

**Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting – Draft Minutes
December 8, 2010**

Present: Sybille Haeussler, Tony Pesklevits, Andrea Kosalko, Brian Edmison, Rosemary Fox, Irene Ronalds, Kirsteen Laing (AM), Bob Mitchell, Don Morgan, Rick Budhwa (RPM)

Absent: Anne Harfenist, Debbie Cichowski, Phil Burton, Laurence Turney

1) Acceptance of Agenda

- *Rosemary moved to accept; Andrea seconded. Approved.*

2) Approval of Nov. 10 Minutes

- *Rosemary moved to accept; Bob seconded. Approved.*

3) Action items

a. Geosciences Subcommittee

No news. No funding for conference at present. Emily McGiffin a potential addition to subcommittee – she has been hired by Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition to research mining reclamation.

b. New Supporting Members update

Nothing new.

c. Conference Policy

Action: Rick to meet with Anne to discuss policy.

d. Website

Tony met with Steve Osborn and Rick, and conversation is ongoing.

Items under discussion include: what themes to organize under and the important role that themes play; greater clarity in roles the Centre plays vis-a-vis research and community engagement; how to allocate limited resources to lines of business.

Action: Tony to meet with Kirsteen and Taylor soon regarding technical aspects of website. Tony to prepare a mock-up of website for January Board Meeting.

e. Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions

Sybille was asked to participate in a Royal Roads University non-timber forest economy proposal to be submitted under PICS's Social Mobilization theme. The project supports the BVRC-One Sky proposal submitted to PICS. Sybille requested a letter of support from BVRC for this RRU project. Approved. *Action:* Sybille to draft the letter.

Don is writing a proposal under Resilient Ecosystems theme, to further work underway on 3 vulnerability assessments.

f. Statistics for Biologists course

Course prep is well under way, to be advertized through NWCC for spring.

g. Fall Newsletter

To be completed before Christmas. Rosemary and Sybille have completed their pieces. *Action:* Anne and Irene to submit articles to Kirsteen.

h. Wetzin'kwa Joint Research Committee update

Relationship between Wetzin'kwa subcommittee and BVRC still being worked out. *Action:* Sybille to notify Mary-lou; Bob, Tony, Sybille to present BVRC vision of how relationship could work.

4. New Funding Opportunities

BVRC needs to take a proactive approach to engaging with the mining industry. Mining companies look to consulting firms for “science in the private interest”, while environmental groups engage in ideologically driven science. BVRC undertakes “Science in the public interest” which is not being fulfilled (or funded) at present. *Action:* revisit Strategic Plan in the New Year, in light of this discussion.

5. New Business

Christmas Social, a date to be set asap.

Science Fair – Regional fair in Hazelton this year. Idea of BVRC offering prize money for environmentally-minded project was discussed as an excellent way to reinforce sustainability and to promote the BVRC. Given present financial constraints several board members offered to donate money personally on behalf of the BVRC so that the prize would be revenue neutral to the BVRC.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Jan.12, 15:30 BV Centre

Minutes taken by Irene Ronalds