

MINUTES

Meeting of the BVRC Board of Directors

Date – January 15th, 2014

Location – BVRC Office, 3883 3rd Avenue, Smithers, BC

Present: Sybille Haeussler (chair), Adrian de Groot (minutes), Don Morgan, Richard Overstall, Phil Burton (phone), Laurence Turney, Brian Edmison,

Absent: Alison Beal, Regina Saimoto, Greg Knox, Greg George, Harvey Tremblay

Staff Present: Rick Budhwa,

Topic and Discussion	Motion	Action	Due Date	Responsibility
1. Review of Agenda				
Agenda accepted	Brian moved, Richard seconded			
2. Review of Minutes				
December 2013 minutes, accepted as amended	Richard moved, Phil seconded			
3. Finances				
Nothing to present				
4. Agenda Items:				
4a. Smithers -Telkwa Rural Official Community Plan				

<p>BVRC contribution to Smithers -Telkwa Rural Official Community Plan (OCP) presented by Bob Mitchell, former Board Member. Essentially covers Electoral Rural A.</p> <p>Put forth idea to have combined OCP for Electoral area, Smithers and Telkwa. Got unanimous support from OCP committee but Rural A and Smithers Council did not take up the idea.</p> <p>No First Nations participation.</p> <p>Process used ecological and recreational values maps.</p> <p>Agricultural and rural residential are main land use designations.</p> <p>Main issues 1. Will wording in OCP stand up to legal challenges, 2. Agriculture land being converted to gravel pits, 3. Potential industrial building on unstable slopes.</p>		<p>Open house for OCP in February</p>		
<p>4b. Information and Knowledge Mgmt Conference – April 17-18, 2013</p>				
<p>Rick working with BC Climate Action Secretariat (CAS) and other groups on the organization of the event. Purpose of event is knowledge management, with an added section on climate change adaptation.</p>		<p>Follow up with CAS.</p> <p>Steering committee to meet and report back.</p>		<p>Rick, Don</p>
<p>4c. Morice Watershed Monitoring Trust</p>				
<p>Presentation on how Morice Watershed Monitoring Trust is set up and how it works by Richard Overstall. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Trust agreement needs to be signed.</p> <p>There is a need for a document about the Morice Watershed, a vision for a Morice watershed monitoring program plan that would include the Moore funding, Apache, a vision for soliciting additional funding, and an outline of how the program would be managed.</p>		<p>- Circulate to board grant agreement between BV Centre and Moore Foundation</p> <p>- Sign trust agreement</p> <p>- Write document on Morice watershed</p>	<p>By Jan 20, 2014</p>	<p>-Rick</p> <p>-Richard, Don, Rick</p> <p>-Don and Rick</p>
<p>4d. AGM</p>				

<p>AGM – Wed. March 12, 2014 Event planning, theme - Staff Nominations committee – Sybille and Laurence Awards – Laurence and Sybille Regional science fair in April, after AGM, but might be able to get someone from a school science fair to come to AGM.</p>		<p>Follow up on Science Fair presentation possibilities</p>		<p>Sybille, Laurence, Kirsteen Laurence</p>
<p>5. New Business</p>				
<p>5a. Smithers Exploration Group</p>				
<p>Smithers Exploration Group (SEG) has an informal monthly meeting to talk about the mining industry. Topic of the amount of money spent of Environmental Assessments, and inefficiencies was brought up. Could the BVRC have a role in facilitating data management and access to data?</p>		<p>Make presentation to SEG</p>	<p>At the next SEG meeting</p>	<p>Don</p>
<p>5b. Other New Business</p>				
<p>None</p>				
<p>6. Closing Comments and Remarks</p>				
<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, Feb 12, 2014, meeting adjourned</p>	<p>Adrian moved, Richard seconded</p>			