

Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting
November 16, 2009

Present: Anne Harfenist (Chair), Phil Burton, Sybille Haeussler, Debbie Cichowski Brian Edmison, Rosemary Fox, , Don Morgan, Irene Ronalds, Laurence Turney, Bob Mitchell

Rick Budhwa (RPM), Kirsteen Laing (AM)

Absent: Jim McCormack, Brian Fuhr,

Note: monthly information update was circulated prior to the meeting

1) Acceptance of Agenda

- *Debbie moved to accept; Laurence seconded. Approved.*

2) Approval of October 19 Edited Minutes (circulated by Irene)

- *Sybille moved to adopt minutes; Bob seconded. Approved.*

3) Action Items

- *Scholarship – accepted by Nicole Glover, a NWCC student from Terrace*
- *Membership Survey – no further action at this time*
- *Wetzin’Kwa – sub-committee struck – Sybille to provide report under item 6.*
- *New North Foundation – Phil made some inquiries. The foundation appears to be striving to build a bridge between industry and entrepreneurs and UNBC researchers.*
- *Radio – BVRC invited to use air time for local research dissemination. Sybille spoke w Ingrid Granlin to see if she would be interested in interviewing local researchers on air (it could be pre-recorded). Example would be an interview w Doug Steventon on flying squirrel research in the Wetzin’Kwa Community Forest. Board asked to think about a good name for the radio show.*

4) Alternative Structure Options and Quarterly Financial Report

- *Good news is BVRC has not had to use savings to pay for admin to date*
- *Admin costs and overhead savings by allocating to projects wherever appropriate*
- *Salmon Conference helped to offset some expenses*
- *Upcoming follow-up conference not likely to dip into savings*
- *Christmas Open House discussed – budget to be same as last year*

5) New Funding Opportunities

- *Rick to meet w Pat Moss this week to learn more about foundations approachable for potential salmon research funding*
- *Rick has also looked into BV Foundation training funds for non-profits*
- *Don has looked into Oil and Gas commission*
- *Brian E. described how BC Gov supporting NWCC Exploration School, integration and knowledge transfer w First Nations, social mentorship programs, Federal funding available as well*
- *Regina Saimoto and Rick Trowbridge of NWCC behind a Geoscience program for College*
- **Action: BVRC to strike a Geoscience subcommittee chaired by Laurence Turney – Brian E. to help as well; possible BVRC roles include: educational; referrals; quality assurance; sustainability and cumulative effects assessment**
- *Laurence to seek participants from outside Board*
- *Conference on cumulative effects assessment or mine reclamation suggested*

6) Wetzin’Kwa – BVRC meeting

- *Sybille organized a productive meeting of Wetzin’Kwa Board Members and interested members of the BVRC;*
- *Wetzin’Kwa Board members to take the ideas back to their larger Board*
- *Relationship / roles of Wetzin’Kwa and BVRC discussed*
- *Wetzin’Kwa interested in all types of research that has occurred within the community forest boundaries, past, present, and future*
- *Potential establishment of systematic and secure research sites*
- *Wetzin’Kwa has potential to provide seed money that could help leverage other funding sources, and several of the meeting participants have ideas and potential connections to university research programs*
- *Wetzin’Kwa to develop a website*

- *Ingrid Granlin hired 1 day/week as Community Outreach Coordinator – available to help increase community awareness of research within community forest*

7) BVRC Strategic Plan

- *Targets, Objectives, and Strategies paper circulated for review*
- *Send comments to Bob, Jim, Don and Debbie by Dec. 4 so that they can be incorporated into plan by next board meeting*
- *Debbie offered to rewrite some of the targets to address objectives (not the strategies)*

Next Meeting – Monday December 14 at BVC office @ 15:30; Deb to chair

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes taken by Irene Ronalds