

**Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting**

April 13, 2011

Present: Sybille Haeussler, Debbie Cichowski, Phil Burton, Laurence Turney (Chair), Brian Edmison, Irene Ronalds, Kirsteen Laing (AM), Paul Wojdak, Greg Knox, Don Morgan, Rick Budhwa (RPM)

Absent: Andrea Kosalko, Tony Pesklevits, Alison Beal

1) Acceptance of Agenda

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

2) Approval of Feb. 9 Minutes

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

3) Welcome new board members

Alison Beal, former Executive Director of the Fur Institute of Canada.

Greg Knox, Executive Director of Skeena Conservation Trust.

Paul Wojdak, recently retired Regional Geologist B.C. Ministry of Energy and Mines.

4) Monthly update - comments

Statistics course required 15 participants to run; only 9 registered, so course deferred to September in effort to get 15 participants.

5) Board discussion and decisions required

a. BVRC Membership of board members

General response is not to spend a lot of time on this.

Action: deferred until board member is present.

b. 2011 Operating Budget

Due to the decline in research contracts, the center ran a deficit of \$23,000 in 2010. Numerous budget cuts have been made, but in order to maintain the office, accounting and research program management support at a minimal level, it is anticipated that the center will have to run a further deficit of \$15,000 in 2011. These funds are drawn from a surplus account that had accumulated in the previous years.

Action: Brian moved that budget be accepted as presented. Laurence seconded.

c. BVRC visioning

Action: Deb and Don to prepare an outline of BVRC research plan initiated in 2010.

Rick is updating Communications and Marketing Plan.

d. Extension of James Schwab report

Action: Tony is looking after peer review

Press release, website post, appropriate and timely distribution to Joint Review Panel all discussed, decisions pending.

e. Skeena Environmental Sustainability Summary

Don spoke with Nathan Cullen recently who identified this summary as a useful means of communicating research priorities to MLAs.

Action: Don to pursue further. This could flow in part from visioning action item c.

f. Letter to MLAs advocating funding for sustainability research

Action: Sybille to prepare a draft letter and circulate it to the board for review and comment.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for May 11, 15:30 BV Centre.

Minutes taken by Irene Ronalds