

Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting
May 10, 2010

Present: , Anne Harfenist (Chair), Brian Edmison, Rosemary Fox, Bob Mitchell, Irene Ronalds, Rick Budhwa (RPM), Sybille Haeussler, Laurence Turney, Tony Pesklevits

Absent: Phil Burton, Debbie Cichowski, Don Morgan, Andrea Kosalko

Note: monthly information update was circulated with agenda

1) Acceptance of Agenda, with one edit (2 items from “deferred” list moved to “active” action items).

- *Bob moved to accept; Anne seconded. Approved.*

2) Approval of April 12 draft Minutes.

- *Brian moved to adopt minutes; Irene seconded. Approved.*

3) Election of officers

Laurence Turney – President

Don Morgan – Vice President

Brian Edmison – Treasurer

Irene Ronalds – Secretary

- *Rosemary moved to elect slate, Brian seconded. Approved.*

4) Action items

Active:

- Geoscience sub-committee
Laurence is planning a meeting with Andrea Kosalko and Regina Saimoto next week to discuss opportunities for a conference next fall or winter.
- Strategic Plan – final edits
Rick to determine whether 2009 or 2010 Board should sign the final document.
Irene to make executive summary consistent with final document.
Laurence, Rosemary to do final English edit, rather than hiring it out.
Anne to look after web page.
- Community Radio
Rick to send notice out to members to solicit interest in participating.
- Budget – potential new supporting members
Rick to send Board the list of potential new supporting members he and Sheldon have come up with prioritized according to likelihood of success.
- Sub-committee list circulated by Anne before meeting fyi
- Not-for-profit/educational membership
Board agrees fee should be raised to \$100. This needs to be put to vote at next year’s AGM.
- Website – funding opportunities, and “BVRC results that have been incorporated into management”
Kirsteen is updating the list of potential funders that will be made available on the website.
Sybille suggested “BVRC Research that matters” as title for list of BVRC projects that have made a difference.
Sybille will prepare a prototype for one project, t and then send that around to Board to solicit additional examples. Kirsteen to send notice to researchers outside of Board for other examples.
- School Board – Science Fair support to teachers
Irene indicated that offering support for Science Fair at individual schools was easier than going through School Board. On a related topic she is also helping Karen McKeown find a permanent home for the ecology resource materials that she has collected over the years (now that Karen is no longer with MoF). Rick suggested NWCC’s new/expanded library. *Irene will discuss this with Karen. Ingrid Granlin is to make resource list available to teachers via email.*

- Bioblitz
Laurence to speak with Patrick Williston, when he returns, to pursue teaming up on an event that would focus on northern slope ecology along Hudson's Bay Mountain.

5) New Funding Opportunities

- Climate change Indicators

Larry McCollough and Liz Osborne responded to Laurence's notice. Their group proposal will be sent off May 11.

- White Bark Pine

New COSEWIC status as an Endangered Species opens up funding opportunities to study wbp:

Aboriginal Funds for Species at Risk
Habitat Stewardship Program for Species At Risk
Eco-Action Community Funding
CWF Endangered species
Federal Inter-Provincial Recovery Fund

If anyone has experience with these programs please call Sybille.

Alana now has NSERC funding to pursue a Doctoral Thesis on whitebark pine – congratulations to her!

- Commercialization of Knowledge
Sybille is pursuing this idea and will keep board posted.
- Applied Research at Colleges and Universities (SHRC, NSERC, CIHR)
Opportunities may arise at NWCC. *Rick to keep us posted.*
- Wetzin'kwa Grant application process closes tonight.
Several members have submitted science-based proposals.
Rick has submitted a proposal for some core funding for BVRC.
Dedicated funding for research within Community Forest is still an opportunity.

6) Conference Policy

Sub-committee (Anne, Rick, Laurence) struck to develop:

- A set of principles on the types of conferences BVRC is prepared to stand behind
- A set of rules/guidelines on how we go about running conferences, particularly when collaborating with other organizations

7) Response to MoFR restructuring and layoffs

Phil was to lead this discussion but could not attend. Discussed, but deferred to next meeting.

8) Hiring Policy

Need a transparent process for how members get on hiring list and how they are selected, when contracts are less than \$5000.

Rick to provide information on website in the form of "frequently asked questions"; and to insert into next BVRC Newsletter.

9) Newsletter

Anne, Rosemary and Irene to carry out.

Topics will include: AGM, Awards, Alana's research on whitebark pine, Interface conference highlights, and hiring policy.

Next Meeting – June 14

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes taken by Irene Ronalds