

**Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management  
Board of Directors Information Meeting  
June 21, 2005**

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**Present:** Sybille Haeussler (Chair), Brian Edmison, Kevin Kriese, Paul Sanborn (by phone), Kirsteen Laing (AA), Don Morgan (last half of meeting)

**There was no quorum, so this meeting is for information only.**

- 1) Acceptance of Agenda
- 2) Approval of March 15 Minutes
  - To be brought forward for approval in September
- 3) Next Meeting Date
  - September 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30;
- 4) Scholarship Update
  - The scholarship has been awarded to Jessica Burlon;
  - The value is \$500; of which approximately \$450 has been raised;
- 5) Financial Report
  - **Kirsteen will circulate the financial report by e-mail.**
- 6) Operating Plan Review
  - Kevin presented a short review of the operating plan
  - A similar review will be prepared quarterly.
- 7) Research Standards Implementation
  - **Sybille to prepare a letter from the Board thanking Frank for his significant contribution to the Board and the Research Planning Committee;**
  - Implementation of the current procedure is working well for selection of researchers;
  - However, it has been difficult to get peer review of reports; researchers who are identified for peer review have either refused, or have accepted and do not deliver on our timelines;
  - Discussion with some researchers indicates that the Centre is likely to have ongoing problems with getting peer review; most researchers are very busy and if they do peer reviews their efforts are more likely to be directed to higher profile journals;
  - Delays in getting peer review will also make it difficult to publish our work;
  - Paul clarified that some major journals, including the Canadian Journal of Forest Research, have modified their policies to allow extension notes to be released before they publish a peer reviewed paper;
  - Kevin to circulate a proposal to the Board to revise the Standard to allow:
    - “Professional review” of extension notes and technical reports as a replacement for peer review;
    - Use of external journals as the source of peer review for major BV Centre projects.
- 8) Opportunities outside of BC
  - The Centre has been invited to meet with a representative of Industry Canada, who can provide an overview of research opportunities outside of Canada;

- Sybille will either find a director to attend the meeting, or will attend on behalf of the centre;
- The Centre has received a notice of a project to develop a Forest Practices model for the south-east Yukon
- Kevin will get the RFP package, and evaluate whether the project is consistent with our mandate.

**Next Meeting: September 13<sup>th</sup>; 3:30 to 5:30. Location to be determined.**

Minutes taken by Kevin Kriese