

Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting
December 14, 2009

Present: Debbie Cichowski (Chair), Jim McCormack, Phil Burton, Sybille Haeussler, Rosemary Fox, Don Morgan, Irene Ronalds, Laurence Turney, Bob Mitchell, Rick Budhwa (RPM), Kirsteen Laing (AM)

Absent: Brian Fuhr, Brian Edmison, Anne Harfenist

Note: monthly information update was circulated prior to the meeting

1) Acceptance of Agenda

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

2) Approval of November 16 Edited Minutes (circulated by Irene)

- *Phil moved to adopt minutes; Irene seconded. Approved.*

3) BVRC Alternative Structure Options for 2010

- \$16,000 shortfall over 2009 administrative budget
- Some funding still pending but nothing really substantial
- Office lease up March 31st, still appears to be best deal around at present
- Confident that budget shortfall can be made up by hosting a conference

4) Action Items

- Wetzin'Kwa – now has a website, summary of research within community forest to go on website; will discuss BVRC subcommittee research ideas at their upcoming (Wetzin'Kwa) board meeting
- Community Radio – “Valley Research” proposed as name for radio hour, more suggestions due by next meeting
- Geoscience Subcommittee – Laurence met w Andrea, Regina, Bob, Brian and Don. Will have discussion w Smithers Exploration group. Report again in January.
- School Board – Irene spoke w Barb Turney (Muheim PD rep) back in May regarding approaching School Board to arrange Science Fair oriented Professional Development Day for teachers. After discussing the idea further w Barb Turney and w Karen Price, a better approach appears to be to go to the individual schools. Karen met w Muheim teachers in November, on a thursday after school, to find out what their questions were and to offer ideas. This was a success. Karen has offered further support in January.
 - On a related topic, Irene met w Karen McKeown and invited Ingrid Granlin to join them to look at the ecology and natural history materials Karen M has collected and provided to teachers over the years. Karen to compile a list of materials available for teachers. Ingrid to distribute list to schools offering the materials for loan. **Action:** *Irene to prepare an invitation to BVRC members to offer their expertise to teachers.*
- Town – Sybille spoke w Jennifer Nichols at Salmon workshop, she works for Fraser Basin Council on “something to do w community conversation on climate change” and might lead to a similar effort in Skeena Basin – **Action:** *Irene to follow up.*

5) New Funding Opportunities

- Canadian Environmental Assessment office - Enbridge intervener funding discussed, but appeared to be more of an advocacy role than neutral science role, so will not pursue. **Action:** *Rick to send email to membership informing them of the opportunity*
- Vancouver Foundation – creating two new areas of interest in 2010 – “increasing scientific understanding” and “climate change”, February deadline for letter of intent. **Action:** *Rick to pursue further.*

6) BVRC Strategic Plan

- New draft, targets now reflect objectives, rather than strategies
- Don to speak w Rick early January
- January workshop (Jan 25th of Feb 1st) to review next draft so plan can be completed by April
- Mission and values need review (different in 4 different places).

7) Complexity Workshop

- Sybille will proceed with this.

8) Awards

Nominating committee: Sybille, Debbie, 3rd person?

Evaluation committee: Phil chair, rosemary, a non-Board member?

Action: *Kirsteen to send notice re nominations; also looking for committee people.*

Next Meeting – Monday January 11 at BVRC office @ 15:30; Deb to chair

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes taken by Irene Ronalds