

Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting
Nov 12, 2008

Present: Sybille Haeussler (Chair), Brian Fuhr (Minutes), Jim McCormack, Bob Mitchell, Laurence Turney, Rick Budhwa (RPM), Phil Burton, Rosemary Fox, Don Morgan
Note: monthly information update was circulated with agenda

1) Acceptance of Agenda

Rosemary moved to accept; Phil seconded. Approved.

2) Approval of last Minutes

Jim moved to adopt minutes; Laurence seconded. Approved.

3) Action Items from Oct meeting

- a. Newsletter (**Anne & Rosemary**, ongoing)
- b. Sharepoint - **Laurence** to provide a summary of sharepoint options by next meeting
- c. Foundation access document (circulated, for discussion – see 5 below)
- d. Research quality assurance procedures. Discussion revolved around the distinction of QA for peer reviewed science vs other projects the BVC delivers. Scientific papers need to include peer review in the proposal. **Laurence** to circulate a revised draft.
- e. Map out sections of strategic plan for upcoming meetings (**Anne** for Dec.; December's subject to be membership engagement)
- f. Develop board evaluation tool (**Sybille** for Dec.)
- g. Develop checklist for BVC meeting effectiveness (**Sybille** for Dec.)

4) Research Quality Assurance Procedures (see 3d above)

5) New Research Associate (Rick) Good response to posting. Board supported the need for including the commitment of the candidates to this area

6) Foundation Access document (for discussion; document circulated). We had a lively discussion regarding the issues surrounding the perceptions of independence in research. The Board supported pursuing Foundation funding provided we can maintain the principles under which we were formed. **Rick** will revise the Discussion Paper on this topic.

7) New Business

Next meeting Dec 10 – **Debbie** to chair

Christmas social – Dec 19 – including readings from book debuts from famous authors.