

Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes
June 8, 2011

Present: Debbie Cichowski, Laurence Turney (Chair), Brian Edmison, Irene Ronalds, Kirsteen Laing (AM), Paul Wodjack, Don Morgan, Rick Budhwa (RPM), Tony Pesklevits, Alison Beale

Absent: Greg Knox, Sybille Hauessler, Andrea Kosalko, Phil Burton, Paul Wodjak

1) Acceptance of Agenda

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

2) Approval of April 13 Minutes (May 18 Board Meeting canceled due to lack of quorum)

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

3) Monthly update – comments

Communications and Marketing Plan Update

Action: Appendix A – to be reviewed and prioritized by Visioning group. The objective is to identify an achievable list of tasks, and to achieve a balance of “reactive” activities, versus planned activities.

4) Board discussion and decisions required

a. Extension of James Schwab report (Brian, Tony)

Report is undergoing peer review at present.

Action: Tony has asked Rick to follow up with Brant Ward (UBC) to see that review is completed in a timely fashion.

Related information item: Martin Geertsma, Geomorphologist, Ministry of forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, is doing a talk on pipeline construction in unstable terrain June 21.

b. BVRC visioning (Rick, Don, Deb)

Nothing to report yet.

Action: Don, Deb, Alison, Irene, Tony to meet to review Marketing and Communications Plan Update action items and proceed with visioning.

c. Letter to MLAs advocating funding for sustainability research (Sybille)

Sybille absent.

d. Spring Newsletter (Irene)

Irene is writing two stories: (1) Sybille and Alana’s Whitebark Pine Restoration project, and (2) Don’s Climate Change Adaptation project. Irene will also summarize the WBP piece for Interior News for Sybille. Rick has asked/will ask Mark Wong to write a short summary of his Laptop Share project. Newsletter will also include acknowledgement of Rosemary Fox, Anne Harfenist, and Bob Mitchell’s contributions over the years, and a short piece on this year’s BVRC award recipients. Newsletter is to be completed by the end of June.

e. Bioblitz July 31st weekend (Laurence)

Patrick Williston is planning this and it is set for the July 31st weekend. Location will be Twin Falls area. List has been drawn up of Biologists participating.

5) New Business

a. Presentation with Habitat Conservation Trust Fund re project proposals (Laurence /Alison)

HCTF now a foundation, no longer under government programs.

Alison has organized an information session with HCTF rep for June 14, at NWCC

b. Monthly Communications /Media Ideas (Laurence)

Goal to submit an article on a monthly basis, Prince George to Prince Rupert.

Action: Alison to write article on journal donations from Dave to BVRC library; Irene to summarize Sybille's Whitebark Pine Restoration project.

c. Other

Rick, Laurence Regina Saimoto (NWCC) to meet with Crown Lands and Remediation office (Seke Dene agreement) and SNC-Lavalin regarding opportunities within the Reclamation Plan and Remediation Process. Potentially \$300,000 of work is available cleaning up old mine sites, and reviewing new (orphaned mine) sites for reclamation. NWCC School of Mineral Exploration and Mining can offer local job training; BVRC can offer a flexible network of researchers with a variety of expertise. Brian suggested using this as case study for November mining conference.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for Sept. 14, 15:30 BV Centre.

Minutes taken by Irene Ronalds