

# **SRSF Steering Committee Meeting MINUTES February 9th, 2001**

Attendance: Ginny Boudreau, Tony Davis, Monica Diochon, Christie Dyer, Flora Murphy, Jessica Paterson, Pat Rhynold, Kay Wallace.  
Tony Charles and Chris Milley join by phone.

Chair: Tony Davis  
Minutes: Flora Murphy  
2pm – 3:10pm  
Location: St. Francis Xavier University

Due to prior engagements Tony Charles regretfully excuses himself from the meeting.

## **Approval of Minutes**

- no changes Moved Pat Rhynold / seconded Kay Wallace  
All in favour.

Introduction of Ginny Boudreau, Monica Diochon, Christie Dyer, and Jessica Patterson.

## **Business Arising from Minutes**

- The research workshop has been set for March 23 – 24, 2001.
- HRDC has just recently announced their youth summer career program; the SRSF will be applying for funding for each of the intern positions.
- The Ginny Boudreau, Clarice Grant, Flora Murphy, Kerry Prosper and Kay Wallace worked intensely on the Volunteer Proposal for the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy. Unfortunately the timeline was insufficient and the requirements were not quite an adequate fit for the SRSF project. The work that was done will still be applicable for the HRDC Applied Social Research funding, it also provided an excellent opportunity for the partners to work together.
- John Kearney sent a letter via e-mail to the SRSF members withdrawing the Centre for Community-Based Management. Tony Davis responded to John Kearney's letter via e-mail.
- The Round Table has been moved from February 10 to February 17, 2001 at the Lakevale Minitrail Community Centre.
- Nothing further has developed on the Oceans Management Initiative that was reported by Tony Davis at the January 9, 2001 Steering Committee meeting.

## **Director's Report**

- Review of Budget.
  - Both the Marine Resources Centre and the Centre for Community-Based Management has reimbursed the SRSF for the monies owed.
- Confirmation of John Wagner's two year appointment as Research Coordinator. He will officially begin April 16, 2001 but will attend the March 23-24 research workshop. John Wagner's interview was conducted by Tony Davis, Flora Murphy, Lynn Patterson, Kerry Prosper, Pat Rhynold, and Kay Wallace.
- Flora Murphy's position as Project Officer has been filled by Christie Dyer and Jessica Patterson, both have recently returned from Sri Lanka as interns with the Coady International Institute. Tony Davis, Flora Murphy, Kerry Prosper and Kay Wallace conducted the interviews. Both were excellent candidates and after reviewing their skill sets and the project budget it was decided that having both of them would compliment and contribute to the SRSF. Having two Project Officers will assist the completion of the background documents before the March workshop. They will be each working \_ time and paid at a rate of \$1800.00 each a month from February 12 to May 1, 2001. There is a potential to extend if additional funding can be accessed.
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans Intern – Tony Davis has applied for two DFO internships with a maximum 12 month funding, the hope is to use the funding to extend the either or both of Christie Dyer and Jessica Patterson's employment.
- Tony Davis, Kerry Prosper and Pat Rhynold participated in a teleconference on February 9, 2001 with SSHRC representatives and eight other CURA's. The conversation focused mainly on funding avenues, but there was opportunity to learn of the experiences of the other CURA projects.

## **Round Table Initiative**

- The Round Table has been moved from February 10 to February 17, 2001 from 11am

to 2pm at the Lakevale Minitrail Community Centre. Representatives from each community have been and will be approached by the CRCs. Each participant is asked to make a contribution of food to be shared with the group. The idea is to keep it low key, with the potential to expand. There will be no set agenda, instead topics of discussion, such as the Marshall decision, focusing on how and what people have learned about it.

### **Funding Initiative**

- The SRSF is continuing to actively look for additional funding.
- Tony Davis and Flora Murphy will work on the HRDC proposal by drawing on the volunteer proposal and then circulate to the group for feedback and continued development.

### **March Workshop**

- The researchers attending to date are: Robert Adlam (MtA.), Gene Barrett (SMU), Beverly Cook (UNB), Monica Diochon (SFX), Marilyn Gerriets (SFX), Larry Felt (MUN), Barbara Neis (MUN), Ann-Marie Powers (Acadia) and John Wagner (McGill).
- Community partners will develop research team ideas and focus for the summer, this and background documents will be circulated to researchers 10 days prior to the workshop.
- Friday, March 23 will be an evening social and the Saturday, March 24 will be an all day workshop held at the Coady International Institute's Tin Room.

### **New Business**

- Chris Milley reports that the Mi'kmaq Fish and Wildlife Commission (MFWC) is restructuring, it will be rename and reorganized, a possible name is the Mi'kmaq Natural Resources Agency. There will be more communities involved, and the hiring will take place at the community level. The focus will be on forestry, wildlife and fishery. The MFWC will be disbanded with the exception of Kerry Prosper's position.
- Chris Milley has accepted a new position with the Acadia First Nation as Director of Fisheries, he will be leaving the Atlantic Policy Congress (APC) as staff but will continue to chair some APC committees. Kerry Prosper will take Chris Milley's seat on the SRSF Steering Committee.
- Chris Milley and Kerry Prosper will work on developing relations between Afton, Pictou Landing, Chapel Island and Abegweit at the band level in an attempt to develop the SRSF. Chris Milley will send an e-mail to both Chapel Island and Weycoba bands.
- Pat Rhynold will contact Anita Bass at the Chapel Island band to express interest in their joining the SRSF.
- The Richmond County group may be a possible partner with the SRSF or partnering on some projects with the Guysborough County Inshore Fishermen's Association.
- During the March workshop Chris Milley will look at developing a process which will allow the entry of new partners.
- Internships:
  - The MFWC will need to start advertising for the summer intern. Chris Milley indicates that the demand to fill First Nation positions is extremely high.
  - The intern positions that are filled from within the Interdisciplinary Studies in Aquatic Resources (ISAR) program may have a special project to complete but that project is to be completed outside of the 40 hr. work week. Although there may be opportunity to incorporate the special project with the work term.
  - There will be 5 intern positions and 3 partners, thus leaving opportunity for the partners to have more than one intern.
- Chris Milley requests that the Acadia First Nation be considered to have a link with the SRSF as Acadia will be developing their management and research capability. The Steering Committee members express consensus.
- Next meeting set for March 16, 2001, 1:45pm at St. Francis Xavier University
- Tony Davis will be in Norway from February 23 to March 10, 2001.

Motion to Adjourn  
moved Monica Diochon / seconded Kay Wallace

**Adjourned**