

**Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes**  
**April 25, 2012**

**Present:** Laurence Turney (Chair), Sybille Haeussler, Tony Pesklevits, Irene Ronalds, Brian Edmison, Don Morgan, Rick Budhwa (RPM), Adrian de Groot, Harvey Tremblay, Regina Saimoto

**Absent:** Alison Beal, Phil Burton, Greg Knox

**1. Acceptance of Agenda**

*Adrian moved to accept, Don seconded, approved.*

**2. Approval of February 8 Minutes**

*Irene moved to accept, Laurence seconded, approved.*

**3. Election of Officers (Laurence)**

Sybille Haeussler, President

Don Morgan, Director of Operations, Vice-president

Brian Edmison, Treasurer

Irene Ronalds, Secretary

**4. Scheduling and Content of Board Meetings**

Over the past year we have had to cancel meetings due to lack of quorum. Possibly some of the meetings could be replaced by email communication and reporting. With fewer meetings we could possibly get a stronger commitment to meetings that are held.

**Decision:** *Meetings to remain monthly at present. Timing changed to Monday evenings 7:00-8:30 to 9:00pm.*

Agenda needs to indicate items for decision. Need to prepare materials before hand, and use subcommittees more often, reporting out at board meetings. Board needs to be prepared to make decisions by email at times.

5-year plan and action items need to be better-identified.

Annual Operational plan – is required, specifying big themes and items not specified in Strategic Plan such as cumulative effects and resilience research.

**Action:** *Research Planning subcommittee to update Annual Operational Plan. Harvey to join this subcommittee.*

**5. Communications and Marketing Subcommittee**

**Action:** Subcommittee prepared a one pager describing the BVRC's 3 principal areas of focus: community nexus; project administration; and, research for sustainability and stewardship. **Board to review and provide feedback.**

Subcommittee is asking Amanda to present a proposal on how to communicate this out to broader audience.

## **6. Operations Update**

### **Cumulative Effects Conference Update (Rick)**

Funding subcommittee – sponsorship menu with scaled packages has been prepared.

Program subcommittee – work ongoing to identify speakers.

Mtg Friday at college from 12:00 to 2:00pm.

**Budget Update** – deferred to next meeting

**CE** – no new news

### **New/ Ongoing Projects**

Groundbreakers has a small grant proposal which they would like to run through the BVRC.

BWMT - ongoing

CRB – next 3 years

Ramp – ongoing, a BVRC project

Process threatened by a few stakeholders and may need stronger facilitation to avoid derailment. Government needs to clarify what the process is and what the rules are. Kevin Eskelin to attend next meeting. Rick in process of finding a facilitator.

**7. Research Planning Subcommittee** – out of time, deferred to next meeting.

**8. Contributions to Northwest Regional Science Fair** – deferred to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting May 28, Monday 7:00 pm.

June meeting tentatively scheduled for June 25.

Minutes were taken by Irene Ronalds.