

**Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting
January 12, 2011**

Present: Tony Pesklevits, Andrea Kosalko, Debbie Cichowski, Phil Burton, Brian Edmison, Rosemary Fox, Irene Ronalds, Kirsteen Laing (AM), Laurence Turney (Chair), Rick Budhwa (RPM)

Absent: Sybille Haeussler, Anne Harfenist, Bob Mitchell, Don Morgan

1) Acceptance of Agenda

- *Rosemary moved to accept; Andrea seconded. Approved.*

2) Approval of Dec. 8 Minutes

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

3) Action items

a. Geosciences Subcommittee

Meeting planned for Feb 8, 9:00am

b. New Supporting Members update

Canfor declined, partly due to limited ability to direct research at BVRC.

Idea brought up of assessing “value for dollar spent” on BVRC research program to date, to determine which sectors have benefited from the program – to be discussed further at annual Research Planning workshop.

c. Conference Policy

Rick has received feedback from Anne and Steve. **Action:** revised document to go on website as “working policy”.

d. Website

Action: Tony to have mockup ready for next month.

e. Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions

No news yet.

f. Statistics for Biologists course

Course is set for March 15-17. **Action:** Laurence to determine fees and post on website.

g. Fall Newsletter

Irene, Rosemary, Kirsteen, Anne - completed just before Christmas

h. Wetzin’kwa Joint Research Committee (Bob, Tony, Phil)

BVRC vision is to provide oversight to the research program, not technical review.

Action: BVRC subcommittee to meet with Wetzin’kwa Board before next meeting to work out actual working relationship.

i. Strategic Planning workshop regarding “Science in the Public Interest” related to mining

Existing policy subcommittee includes Debbie, Don, and Anne. Someone needed to take the lead. Phil pointed out that BVRC is not unique in need for core funding at present. Andrea suggested we revisit the Marketing and Communications Plan as well. Action step is to be determined at next Board meeting.

4. New Funding Opportunities

No news.

5. New Business

New Board member recruitment (Rick)

Action: Present Board members to let Laurence know if they are staying on by next Board meeting.

Member Services

Irene and Tony brought up idea that BVRC is more than just the Board and Staff, yet website does not describe the broader membership. BVRC could provide a space where members who are interested could advertise. The cost of this service was discussed. **Action:** Kirsteen to add question to annual membership survey asking who would be interested in this service and would they be willing to pay for it. Irene suggested that this could also be an item for discussion at Strategic Planning Workshop.

AGM Date

Tuesday, March 1st

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Feb. 9, 15:30 BV Centre

Minutes taken by Irene Ronalds