

Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting
May 16, 2006

Present: Sybille Haeussler (Chair), Dave Bustard, Tom Buri, Brian Edmison, Rosemary Fox, Anne Harfenist, Kevin Kriese, Carl vanderMark, Rick Budhwa (RPM), Kirsteen Laing (AA)

- 1) Acceptance of Agenda
 - *Anne moved to accept; Rosemary seconded. Approved.*
- 2) Approval of April 11 Minutes
 - *Brian moved to adopt minutes with amended meeting date; Rosemary seconded. Approved.*
- 3) FORREX Director
 - *Brian moved that Kevin Kriese continue to represent the Board on the FORREX northern steering committee; Anne seconded. Approved.*
- 4) Office Space Update
 - search for office space is ongoing
- 5) Meeting Efficiency
 - discussion about improving efficiency by reducing “information only” items
 - monthly update to be circulated no later than Friday before a meeting updating Board on items not requiring Board direction; agenda to include a summary line or two referring to update.
 - discussion about clarity of agenda wrt direction being sought from board
 - agenda will concisely state direction sought on each item; motions will be included for substantive items and actions for other items
- 6) Hiring of Research Associate
 - potential tradeoff between local capacity building and research excellence discussed; agreed that research excellence is priority
 - possibility of incorporating local-based M.Sc student in program will be considered
 - importance of using opportunity to generate future research proposals emphasized.
- 7) Operating Plan Update
 - **Rick will circulate draft plan for comment and approval at next Board meeting**
- 8) Forest Investment Account – Forest Science Programme
 - financial audit June 14
 - should revisit resolution wrt requiring sub-contractors to carry insurance before next call for proposals
- 9) Research Projects
 - Skeena River project proceeding
 - Habitat Supply Modelling proposal submitted
 - **Rick to solicit potential lead researcher for modeling project; possibly using ad through Bioserve**
- 10) New Business
 - information sharing protocol with BC government natural resource ministries discussed
 - newsletter due in June
 - **Rosemary, Kirsteen and Anne to coordinate newsletter**
 - **all Board members to submit articles to Rosemary and Anne**

Next Meeting – June 13

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes taken by Anne Harfenist