

Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management

April 22, 2003

Present: Brian Edmison, Irving Fox, Rosemary Fox, Sybille Haeussler, Anne Harfenist, Jim Pojar, Paul Sanborn (by phone); Frank Doyle; Tom Buri

Agenda

- 1) Approval of draft minutes of March 4 meeting
 - 2) Business arising from last meeting
 - 3) Project Proposal Update
 - 4) Communications
 - 5) Membership and Recruiting
 - 6) Research Planning Committee
 - 7) Budget and Fundraising
 - 8) Other
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- 1) Approval of March 4 draft minutes
 - **Irving moved to adopt, seconded, adopted**
 - 2) Business arising from March 4 meeting
 - **Carl to re-circulate governance paper with revisions**
 - 3) Project Proposal Update
 - four proposals submitted under auspices of the Centre to Canadian Forest Service Mountain Pine Beetle program
 - three proposals submitted to FII under auspices of the Centre
 - Next major funding opportunity is Softwood Lumber Adjustment
 - Program criteria are expected soon. Bulkley Valley is eligible, and Sharon Robertson of Nadina has indicated that some of the work of the Centre would be eligible
 - This may be a chance to revise and resubmit the original Vancouver Foundation proposal, to get start-up funds for the Centre
 - Submitting a quality proposal in short times will require some dedicated effort.
 - Agreed to seek a contractor to work with board to “brainstorm” concepts for program, and to develop subsequent proposal
 - **Kevin to contact Sharon Robertson and get program details when they are available,**
 - **Kevin to contact Carmen Wheatley, Deborah Sargeant and Ivan Thompson to see if they are available for this project.**
 - 4) Communications
 - Website completion is underway.
 - Jim is going to do interview with Interior News
 - **Kevin and Sybille to figure out how to post minutes to website**

- **Kevin to bring a draft procedure for managing minutes on website to next directors meeting (timing, scope, etc)**

5) Membership

- **Kevin to prepare a mailing list of First Nations organizations in the Northwest, and a draft letter of introduction for the Centre**
- **Tom to seek Richard Overstall's advice on how we approach First Nations**
- **Frank to contact Northwest Community College**

6) Research Planning Committee

- Candidates with a confirmed interest in being on RPC: Sharon Robertson, Don Reid, Dave Coates, Phil Burton, Frank Doyle, Harold Reedy, Lawrence Turney, Irving Fox
- Candidates not yet confirmed: Melissa Todd, Larry McCulloch, Kate Smallwood, Tracy Somerville
- The initial list (above) has a good mix of background and interests, except for being short on fisheries/aquatic resources
- **Sybille to contact Dave Bustard re participation on RPC**
- **Frank to draft a letter of invitation to participate in RPC, with ToR attached, for candidates who confirm their interest**
- **Following first meeting of RPC, a revised ToR, with final list of membership will be submitted to the Directors for approval**

7) Budget and Fundraising

- Brian tabled a financial summary.
- **Agenda for next Directors meeting to include a proposed business plan and budget forecast for the fiscal year.**

Next meetings: May 13; 2:00 to 5:00

June 24th; 2:00 to 5:00

Motion to adjourn moved by Rosemary, seconded by Jim, passed

Minutes taken by Kevin Kriese

List of Proposals Submitted to Date

Canadian Forestry Service (CFS) – Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) Initiative

A Natural Disturbance-based Experimental Framework for Monitoring and Understanding Ecosystem and Successional Responses to Mountain Pine Beetle Epidemics.

BV Centre would be the project manager in all cases.

1. A retrospective study using permanent research plots.
-project leaders: Jim Pojar, Phil Burton
-1 year; \$95,000
2. Plot establishment, management treatments, and outbreak monitoring in new permanent research plots.
-project leader: Phil Burton
-5 years; \$508,000
3. Vegetation, regeneration, microclimate, nutrients, and hydrological monitoring.
-project leader: Phil Burton
-5 years; \$492,000
4. Stand-level modeling of silvicultural strategies in MPB-damaged stands.
-project leader: Dave Coates
-2 years; \$124,000

Forestry Innovation Investment (FII)

- 1) Managing Forest Stands and Landscapes for Snowshoe Hares and Lynx.
-proponent: BV Centre
-lead researcher: Don Reid
-2003/04 - \$66,000
- 2) Growth Prediction of Canopy Trees in Complex Structured Mixed-Species Stands.
-proponent: BV Centre
-lead researcher: Dave Coates
-2003/04 - \$85,000
- 3) Effects of Thinning and Fertilization on Subalpine Fir (*Abies lasiocarpa*)
-proponent: West Fraser Mills Ltd., Pacific Inland Resources Division (PIR)

-BV Centre a “partner” (in FII parlance), not a “collaborator”; therefore we wouldn’t levy the administration fee

-BV Centre supports the proposal in principle, and agrees to assist in data analysis and report preparation, as well to provide advice and counsel regarding scientific rigour, on two conditions

- PIR becomes a member of the Centre (not yet)
- the proposed budget identifies funds to cover the involvement of the Centre, and publication of the results in a suitable peer-reviewed journal (such funds have been included)