conference to help target a future conference?

Data management and governance trust were the two themes arising from the conference that could lead to future conference topics. Rick, Alison, Harvey potentially interested in organizing a future conference.

**4. Re-invigorating the Seminar Series (Phil)**

A) A regular biweekly series needs to be re-invigorated. Active recruitment of speakers is required. This is one of the public faces of the centre for members.

**Action:** Board members to pass seminar ideas to Kara. Sybille will contact Kara to explore opportunities to coordinate government – BV Centre seminar series.

B) Broadcasting to a broader community?

Board in support of broader broadcasting.

**Action:** Phil to pursue.

**5. Strategic Plan Amendments (Sybille's document is attached)**

**Adrian proposed motion:** that the amended Strategic Plan be approved. Seconded by Alison. Approved.

## 6. 2013 AGM planning – 10 year Anniversary. Feb 25, 2013

### A) General event planning update (Rick, Kirsteen)

The potential venue is the Aspen. Sybille will put a slide show together of past award winners. Invitees to include past award winners, mayor, MLA, former Board members, newspaper, conference sponsors.

### B) 2013 Board Member slate (Sybille, Adrian)

Richard Overstall recommended as new Board Member (replacing Tony). Existing slate looks good but not everyone has decided.

## 7. Award nominations (Sybille)

Irving Fox ~~L~~ifetime ~~c~~ontribution or major project award

Jim Pojar single contribution/publication award

**Action:** Board to get nominations to Sybille by the end of the month.

## 8. Data-Sharing Network 5-yr Plan (Rick, Don)

BVRC needs data storage and management for CE projects. Looking more broadly the same model could be expanded as a business opportunity. Johanna Pfalz was contracted to undertake a needs assessment and to write a concept report including an outline of the initial implementation phase. “Drop Box” has been set up to address immediate data storage needs.

A data management steering committee is required to oversee: implementation, costs, funding models, and potential conflicts with non-profit status. Adrian offered to join committee. Funding models include: charging administration fees on each project; tiered memberships, or a data management service package.

**Action:** Rick and Don to assemble steering committee.

## 9. New Business

### A) Royal Roads University Rural Opportunities Network, SSHRC Grant collaboration.

The Community Forests Association (of BC) is having their conference in Smithers in June and Royal Roads is looking to piggy back on the conference with their own conference on the Rural Opportunities Network. Evelyn Hamilton is involved with Royal Roads. Sybille suggested that BV Centre could be involved in some way. Evelyn is applying to Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) for grant funding to host the conference. Sybille and Don have both been asked to speak at the conference.

### B) The BV Airshed Management Society has approached BV Centre to help administer their program.

### C) The Office of Wet’suwet’en has hired an intern, Teresa Morris, who will be available to the BVRC 3 days/week until April. Phil’s intern will also be available for projects later in the year.

*Sybille proposed to adjourn meeting, Don seconded, approved.*

Next meetings: Wednesday February 13, if required; Wednesday March 20 2013, 3:30 to 5:30 pm