

Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes
October 13, 2010

Present: Sybille Haeussler, Debbie Cichowski, Tony Pesklevits, Irene Ronalds (Secretary), Kirsteen Laing (AM), Bob Mitchell, Don Morgan, Phil Burton, Anne Harfenist, Laurence Turney (Chair), Rick Budhwa (RPM)

Absent: Brian Edmison, Andrea Kosalko, Rosemary Fox

1) Acceptance of Agenda

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

2) Approval of May 13 Minutes

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

3) Action items

- **NW Data-sharing Network**

Don presented the general conceptual plan,

1. BV centre data – requires management
2. Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust – data requires management
3. NW Data-sharing Network – has some funding, requires a home and someone to manage it.

Don suggests these could all come under the BV Centre umbrella. Don introduced Dave Amirault, who has offered to volunteer to help get this off the ground.

Action: Don to meet with Rick, and Johanna Pfalz to draft an agreement between the BVRC and the NW Data Sharing Network regarding how data would be managed, protected, and accessed.

- **Geosciences Sub-committee**

Laurence discussed progress to date. **Action:** Laurence is meeting with Steering Committee next week. Companies will be encouraged to participate. Facilitator will be needed for conference. Timeline could be tight for Feb/March conference. Date may have to be moved back.

- **Strategic Plan**

Action: Phil to send signature electronically to complete sign-off of plan.

- **New supporting members list**

Rick feels he has at least 3 good leads, and he will continue to build list. Deb will approach MoE. If no luck with individual government ministries, Tony suggests approaching SRMC collectively for one supporting membership.

A draft letter is available for writing invitational letters. This prompted discussion around what BVRC is able to offer supporting members: a partnership, an opportunity to help set and contribute toward research priorities, as well as to draw on our expertise to answer their questions.

- **Conference policy**

Rick still open for further comments.

- **Website – Research topic areas**

Tony presented his concept, generally moving away from “silo” approach to a more interdisciplinary “over-lapping circles” approach. The principle themes that research could be organized under are: Community Resilience; Fisheries and Aquatic Ecosystems; Terrestrial Ecosystems and Biodiversity; Climate Change; and Cultural Resources. Tony added that this started out as a communication exercise, but that it has ended up being a strategic exercise as well.

Action: Board to review Tony’s hand out and provide feedback. Tony to work with Kirsteen Laing and Taylor Bachrach.

- **PICS**

Deferred to next meeting.

- **Statistics Course**

Cost of 3 day course with Carl Schwarz is \$4000, plus travel expenses. General feeling is that there is enough interest out there in the community to cover these costs.

Action: Laurence to continue to pursue this.

4. New Business

- **Fall Newsletter**

Anne, Rosemary, Irene, Kirsteen to contribute.

Nadina project suggested as a centre piece.

Action: please send any other newsletter suggestions to newsletter group (above).

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

Minutes taken by Irene Ronalds