

**Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 10, 2010**

**Present:** , Anne Harfenist (Chair), Brian Edmison, Rosemary Fox, Bob Mitchell, Irene Ronalds, Rick Budhwa (RPM), Sybille Haeussler, Laurence Turney, Tony Pesklevits

**Absent:** Phil Burton, Debbie Cichowski, Don Morgan, Andrea Kosalko

Note: monthly information update was circulated with agenda

1) Acceptance of Agenda, with one edit (2 items from “deferred” list moved to “active” action items).

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

2) Approval of April 12 draft Minutes.

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

3) Election of officers

Laurence Turney – President

Don Morgan – Vice President

Brian Edmison – Treasurer

Irene Ronalds – Secretary

- *Rosemary moved to elect slate, Brian seconded. Approved.*

4) Action items

Active:

- Geoscience sub-committee  
*Laurence is planning a meeting with Andrea Kosalko and Regina Saimoto next week to discuss opportunities for a conference next fall or winter.*
- Strategic Plan – final edits  
*Rick to determine whether 2009 or 2010 Board should sign the final document.*  
*Irene to make executive summary consistent with final document.*  
*Laurence, Rosemary to do final English edit, rather than hiring it out.*  
*Anne to look after web page.*
- Community Radio  
*Rick to send notice out to members to solicit interest in participating.*
- Budget – potential new supporting members  
*Rick to send Board the list of potential new supporting members he and Sheldon have come up with prioritized according to likelihood of success.*
- Sub-committee list circulated by Anne before meeting fyi
- Not-for-profit/educational membership  
Board agrees fee should be raised to \$100. This needs to be put to vote at next year’s AGM.
- Website – funding opportunities, and “BVRC results that have been incorporated into management”  
*Kirsteen is updating the list of potential funders that will be made available on the website.*  
*Sybille suggested “BVRC Research that matters” as title for list of BVRC projects that have made a difference.*  
*Sybille will prepare a prototype for one project, and then send that around to Board to solicit additional examples. Kirsteen to send notice to researchers outside of Board for other examples.*
- School Board – Science Fair support to teachers  
Irene indicated that offering support for Science Fair at individual schools was easier than going through School Board. On a related topic she is also helping Karen McKeown find a permanent home for the ecology resource materials that she has collected over the years (now that Karen is no longer with MoF). Rick suggested NWCC’s new/expanded library. *Irene will discuss this with Karen. Ingrid Granlin is to make resource list available to teachers via email.*

- Bioblitz  
*Laurence to speak with Patrick Williston, when he returns, to pursue teaming up on an event that would focus on northern slope ecology along Hudson's Bay Mountain.*

#### 5) New Funding Opportunities

- Climate change Indicators

Larry McCollough and Liz Osborne responded to Laurence's notice. Their group proposal will be sent off May 11.

- White Bark Pine

New COSEWIC status as an Endangered Species opens up funding opportunities to study wbp:

Aboriginal Funds for Species at Risk  
Habitat Stewardship Program for Species At Risk  
Eco-Action Community Funding  
CWF Endangered species  
Federal Inter-Provincial Recovery Fund

If anyone has experience with these programs please call Sybille.

Alana now has NSERC funding to pursue a Doctoral Thesis on whitebark pine – congratulations to her!

- Commercialization of Knowledge  
*Sybille is pursuing this idea and will keep board posted.*
- Applied Research at Colleges and Universities (SHRC, NSERC, CIHR)  
Opportunities may arise at NWCC. *Rick to keep us posted.*
- Wetzin'kwa Grant application process closes tonight.  
Several members have submitted science-based proposals.  
Rick has submitted a proposal for some core funding for BVRC.  
Dedicated funding for research within Community Forest is still an opportunity.

#### 6) Conference Policy

*Sub-committee (Anne, Rick, Laurence) struck to develop:*

- A set of principles on the types of conferences BVRC is prepared to stand behind
- A set of rules/guidelines on how we go about running conferences, particularly when collaborating with other organizations

#### 7) Response to MoFR restructuring and layoffs

Phil was to lead this discussion but could not attend. Discussed, but deferred to next meeting.

#### 8) Hiring Policy

Need a transparent process for how members get on hiring list and how they are selected, when contracts are less than \$5000.

*Rick to provide information on website in the form of "frequently asked questions"; and to insert into next BVRC Newsletter.*

#### 9) Newsletter

*Anne, Rosemary and Irene to carry out.*

Topics will include: AGM, Awards, Alana's research on whitebark pine, Interface conference highlights, and hiring policy.

### **Next Meeting – June 14**

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

Minutes taken by Irene Ronalds