

CLAYOQUOT BIOSPHERE TRUST

Terrestrial Committee

Monday, February 4th, 2008

USS Band Room, Ucluelet,

6–9 pm

Meeting Notes and Next Steps

In Attendance: Billy Wilton, Steve Lawson, Jessica Hutchinson, Barb Beasley, Liam McNeil

Guests: Gary Johnsen, Maryika Mychajlowycz, April Charleson

Staff: Rebecca Vines, Jean Wylie

1. Dinner was provide 6:00 – 6:30

Rebecca thanked everyone for attending and volunteering to the Committee process. As there were a few guests, the meeting opened with a round of introductions.

2. The recent minutes and agenda were approved.

Guest Speaker ~ Gary Johnsen, Chairman of the Central Region Board provided an update in regards to forestry interests. Gary expressed concerns regarding the upcoming Forestry Information Session. He provided some insight to the way that forestry companies operate, including the competitive nature of the industry and the need to have many different plans for future operations. Gary suggested that he will urge the TFL holders to send representatives to the Terrestrial Committee. This conversation is the beginning of a longer dialogue and surfaced ideological differences.

3. CBT Update

The 2007 Call for Projects has been completed. The Board approved the project funding recommendations provided by the Committees. In a few instances the amount of funding was adjusted in order to fund the entire package. Proponents have been advised and their funds are being distributed. David Fraser will be attending the 3rd World Congress for Biosphere Reserves in Madrid, Spain. Upon his return we will provide an update at the next meeting. Rebecca will be traveling to Peru with the USS Global Ed Class as one of the chaperones. We are in the beginning stages of advertising for the Executive Director position. David has been on an interchange agreement from Environment Canada and will be returning to his position there in August 2008. We will be advertising locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. The advertisement will be out by mid February. The Board has just recently approved our draft core priorities and the 2008 Business Plan.

4. 2006 Project Funding

All final reports are in and are now available through our webpage. Go to Projects; enter tab, Funded Archive section.

5. Review of Committee Roles & Responsibilities

Committee members acknowledged what is working and had a few suggestions for change and improvements.

Working;

- overall working great
- quite comfortable with staff chairing the meetings
- call for funding went really well, not as stressful as last year

Not working;

- volunteer members have moved, change is inevitable

- within the region, we are generating a lot of waste, as of April 01 there will be not more recycling in Tofino and the District will not be responsible until August 08. Big concern especially being the tourist town that we are.

Recommendations;

- invite First Nations, researchers,
- include the new Forest Communities Program
- getting government/municipal representatives involved as well, may be interesting, and hear what is going on in the townships, etc.
- it would be good to build a wish list and develop something bigger than what we have in way of funds, give more back to the proponents, communities and not have to turn someone away because they got funding before

6. 2007 Call for Projects

Committee members acknowledged what is working and had a few suggestions for improvements.

The new application form really worked well and helped to keep the process well organized.

Rebecca advised that there will be the same funding available as previous year, 100K. Presently the multi-year funding \$40K has been committed.

7. Discretionary Funding Update

There were no new funding requests to review.

Rebecca advised the orthophoto's that were purchased are on the way in the mail. Audrey Pearson is still interested in coming out to do a companion talk where we could let the public access the photos.

Jessica provided a brief overview of the forestry event planned for Saturday, March 8/08, to be held at the Weigh West Inn, Coho Room from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. The committee took the time to draft up general, non-confrontational questions ahead of time for the presenters.

8. Visiting researcher Sharmalene Mendis-Millard

Sharmalene invited the Committee's input to her current research on biosphere reserves.

9. Next Meeting

Terrestrial Committee Event, March 8, Forestry Session, Tofino.

Next regular meeting, Thurs. April 24th, Ucluelet.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 p.m.