

**Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Annual General Meeting, March 30th, 2009**

Directors Present: Sybille Haeussler (Chair), Brian Edmison, Rosemary Fox, Brian Fuhr, Anne Harfenist, Jim McCormack, Bob Mitchell, Don Morgan, Irene Ronalds, Laurence Turney

Support Personnel present: Rick Budhwa, Amanda Follett, Beth Henderson, Kirsteen Laing, Marie-Lou Lefrançois, Hilary Thorpe

23 additional members and 6 guests present

- 1) Acceptance of Agenda
 - *Doug Steventon moved to accept agenda; Anne seconded. Approved.*
- 2) Acceptance of minutes from 2008 AGM
 - *Bob. moved to accept; Dave Coates seconded. Approved.*
- 3) Annual Report from Board of Directors circulated and reviewed by Don
 - *Rosemary moved to accept report; Anne seconded. Approved.*
- 4) Annual Financial Statement and list of projects circulated and reviewed by Brian E.
 - *Doug Steventon moved to accept statement; Rosamund Pojar seconded. Approved.*
- 4) Waiving of appointment of auditor
 - *Bob moved to waive the appointment of an auditor; Rosemary seconded. Approved.*
- 5) Membership Fee Structure
 - *Bob Mitchell moved to keep fees at 2008: \$50 for associate members, \$50 for non-profit/educational groups and \$2000 for supporting members; Marie-Lou seconded. Approved.*
- 6) Board Election
 - proposed slate presented; includes 2008 board members plus new member Irene Ronalds
 - no alternative candidates were proposed at AGM
 - *Rosemary moved to elect proposed slate of Directors; Frank Doyle seconded. Approved.*
- 7) New Business
 - Anne Hetherington suggested that the Centre review the draft Smithers Official Community Plan in light of our mandate and interest in climate change. A brief discussion about our role in advocacy and/or education followed, including role for Centre in reiterating scientific consensus with supporting evidence from studies in our region. Topic will be discussed at the April meeting of the Board of Directors. Anne Hetherington to provide information to board.
 - Sybille encouraged members to bring ideas to the Centre and start in new directions, to get out and make things happen.
- 8) Adjournment
 - *Don moved to adjourn; Laurence seconded. Approved.*

Minutes taken by Anne Harfenist