

**Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes
September 15, 2010**

Present: Sybille Haeussler, Debbie Cichowski, Tony Pesklevits, Andrea Kosalko, Rosemary Fox, Irene Ronalds, Kirsteen Laing (AM), Bob Mitchell, Brian Edmison, Don Morgan, Laurence Turney (Chair), Rick Budhwa (RPM)

Absent: Phil Burton, Anne Harfenist

1) Acceptance of Agenda

- *Brian moved to accept; Tony seconded. Approved.*

2) Approval of May 13 Minutes

- *Brian moved to accept; Laurence seconded. Approved.*

3) Action items

a. Geosciences subcommittee

Intent is to add a 3rd day to Smithers Exploration Group's (SEG) Rock Talk conference in mid February 8. Laurence met with them to discuss possible topics. Rock Talk day 1 is focused on review of all projects in the pipe for the NW; day 2 is a technical day on mineralogy, geochemistry. Day 3 has to be good to keep people interested. BVRC could lead a day on the cumulative social impacts of the large number of mining and mining-related projects that have the potential to come to fruition simultaneously, creating development pressures similar to those being experienced now in the NE. Other ideas for the day include: case histories from other regions; visioning for NW; and, ways in which mining projects might connect more effectively with communities.

- Laurence to pursue this further with Rick, Bob, and to meet again with SEG.

b. Strategic Plan

- Needs to be signed off by Phil Burton.

c. 2010 Budget discussion and Supporting Membership Drive

\$16,000 shortfall projected

- Rick has 3 good leads which he will follow up with letters.
- Don to write to Summit Reforestation; Andrea to approach Association of Mineral Exploration Companies and Mining Association of BC; Laurence : Canfor; Debbie: MoE; Bob: MoFR; Don: ILMB.
- Rick to put together a write-up on the benefits of becoming a supporting member.

d. Conference policy on BVRC website for review and comment

Solicit comments from conference organizers and participants at each conference.

Terms of Reference for conference organizers

- Board members to send comments to Rick

e. Community Radio

Opportunity for radio input posted on website

Notice will also go out to membership along with other items soon.

f. Website

Upcoming funding opportunities, Kirsteen has posted a list, deadlines to be added.

Research topic areas

- Tony to meet with Kirsteen and Taylor Bachrach (web designer) to build a cover page that provides a more linked approach to BVRC research areas, what we've done, and where we want to go in the future. A Ven diagram approach.

g. NW Data sharing network

For BVRC data and other projects in the NW

- Don to expand on this and cost it out, and discuss with Johanna Pfalz, Dave Amirault, and Rick Budhwa.

Ongoing/Deferred

h. Ecology Resource Materials

- Irene to confirm with Karen McKeown when she is back in town.

i. Bioblitz

- Laurence to pursue with Patrick Williston when he is home.

j. Carbon offset

Phil is testing tracking method.

k. School Board

Dropped as BVRC agenda item.

4) New Funding Opportunities

Wetzin'kwa Grants : several BVRC applications were successful: Rare and Sensitive Ecosystems; Valley Vision; Laptop Share initiative.

Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions: Sybille has posted these on BVRC website, deadline Nov.1, she is pursuing Sustainable Communities category, Low Carbon Economy category posted as well.

5) Scholarship update

This year, the \$750 scholarship was awarded to Alana Clason awarded \$750 for her PhD in forest ecology at UNBC. Fund is dwindling. 5% contributed from all memberships, including supporting members. Phil to be asked if he would resume his "funding drive".

6) New Business

- Statistics for Biologists course proposed by Laurence.
 - Action: Laurence to ask Carl Schwarz what he would charge; discuss organizing course with Laurie Kallio at NWCC.
- Wetzin'kwa would like to set up a formal Research Subcommittee for the Community Forest with 3 members from BVRC. Marie-Lou LeFrancois is steering the committee. Sybille, Tony, Bob, possibly Phil interested in participating.

Meeting adjourned. Next meetings Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec.8, 15:30 BV Centre

Minutes taken by Irene Ronalds