

BVCRB-Bulkley Valley Community Resource Board

Draft Minutes

Date: May 13, 2019, Smithers Town Office

Present: Eric Becker, Ron Vanderstar, John Fisher, Bob Mitchell, Ted Vanderwart, Cor VanderMeulen
Absent: Karen Price, Matt Sear, Cor VanderMeulen, Brian Swansberg

Chair: Ron

Recording: Sue Brookes

Next Meeting Date June 17, 2019, Smithers Council Chambers, followed by a social.

Trails Database

Brandy Hughes present.

New database - Francois Depey has been working by the hour and got about \$600 worth invested in labour. He's approximately 3/4 the way done doing data entry and organization of the structure. He's started with 30 records in the BVBV backpackers list. Eric has knowledge of more than 300 trails - there are likely way more. Spark Design hasn't responded to any inquiries, apparently Spark Design has ceased to exist as a business.

Brandy has a few questions like

- our capacity to take this on
- promotion on the internet and consequences
- will there be a contact name? Yes, the contact will be the board's general email address and then messages will be redirected first to the member responsible for the project, then to sponsors.
- condition updates - maintenance of a certain safety standard and responsible party designations
- how do we bridge the gap between clubs that maintain trails and those trails that don't
- do sponsors need a waiver from land owners for trails on private land? what happens if the land is sold?

There was some discussion about Brandy's questions but essentially they are not applicable to the creation and maintenance of the database.

Brandy's job is promotion, she is worried about questions and phone calls about particular trails once the database goes on line.

Board discussion included:

- the clubs are the sponsors & BC Parks is also a 'sponsor', Rec. Sites and Trails wouldn't be listed
- questions should be directed to the sponsor, this will be specified on the dbase interface
- all trails are use at own risk - again this will be on the user interface
- the board makes no promises as to maintenance levels or safety.

Further discussion:

- we list the trail - whether the sponsor is known or unknown. Whether it is on private land or not. It would also be listed as a user maintained trail and cautioned with use at own risk.
- to claim a trail as a sponsor or volunteer there could be a function in the dbase to automate this update. Eventually lots of fields could be automatically updated by creating and allowing sponsor

passwords and access and building an interface for sponsors. This could still be moderated by our team before the changes go live.

- database update dates will be obvious on the dbase's user interface.
- questions about keeping the dbase current are legit - how many inquiries we get after going live is unknown, if we are overwhelmed we can take it down and outsource it some of the management requirements.
- a web designer is hard to find. Perhaps an RFP should go out to the paper. Who built the ministry of mines interactive maps?
- Eric has been getting letters of agreement from private land owners.
- user data - this will be useful for future development, initially comments are not tracked as a field in the dbase. There is an effort to create a regional recreation area in the BVLVD.
- eco systems - Telkwa Mtns - they can sponsor and verify this data.
- Brandy indicated trail inventories are useful for forestry licences, mineral and exploration permit holders. They access the trail index that Brandy already maintains. (Sponsored trails only.)

Bottom Line:

- Brandy could approve a \$1000 contribution toward Winter RAMP.
- Brandy indicated she would like to see more than the SPARK quote for development but she is willing to budget \$1000.00.

*****Action Item** - Ron to provide Brandy with a formal request for \$1000 toward Winter RAMP updates

*****Action Item** - Chirstof and Sue send Eric contact info. for IT or website designers they know

*****Action Item** - Ron to provide Brandy with a formal request for \$1000 toward the database development

Organizational

8:15 pm the Apr minutes are approved with minor changes. No objections.

New business. Bob has 2 new items.

Financial Update: \$12500 in acct, \$750 wetzinkwa funds, \$2300 of which is summer RAMP funds which can be used for the trails dbase. BVUCU has our account, funds are managed by Ron.

Range Management Planning

The original letter is out of the scope of the board's responsibilities. Karen says she didn't get many comments and so has no letter drafted. Eric and Ron have commented.

Discussion:

Cor's suggestion was that people buying crown lands be warned. It should be the responsibility of the licences but the government should require this contact and tell us how it will be monitored and enforced! Also how does the Ministry embrace continued improvement?

Environmental impact issues should be addressed to the MOE not Agriculture.

*****Action Item** - Karen please draft letter with what comments you do have

*****Action Item** - All send fresh comments to Karen

Telkwa Coal Update - Ted

Summary: Much is biology, ecology and environmental technical documentation. Monthly or bimonthly meetings include topics on caribou, First Nations guardians funding, comments on the value component of

the document - like the wolverine - which is excluded as a value component. Another discussion was the discharge of water.

We have no assurances that terms or conditions in permitting are met. There is no enforcement agency or procedure for when terms are noticeably not met. In the LRMP we need to maintain the opportunity for coal exploitation and cannot put this ahead of other values in the LRMP.

Our value is that of a voice for the other values in the LRMP.

Some discussion about the glacier and its value in LRMP terminology.

Discussion went briefly to the pellet plant - and their not doing meeting terms and conditions. Materials for the pellet plant are coming from sources identified in the plan but also private land aspen. Licences to log this resource are now issued by BC Timber Sales despite its value if it were to remain in eco systems.

News

Lichens in pine forest - have a 10% recovery after a fire. Turns out all Tweedsmeer summer and winter Caribou habitat has been burned - Caribou have no option but to migrate or die.

*****Action Item** - Sue find ad. from interior news 2.5 years - 3 years ago, update it w/website and link to brochure. Send to Ron for review, Ron to organize the run of the ad. and payment.

Year End

Discussion: Members who are leaving -please identify their responsibilities in writing and consider whether they have signing authority and so on. Looks like we need 2 more signatories next year.

June 17 Christof's Bday. Diner option? Last year \$75 spent on a meal, what about inviting sponsors, funders and/or retirees to an event? Board split about using money for this.

It's agreed we go to the Smithers brewery after the next meeting.

*****Action Item** - Bob to scan an ad. in Van. Sun and send to us, FYI - I forget what it was about.

*****Action Item** - retirees list responsibilities and whether you have signing authority, bring to next meeting

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