

**Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management  
Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes  
September 15, 2010**

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

**Absent:** Phil Burton, Anne Harfenist

**1) Acceptance of Agenda**

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

**2) Approval of May 13 Minutes**

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

**3) Action items**

**a. Geosciences subcommittee**

Intent is to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> day to Smithers Exploration Group's (SEG) Rock Talk conference in mid February 8. Laurence met with them to discuss possible topics. Rock Talk day 1 is focused on review of all projects in the pipe for the NW; day 2 is a technical day on mineralogy, geochemistry. Day 3 has to be good to keep people interested. BVRC could lead a day on the cumulative social impacts of the large number of mining and mining-related projects that have the potential to come to fruition simultaneously, creating development pressures similar to those being experienced now in the NE. Other ideas for the day include: case histories from other regions; visioning for NW; and, ways in which mining projects might connect more effectively with communities.

- Laurence to pursue this further with Rick, Bob, and to meet again with SEG.

**b. Strategic Plan**

- Needs to be signed off by Phil Burton.

**c. 2010 Budget discussion and Supporting Membership Drive**

\$16,000 shortfall projected

- Rick has 3 good leads which he will follow up with letters.
- Don to write to Summit Reforestation; Andrea to approach Association of Mineral Exploration Companies and Mining Association of BC; Laurence : Canfor; Debbie: MoE; Bob: MoFR; Don: ILMB.
- Rick to put together a write-up on the benefits of becoming a supporting member.

**d. Conference policy on BVRC website for review and comment**

Solicit comments from conference organizers and participants at each conference.

Terms of Reference for conference organizers

- Board members to send comments to Rick

**e. Community Radio**

Opportunity for radio input posted on website

Notice will also go out to membership along with other items soon.

**f. Website**

**Upcoming funding opportunities**, Kirsteen has posted a list, deadlines to be added.

### **Research topic areas**

- Tony to meet with Kirsteen and Taylor Bachrach (web designer) to build a cover page that provides a more linked approach to BVRC research areas, what we've done, and where we want to go in the future. A Ven diagram approach.

### **g. NW Data sharing network**

For BVRC data and other projects in the NW

- Don to expand on this and cost it out, and discuss with Johanna Pfalz, Dave Amirault, and Rick Budhwa.

### **Ongoing/Deferred**

#### **h. Ecology Resource Materials**

- Irene to confirm with Karen McKeown when she is back in town.

#### **i. Bioblitz**

- Laurence to pursue with Patrick Williston when he is home.

#### **j. Carbon offset**

Phil is testing tracking method.

#### **k. School Board**

Dropped as BVRC agenda item.

## **4) New Funding Opportunities**

**Wetzin'kwa Grants** : several BVRC applications were successful: Rare and Sensitive Ecosystems; Valley Vision; Laptop Share initiative.

**Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions:** Sybille has posted these on BVRC website, deadline Nov.1, she is pursuing Sustainable Communities category, Low Carbon Economy category posted as well.

## **5) Scholarship update**

This year, the \$750 scholarship was awarded to Alana Clason awarded \$750 for her PhD in forest ecology at UNBC. Fund is dwindling. 5% contributed from all memberships, including supporting members. Phil to be asked if he would resume his "funding drive".

## **6) New Business**

- Statistics for Biologists course proposed by Laurence.
  - Action: Laurence to ask Carl Schwarz what he would charge; discuss organizing course with Laurie Kallio at NWCC.
- Wetzin'kwa would like to set up a formal Research Subcommittee for the Community Forest with 3 members from BVRC. Marie-Lou LeFrancois is steering the committee. Sybille, Tony, Bob, possibly Phil interested in participating.

**Meeting adjourned. Next meetings Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec.8, 15:30 BV Centre**

Minutes taken by Irene Ronalds