

SRSF Steering Committee Meeting – February 8, 2002

Bloomfield Center, Room 412, 2:00pm

Agenda

Present: Tony Davis, John Wagner, Peter Clancy, Pat Rhynold, Ginny Boudreau, Kerry Prosper, Mary Jane Paulette, Monica Diochon, Christie Dyer, Jessica Paterson.

Regrets: Barbara Neis, Richard Apostle

Chair: Tony Davis

Minutes: Christie Dyer & Jessica Paterson

Approval of February 8th, 2002 Steering Committee Minutes

- John Wagner moved to accept minutes. Pat Rhynold seconded. All in favour.
- Minutes pass, no changes.

Business Arising from January 11th, 2002 Minutes

- No Business Arising

New Business

1. Director's Report

- The Evaluation has been scheduled to go ahead with Jean Schensul on March 8 - 11, 2002.
- DFO Subvention grants are expected to be announced at the end of February.
- Fact sheets: two more fact sheets are currently underway including one on personal computer (PC) usage and the other related to organizational development of fishing associations.
 - The PC usage fact sheet has been circulated to trade magazines for their consideration however Tony has not heard any responses back.
 - Peter Clancy suggested a follow-up call to these magazines. Although John is not yet that familiar with these publications he has offered to carry out callbacks.
 - John asks from everyone at the table to suggest to him who would be the best and/or most important to contact with respect to following up on the fact sheets.
 - Monica asked if there has been any feedback especially written – as it would be useful for evaluations or funding proposals.
 - Ginny and Pat take the fact sheets everywhere they go and they are always well received – the verbal feedback they have received is that the fact sheets are interesting, relevant and a reflection of what is going on.
 - Further fact sheets will include: one from GNSBFA on the potential impacts of oil and gas on the fishery, Tony is producing one on the social embeddedness of fishing based on survey results, and Christie and Jessica are working on one related to what is sustainability within our different communities from livelihood, cultural, and ecological perspectives.
 - Fact sheets series is expected to be finished up by the end of March.
- Tony and John are interested to hear back from the partners on what they thought of the article on oil and gas they have written.
- A workshop to discuss the organizational fact sheet as a group is scheduled for February 14, 2002 at 1:00pm. The room is to be announced.
- Monica briefed the group on an ACOA project that she will be working on and inquired if any of the SRSF partners would be interested in participating. The project is researching the use of IT in small business through a comparative Atlantic community's study. Monica will be in touch with the partners directly as the project develops.

2. Research Progress

- Tony is looking for a third person to do transcribing. Asked if anyone was aware of where there may be a third transcription machine – suggested to try the Education dept.
- The development of research methods is underway for the Afton project. Kay, Ginny and Pat will be invited to join further down the road.
- It was decided that transcriptions would be sent to CRCs for review before they are given back to the interviewee. Ginny specifically requested that this be done so she knows what she's handing back to people.
- All partners will have to make secure arrangements for the storage of transcriptions in their office. This will be an agenda item for the next steering committee meeting.

3. Funding

- There is no money in SRSF budget to sustain project officer positions past March 31st.
- There are several initiatives being considered:
 - SSHRCC and ACOA proposal for a new economy/IT collaborative project.

- Move SRSF into institute status at the university and pursue money to continue.
- Seek foundation support.
- Tony will be inviting the partners to participate in proposal development session with an IT angle, over the reading break. However, Tony is not interested in directing another project and is serving as a facilitator only for this process.

Kerry moved to adjourn. John Wagner seconded. All in favour.

**The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for:
March 22, 2002 at 2:00pm.**

Adjourned