

**Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes**  
**December 17, 2012**

**Present:** Sybille Haeussler, Irene Ronalds (Secretary), Don Morgan, Phil Burton (phone), Brian Edmison, Greg Knox, Regina Saimoto, Adrian de Groot (Chair), Rick Budhwa (RPM, skype)

**Absent:** Laurence Turney, Alison Beale

**1. Acceptance of Agenda**

*Rick moved to accept, Brian seconded, approved.*

**2. Approval of Nov 21 Minutes**

*Don moved to accept edited minutes, Phil seconded, approved.*

**3. Operations Update**

Introduction of Amalesh Dhar. Amalesh is originally from Bangladesh, and he has just completed a post Doc at UNBC. He has received an Industrial NSERC Grant that has allowed BVRC to hire him for 2 years. Amalesh is working on MPB natural regeneration succession studies, the Date Creek succession project, and likely the whitebark pine project as well.

Adding it All Up conference proceedings are almost complete and will be ready early in the new year. Hudson Bay Lodge bill is still to arrive, as well as Jill's invoice. Conference evaluations have been summarized and will be circulated.

**4. Northwest Community College Dec 4 lunch meeting update**

Regina, Laurence, and Alison met with Denise Henning, NWCC president, to explore potential relationships that could be mutually beneficial. The College is open to continue looking for opportunities and Regina would support it.

The idea of video-conferencing BVRC seminar series to other campuses and possibly UNBC in Terrace was discussed. In Phil's experience the speaker phone and a power point file is the most flexible. Sybille suggested using this as a special event on a trial basis.

**Action:** *Regina to send the college campuses and UNBC our seminar titles as they are announced, and the Colleges will respond to arrange video-conference if there is interest.*

**5. Strategic Plan Amendments**

Goal 5: Enhanced trust and capacity for sustainable resource management, is almost complete. Wording was discussed and some refinements suggested, including changes to Appendix 1.

Greg expressed concern that the goals of our strategic plan may not be realistic given our capacity. Irene suggested that rather than amend the 5 Year Strategic Plan again, we identify what is achievable each year by means of the Annual Operational Plan. Sybille suggested that the Operational Plan be put in place by April.

**Action:** *Sybille to finalize amendments to Strategic Plan by next meeting.*

**6. Data-Sharing Network Update**

Don explained that Johanna Pfalz has been developing a long-term strategy for data collaboration, storage, and sharing, to be covered by project costs. The data that the centre has

produced over the years is potentially part of our asset base, if it is properly managed and stored. Don is looking into using Cloud Storage as a longer-term data storage solution, but it is not finalised yet. A directory structure is required. Drop Box is the agent at present and may cost roughly \$1400 this year, and could be a stepping stone to a more formalized and broader data sharing network.

***Action:** Rick's outline of a comprehensive 5 year plan for data network, as discussed at November Board meeting, forthcoming at next board meeting.*

## **7. 2013 AGM & planning – 10 year anniversary.**

### **AGM Date set to be February 25, 2013**

***Action:** Rick to organize event for Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, putting together a slide show highlighting projects over the last 10 years; advertise in the community; invite the mayor.*

## **8. 2013 Meeting Dates planning**

Wednesdays 3:30-5:30pm. Generally the second Wednesday of each month.

Proposed dates: Jan 16; Feb. 13 (if needed), March 20, Apr 17, May 15, June 12.

## **9. New Business**

Phil has an opportunity to sponsor a young research student from Germany. Phil would use most of her time but she could be available in March, April, and June for BV Research Centre work. Regina offered space at the College.

***Action:** Rick to put together a list of projects that this student could work on.*

Sybille mentioned that with the AGM approaching, it is time for award nominations.

***Action:** If anyone has recommendations for the Jim Pojar award and Irving Fox Award – they should contact Sybille.*

*Irene proposed to adjourn meeting, Don seconded, approved.*

**Next meeting: Monday Jan 16 2013, 3:30 to 5:30 pm**