

Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting
April 12, 2010

Present: Debbie Cichowski (Chair), Phil Burton, Brian Edmison, Anne Harfenist, Andrea Kosalko, Bob Mitchell, Don Morgan, Tony Pesklevits, Irene Ronalds, Rick Budhwa (RPM), Kirsteen Laing (AM)

Absent: Rosemary Fox, Sybille Haeussler, Laurence Turney

Note: monthly information update was circulated with agenda

- 1) Acceptance of Agenda
 - *Anne moved to accept; Bob seconded. Approved.*
- 2) Approval of Feb. 15 draft Minutes
 - *Debbie moved to adopt minutes; Irene seconded. Approved.*
- 3) Introduction of New Board Members
 - Tony and Andrea introduced themselves; we welcome them to the board
- 4) Budget
 - Draft 2010 budget circulated at meeting
 - “Still Required” figure assumes that we hold a mining conference and that number of supporting memberships remains at 5
 - 3 of supporting memberships last year were government & almost certainly won’t renew this year thus “still required” figure should be \$6K higher
 - **Rick to put together a list of other potential supporting members**
- 5) FIA-FSP audits
 - Audits were conducted; still awaiting report
 - Some expenses that were eligible in previous years were not considered eligible this year for reasons that are not clear
- 6) Action Items from Previous Meeting(s)
 - a) AGM – socially very successful with more slightly more attendees than in previous years; venue too expensive for future
 - b) Awards – nomination process should be revisited in fall as may be too onerous
 - c) Complexity Workshop – 2nd workshop held; ~ 25 participants; no proceedings to be produced from this one; future workshops would benefit from better advertising; may be one next year; suggestion that representation by increased range of disciplines incl. economist would be useful; suggestion that if widen attendance may need some sort of introductory session for those new to ideas
 - d) Geosciences Sub-comm. – deferred until next meeting
 - e) Community Radio – board not want this as board project but members may be interested in opportunity
 - **Rick to send out e-mail to members soliciting interest in organizing a program**
 - f) Website – page of upcoming funding opportunities not yet developed
 - **Kirsteen to work on**
 - g) Carbon offset
 - **Rick to send to Phil for trial**
- 7) 2010 BVRC Conferences
 - Interface planning conference/workshop being organised by Ray Chipeniuk with BVRC participation
 - Discussion about how to ensure that conferences meet BVRC mandate
 - Conference policy to be discussed further at May board meeting
 - Geosciences conference needs to be kick-started; needs catchy title
 - **Laurence to coordinate this via sub-committee; invite Andrea to join**
- 8) One Sky Car-share Coop
 - Discussed option of buying corporate membership
 - Would not save money; no room in budget right now; revisit in future
- 9) Strategic Plan Completion and Implementation

- Final minor edits needed; sign-off from last year's directors
 - **Debbie to do final edits for sign off at next meeting**
 - **Debbie and Anne and others to form standing committee on strategic plan implementation**
 - **Don and Debbie to write up visioning piece from strategic plan meeting and circulate**
- 10) New Funding Opportunities (standing agenda item)
- Agriculture research opportunities not discussed at strategic plan meeting; need to make overtures to agriculture community; deferred to May or June
- 11) BVRC contract/hiring policy
- Suggestion that policy should be revisited in light of current economic situation, new unemployment among members, strategic plan discussion of providing member services
 - Current policy reviewed by Rick; ≤ \$5K can be directly awarded without advertising; need to balance providing members with opportunities and administrative cost of running competition; is \$5K still the appropriate level given the increased unemployment among members?; researchers usually have team; most small contracts are related to administration
 - Needs further discussion
 - **All board members to think about policy and potential ways to improve it**
- 12) Election of Officers
- No quorum by this point in board meeting so deferred until May meeting
 - Don willing to stay on as Director of Operations (V.P); Brian willing to stay on as Treasurer; Anne willing to stay on as secretary but will step down if someone else wants to do this
 - **Debbie to contact Sybille to determine her plans**
 - **All board members to consider office of president if Sybille chooses to step down**
- 13) Other
- **Anne to create list of sub-committees and their members**

Next Meeting – May 10; Anne to chair

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes taken by Anne Harfenist