

Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2004
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Present: Kevin Kriese (Chair), Brian Edmison, Don Morgan, Carl Vandermark, Paul Sanborn, Tom Buri, Sybille Haeussler, Kristeen Laing

Location: Land and Water BC boardroom, Nora Building, 3rd floor, 3726 Alfred St. Smithers
Time: **3:30 - 5:30 pm**

1) Agenda - adopted

2) Approval of May 11 Minutes
Don moved. Carl seconded. All Approved.

3) Next meeting - scheduled **Tuesday, September 14, 2004, 3:30-5:30**

4) Executive Director and Administrative Assistant introductions

Executive director – Kevin Kriese

Administrative Assistant – Kristeen Laing

Discussion:

- Need to identify roles and work plans. Kevin will circulate via email and the board will formally adopt the roles and work plans at the next board meeting.
- Need clarity around the relationship between chief executive officer (president) and the executive director. Clear separation of board activities and the administrative activities of the executive director.

9a) Project coordination – new item

Discussion:

- How to coordinate across projects?
- Role of research planning committee in project coordination?
- How to fund? As a separate project or as a base project?
- Project coordination has been ad hoc till now.
- Centre is a network.

Resolution:

- Kevin and Don will put a document together and circulate for comment to provide a formal motion at the next board meeting.
- Look at current projects how they are or can be linked and what opportunities they provide for future projects.

5) Member's Social Night update. Logpile Lodge, Sat. June 19, 5:00 pm, dinner at 6

- Contact Kevin (cordillera@bulkley.net) to reserve.
- 20-25 enquiries so far
- Buffet menu
- Dinner between 6:00 and 7:30, dessert at 8:45-9:15
- Project presentations from 7:30 to 8:45 and 9:15 to 10:00.
- Kevin and Brian will prepare a social agenda.

6) Business Arriving from Previous Meeting

6a. FORREX Motion - (backgrounder circulated by Dave Wilford 5/20/2004 1:28pm)

I, David Wilford, propose that the Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management become a partner of the Forest Research Extension Partnership (FORREX). The value of the partnership to the BV Centre will be evaluated throughout the year and the Board will decide after one year whether to continue as a partner of FORREX.

Discussion:

- Partnership is a loaded legal term.
- Need to clarify if FORREX is a society calling themselves a partnership or are they incorporated.
- Opportunity for linking to a provincial network and to having an extension person located in Smithers.
- Challenge of ensuring the BV centre gets credit for their work and maintains its credibility by associating with FORREX.

Motion:

Dave Moved. Don seconded. 5 in favour, 1 opposed.

Follow up before signing – are they incorporated or are they a society?. Need to look at financial statements. Don and Dave to draft evaluation criteria to provide rationale for re-signing after the one year trial.

6b. Meeting with ForestEthics

Discussion:

- Centre has interest to provide impartial science to all organizations interested in resource management.
- ForestEthics has foundation partners that may be interested in funding research projects and other centre activities.
- Discussions with ForestEthics indicate that they would need to see centre policy reflecting the centre's impartiality.
- Credibility to foundations requires a track record, and reassurances that the centre is unbiased and not easily co-opted or taken over by special interest groups.

Resolution:

- As part of our diligence the centre needs to pull together its credibility and impartiality policy and discussion into one place so that it can be easily reviewed by other organizations.
- Credibility policy is reflected in the centre's strategy and can be promoted with its marketing material that is being developed.
- Don, Brian and Kevin will continue informal discussions with ForestEthics
- Kevin will pull policy and discussion together into one place for the next board meeting.

7) Executive Director's Update (Kevin)

These items previously circulated by Kevin (6/1/2004 ~11 pm)

7a. Signing Contracts Motion

Background: The proposed rules for the Executive Director position include executing all contracts on behalf of the Centre. Currently the Treasurer signs all contracts. The board needs to properly delegate authority to the Executive Director. The board has a draft policy on contracting which provides guidance on contract procedures.

Motion: The Executive Director of the BV Centre be authorized to implement projects approved by the board, by entering into contracts consistent with Centre policy and within approved project budgets.

Moved Tom. Seconded Brian.

Discussion:

- Discussion to clarify motion and reword it into the form presented above.

Motion accepted by all as rewritten.

7b. Current Projects:

1. Communications and Marketing Strategy -workshop was held May 18
 - IMPAC to circulate a draft strategy in early June
 - strategy to be tabled for the board's review prior to next meeting
2. Skeena Islands
 - Adrian DeGroot is the lead researcher.
 - Adrian is now preparing the literature review, preparing a detailed research plan. Sybille and Dave Yole have joined the project team.
3. Small Mammals
 - Doug Steventon, lead researcher, has evaluated proposals and selected Ardea consulting to carry out mammal trapping
 - field work will commence in mid-July, and be complete in October
4. Babine Monitoring Framework
 - Karen Price and Dave Daust have met with the Babine Governance Design Group to seek input on the framework.
 - Their proposed approach has been well received.
5. Rusts -Alex Woods, lead researcher, evaluated several proposals.
 - the successful contractor is Pro-tech
 - Theresa White (Cedrus) has been retained to conduct quality assurance on the project.
 - field work is already underway due to the warm early spring
 - the bids were lower than budgeted, so Alex will outline additional tasks that can be conducted that are consistent with the proposal

New Proposals

1. Mountain Pine Beetle
 - Proposal coordinated by Phil Burton to examine impacts of MPB on vegetation and succession not successful in receiving direct award from CFS. A new call for MPB proposals has just been issued. Centre is continuing to work with Phil to develop coordinated proposals.
2. Iskut-Stikine grizzly project proposed by Debbie Wellwood
 - Nothing to report.

8) RPC Update – Not presented

9) New Business:

9b. Renewable Natural Resources Scholarship

- Suggestion that the Centre take on the Scholarship

Motion: The Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management establish a "Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research Scholarship" fund. This fund will apply to

the "Renewable Natural Resources Scholarship" fund to have its funds transferred to the "Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research Scholarship" fund.
Moved Don. Seconded Brian. All approved.

9c. IFPA Knowledge transfer

- Don will be doing a BV Centre presentation at the IFPA knowledge transfer session on June 18th in Burns Lake.
- Board discussed what should be presented.
- Don will circulate a draft presentation to the board prior to June 18th.

10) Meeting adjourned.