

Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting
February 13, 2007

Present: Sybille Haeussler (Chair), Tom Buri, Dave Bustard, Brian Edmison, Rosemary Fox, Anne Harfenist, Kevin Kriese, Don Morgan, Dave Wilford, Rick Budhwa (RPM), Kirsteen Laing (AA)

Note: Monthly information update circulated with agenda

- 1) Acceptance of Agenda
 - *Anne moved to accept; Brian seconded. Approved.*
- 2) Approval of January 9 Minutes
 - 2 edits to draft: correction of date in #4 to read "2007" and addition of text under #3 "The performance review was evaluated and approved. A contract extension for the RPM was also approved."
 - *Dave W. moved to adopt minutes; Dave B. seconded. Approved.*
- 3) Year-end Financial Report
 - should be available to board prior to the AGM
 - **Brian and Kirsteen to prepare report and circulate to board**
- 4) Preparations for AGM
 - will be held at the Old Church Hall on March 6 from 19:00 to 21:00 following same format as last year
 - *Anne moved that the Centre allocate \$500 to cover costs of the AGM (hall rental, food); Brian seconded. Approved.*
 - no nominations for awards have been received to date
 - ideas of engaging general membership (#8 below) and changing the BVC business model (#5 below) to be briefly introduced at AGM by Sybille and Don, respectively
- 5) Centre Business Model
 - discussion paper circulated with agenda
 - benefits and disadvantages of 3 options outlined in paper; sub-committee recommends 3rd ("consulting") option
 - need to constantly monitor alignment of projects with charitable goals of BVC emphasized
 - co-op model suggested as an addition to 3rd option as now outlined
 - need to engage support personnel noted
 - potential for competition with consultants is important consideration as proceed
 - need for visioning workshop once new board in place
 - **Don to talk to PW Coopers wrt FSP restrictions**
 - **sub-committee to expand discussion of consulting option and prepare motion for April board meeting**
 - **Kevin to check partnership agreement with FORREX**
 - **Anne to write article for newsletter**
- 6) Waiver of Moral Rights
 - sample form circulated with agenda
 - moral rights = an author has the right to the integrity of his/her work and for his/her name to be associated with that work
 - waiver has been part of many contracts for years but with changes to the copyright law the waiver must now be a separate form
 - **Rick to prepare a draft waiver policy for the Centre that addresses our concerns that the BVC be able to withdraw its name from a report if the conclusions are significantly altered**
- 7) Proposal Updates
 - a) MOFR transfer agreements – several BVC proposals are included in list but funding levels have not be identified by MOFR.
 - b) BV land use planning website proposal – draft proposal circulated to board; Brian to submit proposal to Rick for review
- 8) New Business
 - Opportunities for involvement by general membership – to be introduced at AGM and in newsletter; opportunities for members to become involved in eg. scholarship fund, awards, as has already happened with seminar series

- scholarship criteria to be discussed at next general board meeting
- next year, include check box for volunteers and option to donate to scholarship fund on membership form

Next Meetings – AGM on March 6 @ 19:00
April 17 at BVC office @ 15:30

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes taken by Anne Harfenist