

**Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes
February 9, 2011**

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

Absent: Anne Harfenist, Andrea Kosalko, Rosemary Fox,

1) Acceptance of Agenda

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

2) Approval of Jan. 12 Minutes

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

3) Agenda reorganization

In order to move through the agenda more efficiently, information item updates to be presented early in agenda, followed by more strategic items for Board discussion and decision.

Information updates

a. Geosciences Subcommittee

Subcommittee to meet next Wednesday. Leah Malkinson suggested as a potential representative from government as she is directing a Cumulative Effects Case Study. Intended date for conference remains November 2011. Three aspects of cumulative effects: geosciences, business, and policy. “Integrated area-based decision making” is the new terminology.

b. Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions

BVRC-One Sky proposal rejected.

Don to hear on his proposal in March.

Action: Discussion lead to Sybille initiating a letter to MLAs advocating funding for sustainability research – this will be ongoing and brought back to Board for further discussion until the time is right to send out.

c. Statistics for Biologists course

Venue to be CFTC Nadina office. Date is March 14-16. Cost \$500/participant.

Board discussion and decision required

d. Wetzin’kwa Joint Research Committee update

Tony prepared a well-structured DRAFT Terms of Reference to clarify (for BVRC) how the joint WCFC/BVRC would operate.

Decision: Board is in support of TOR.

Action: BVRC subcommittee to decide on next steps with WCFC . WCFC/BVRC needs a facilitated meeting to determine Research Program Objectives and a prioritized Research Plan.

e. New Board Members

1 Board member stepping down; 2 candidates discussed.

Action: Laurence/Board to seek replacement for 1 Board member.

f. AGM planning

Mar.1 date kept as is.

Action: Laurence to present Annual Review with input from Don and Rick. Rick to prepare annual summary of BVRC operations. Review to include overview of new directions the Board is exploring.

Survey (Kirsteen) to go to members as memberships are reviewed, asking for feedback and questions, especially in relation to new directions, and ideas from the membership.

g. Awards Nominations / Evaluations

2 nominations have come in for the Pojar award (1 new one, one received late last year) and 1 nomination for the Irving Fox award.

Action: Sybille nominated Dave Coates as Awards Evaluator. Dave to find 1 member and 1 nonmember for committee.

h. Strategic Plan Implementation

A facilitated session to focus on strategic direction April 13

Outcomes to include: direction for Rick; what we can offer to supporting members; what other services we might be able to provide.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting April 13, 15:30 BV Centre

Minutes taken by Irene Ronalds