

**CLAYOQUOT BIOSPHERE TRUST
BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes**

**Thursday, March 18, 2010
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Ittatsoo Community Hall
Ucluelet First Nation, BC**

In Attendance: Don McMillan, Larry Baird, Gary Johnsen, Eric Russcher, Violet Clark, Bruce Lucas, Dan Edwards, Denise Kowshowski, and Lorraine Cameron

Regrets: Darcy Dobell, Clive Pemberton, Simon Tom Sr., Kim Seward-Hannam, Don Radford, John Platenius

Staff: Curtis Cook, Rebecca Hurwitz, Jessie Fletcher and Jean Wylie

Guest: George Walkem and Brenda Clayton

Meeting commenced at 6:10 p.m.

Consent agenda:

1. Minutes from the January 21, 2010 Board of Directors Business Meeting.
2. Meeting Agenda

Moved by Larry Baird, seconded by Eric Russcher to approve the Consent Agenda.

Approved by Consensus

Regular Meeting:

3. Reports
 - a) Executive Director, Curtis presented his report provided in Board package.
 - b) Executive Committee, Don advised all items in recent Executive Committee meeting are included in this Agenda.
 - c) Treasurer/Investment Committee, Gary provided a brief. The fund is presently at \$13.05 million – it has been hovering around \$13 million for the past few months and the CBT just needs to be patient as investment returns will improve.
 - d) Secretary, Eric advised all files are in order and he just signed off on Jan. 21 Minutes that were approved earlier.
 - e) Report for Committees, Rebecca provided an overview. All committees have been meeting. Thank you to the Director's who provided expertise to the Ad Hoc Community Development Committee, Call for Funding. It was very much appreciated by staff.
 - f) Correspondence, (Request to move Item # 8. New Board appointments
Curtis reviewed the correspondence received from: District of Ucluelet, Ahousaht Nation and Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

Moved by Eric Russcher, seconded by Violet Clark to approve Reports as presented and to accept two new appointments to the Board, welcome to Bill Irving, Alternate for Ucluelet and Curtis Dick Alternate for Ahousaht Nation.

Approved by Consensus

Discussion: Eric Russcher expressed concerns regarding the re-appointment of a Director who has missed a number of meetings over the past year. He suggested the CBT Executive contact the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District regarding this appointment. The Directors

requested a letter from the Co-Chairs be sent to communicate CBT Board policy regarding meeting attendance and to clarify the re-appointment.

4. CBT Call for Projects

Rebecca provided a very informative presentation on the Committee's funding recommendations.

Question: Will there be a final report on the Food Security Initiative?

Yes, once it is all wrapped up by March 31, a Final Report on the project will be circulated. The report is required by the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Moved by Gary Johnsen, seconded by Dan Edwards to approve the funding recommendations as presented.

Approved by Consensus

4. CBT AGM

Curtis spoke on the upcoming AGM and reviewed the enclosed documents.

Moved by Eric Russcher, seconded by Violet Clark to approve the AGM date of May 13, 2010 and supporting documents (documents attached and circulated for appropriate signatures).

Approved by Consensus

5. 2008 Final Reports

Rebecca presented and overview regarding final reports for 2008 funded projects (work conducted in 2009). All report were due in by end of January, and those that were expected have been received and are available for review at the meeting or upon request after the meeting. Four proponents requested extensions and Rebecca is comfortable in approving those requests. Any delinquent projects are to be addressed by the Executive Director.

Moved by Larry Baird, seconded by Eric Russcher to approve CBT publication of 2008 Final Reports (report attached), as well as, grant extensions to the 4 proponents.

6. UNESCO Review

Curtis provided a brief update of the review process taking place during May 9-14, 2010. Also advised he received word from George Francis who will head the review, that a Draft Review package is in the mail and Maureen Reid and Sharmalene Mendis-Millard will also assist in the process.

7. Board appointments

A motion will be sought regarding the two appointments (letters attached). See 3. f above.

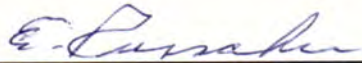
Discussion regarding CBT's Salmon Priority:

Dan Edwards spoke regarding the salmon situation and elaborated that, globally, the species could be endangered by 2040. He brought the book *Sea Sick*, by author, Alanna Mitchell, to the Directors attention as it discusses climate change, acidification, CO2 increases and other factors affecting fish species and ocean health. The author is also in the region for the Pacific Rim Whale Festival 2010. Dan emphasized the extreme importance of the CBT Board's fundraising commitment and acknowledged John Platenius' generous donation of time for the Website as an example. Dan also acknowledged the Marine and Aquatic speaker series as an excellent initiative.

Recommended by Eric Russcher to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

I hereby certify these Minutes as correct.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Russcher", written in a cursive style.

Eric Russcher, Executive Secretary for CBT