

Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting
Sept. 18, 2007

Present: Sybille Haeussler (Chair), Phil Burton, Brian Fuhr, Brian Edmison, Rosemary Fox, Anne Harfenist, Jim McCormack, Laurence Turney, Rick Budhwa (RPM), Kirsteen Laing (AA)

Note: Monthly information update circulated with agenda

- 1) Acceptance of Agenda
 - *Anne moved to accept; Jim seconded. Approved.*
- 2) Approval of June 12 Minutes
 - *Rosemary moved to adopt minutes; Brian E. seconded. Approved.*
- 3) Communications
 - website has been revamped; comments, requested changes etc. should be passed to Kirsteen
 - in light of the increased number of projects in progress and resulting personnel hired this year, BVC should attempt to publicize the significant economic impact that we are having in the region; project and personnel summaries will be available at end of September so publicity should follow
 - **staff to work on a media communication**
 - **Anne to write a letter to Nadina Community Futures**
- 4) Meeting Times
 - among board members present, Weds. 15:30-17:30 are best times for board meetings.
 - **All board members to contact Sybille about availability to meet on the following dates: Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 16, Feb. 13, March will be AGM, April 9, May 14, June 11**
- 5) Research Program News
 - All projects proceeding without significant problems
 - upcoming FIA-FSP proposal call; decided not to hold a proposal writing workshop specifically for FIA-FSP this year – instead will hold one later in the year focusing on more diverse funding sources
- 6) Use of Office Space by Visiting Researchers
 - in general, board supports offering free short term office space to visiting researchers; staff to deal with each case as situation allows
- 7) Peer Review Policy Sub-committee
 - to begin re-drafting policy this fall
 - **Anne to circulate draft by next board meeting**
- 8) Follow-up to Forest Communities Proposal
 - all collaborators have been/to be thanked
 - **Jim to look into potential to use FIA or MPB \$\$ to look at effects MPB on community**
 - **Sybille to find out who is now in charge of community forest**
 - **Jim to see if projects submitted in Forest Comms. Proposal eligible for FIA or Mt. Pine Beetle Initiative funding (Rick to send list to Jim)**
- 9) New Business
 - a) Minerals North Trade Show to be held in Smithers, April 16-18, 2008
 - board supports having booth and creating a display for trade shows emphasizing our broad range of research expertise, implementation of research ideas and strengths in project management and program coordination; BVC fundamentals to be emphasized as well
 - will be good opportunity for BVC members to become involved; board members to be solicited for involvement
 - **Sybille to sign up for booth**
 - **staff to prepare budget for display**
 - b) Statistics Course Sponsored by BVC
 - **Don to pursue**

Next Meeting – tentatively set for Oct. 10 at BVC office @ 15:30

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes taken by Anne Harfenist