

**Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes**  
**June 8, 2011**

**Present:** Debbie Cichowski, Laurence Turney (Chair), Brian Edmison, Irene Ronalds, Kirsteen Laing (AM), Paul Wodjack, Don Morgan, Rick Budhwa (RPM), Tony Pesklevits, Alison Beale

**Absent:** Greg Knox, Sybille Hauessler, Andrea Kosalko, Phil Burton, Paul Wodjak

**1) Acceptance of Agenda**

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

**2) Approval of April 13 Minutes** (May 18 Board Meeting canceled due to lack of quorum)

- *Tony moved to accept; Alison seconded. Approved.*

**3) Monthly update – comments**

**Communications and Marketing Plan Update**

**Action:** Appendix A – to be reviewed and prioritized by Visioning group. The objective is to identify an achievable list of tasks, and to achieve a balance of “reactive” activities, versus planned activities.

**4) Board discussion and decisions required**

**a. Extension of James Schwab report (Brian, Tony)**

Report is undergoing peer review at present.

**Action:** Tony has asked Rick to follow up with Brant Ward (UBC) to see that review is completed in a timely fashion.

**Related information item:** Martin Geertsma, Geomorphologist, Ministry of forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, is doing a talk on pipeline construction in unstable terrain June 21.

**b. BVRC visioning (Rick, Don, Deb)**

Nothing to report yet.

**Action:** Don, Deb, Alison, Irene, Tony to meet to review Marketing and Communications Plan Update action items and proceed with visioning.

**c. Letter to MLAs advocating funding for sustainability research (Sybille)**

Sybille absent.

**d. Spring Newsletter (Irene)**

Irene is writing two stories: (1) Sybille and Alana’s Whitebark Pine Restoration project, and (2) Don’s Climate Change Adaptation project. Irene will also summarize the WBP piece for Interior News for Sybille. Rick has asked/will ask Mark Wong to write a short summary of his Laptop Share project. Newsletter will also include acknowledgement of Rosemary Fox, Anne Harfenist, and Bob Mitchell’s contributions over the years, and a short piece on this year’s BVRC award recipients. Newsletter is to be completed by the end of June.

**e. Bioblitz July 31<sup>st</sup> weekend (Laurence)**

Patrick Williston is planning this and it is set for the July 31<sup>st</sup> weekend. Location will be Twin Falls area. List has been drawn up of Biologists participating.

**5) New Business**

**a. Presentation with Habitat Conservation Trust Fund re project proposals (Laurence /Alison)**

HCTF now a foundation, no longer under government programs.

Alison has organized an information session with HCTF rep for June 14, at NWCC

**b. Monthly Communications /Media Ideas (Laurence)**

Goal to submit an article on a monthly basis, Prince George to Prince Rupert.

**Action:** Alison to write article on journal donations from Dave to BVRC library; Irene to summarize Sybille's Whitebark Pine Restoration project.

**c. Other**

Rick, Laurence Regina Saimoto (NWCC) to meet with Crown Lands and Remediation office (Seke Dene agreement) and SNC-Lavalin regarding opportunities within the Reclamation Plan and Remediation Process. Potentially \$300,000 of work is available cleaning up old mine sites, and reviewing new (orphaned mine) sites for reclamation. NWCC School of Mineral Exploration and Mining can offer local job training; BVRC can offer a flexible network of researchers with a variety of expertise. Brian suggested using this as case study for November mining conference.

**Meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for Sept. 14, 15:30 BV Centre.**

Minutes taken by Irene Ronalds