

SRSF Steering Committee Meeting MINUTES April 20th, 2001

Present: Tony Davis, John Wagner, Lynn Patterson, Monica Diochon, Kay Wallace, Pat Rhynold, Ginny Boudreau, Christie Dyer, Jessica Paterson

Regrets: Tony Charles, Richard Apostle, Sandy Benoit and Kerry Prosper

Chair: Tony Davis

Minutes: Christie Dyer and Jessica Paterson

Time: 1:30– 2:30 pm

Location: Immaculata, St. Francis Xavier University

Approval of Minutes

- Monica Diochon moved to accept February minutes. Kay Wallace seconded. All in favour.
- Minutes pass, no changes.
- John Wagner moved to accept March minutes. Kay Wallace seconded. All in favour.
- Minutes pass, no changes.

Business Arising from Minutes

- Workshop report/notes circulated to all participants.
- Work proceeding now, arising from the workshop.
- Intern interviews had taken place; positions to start April 30th with a 2-day training in telephone survey technique.

Research Project

- Interview list complete
- Letter (informing of interviews) to be drafted next week. Letterhead will have both GCIFA and SRSF logo, all participating organizations will have their name (ESFPA and RCIFA as well.)
- Lobster season has already started in one LFA, later in others. Therefore there will be a sequence to mailing out the letters.
- Discussion on sequence and numbers
- Discussion on gender of interviewers and response rate of telephone interviews

Director's Report

- Received \$5000 from MFWC
- March budget not out yet.
- HRDC applications ("top-up") – no one has heard yet. If successful, it will assist in intern salaries.
- DFO Science Horizon Internships
- Guaranteed funding for 1 position (\$12500) but need to find matching funding for other (\$12500). Therefore can afford both Christie and Jessica for full year.
- Disproportionate share of resources is going into human resources – this is good but must keep up awareness of funding levels.
- Other funding proposals are being developed but will take time.
- Chris Milley – no longer with SRSF
 - Indicated that Acadia Band is interested in SRSF
- Suggested/clarified approaches to take to contact other bands.
- MFWC is virtual – Kerry is the only employee
 - Essentially SRSF is working with the Afton Band
 - Problems because Chief feels that Kerry is a StFX employee, wants Kerry to move out of office, asking for rent
 - Difficult to navigate these issues
- Need to revisit the budget then can find/locate additional resources to support partners – still spending last years money
- Partner contribution from Mi'kmaq community come July 11th is uncertain because Kerry is essentially without an organization, unsure who will pay for the partnership
- Concerned about making sure that there is equity in partnerships within SRSF

Roundtable Initiative

- Easter Monday was the last discussion
- Meeting was successful

- More testy than previous but good dialogue shown by still willing to talk, want the meetings to be bigger.
- Requested meeting of all fish harvesters (announced on the radio) – Sunday April 22nd at 6:00 in the Afton Gymnasium
- Retired fishermen (who sold licenses to DFO for Native access) have been invited to next roundtable
- SRSF would rather step aside and let the roundtable carry itself; at moment role is facilitation only.

Background Documents / Research Papers

- Want them to be up on the web ASAP
- GCIFA – almost ready.
- GNSBFA – still needs time and work.
- Kerry – getting near finished.

Website

- Erin Breen has re-organized and updated the website.

Other Business

- Pat wanted everyone to be aware that GCIFA was involved with a second project that was started at the same time as the SRSF project but only just received funding. This project will go ahead and is in partnership with Melanie Weiber, Tony Charles and John Kearney.

Next Steering Committee Meeting – Friday, May 18th at 1:30 p.m.

Pat Rhynold moved to adjourn. Monica Diochon seconded. All in favour.