

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

Attendance: Richard Apostle, Tony Davis, Flora Murphy, Lynn Patterson, Kerry Prosper, Pat Rhynold, and Kay Wallace. Richard Apostle joins by phone.

Chair: Tony Davis

Minutes: Flora Murphy

1:45pm - 4pm

Location: St. Francis Xavier University

## **Motions**

- Motions presented by Tony Davis.  
Motions attached in full as Appendix 1

- **Motion #1**

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Furthermore, I consider support for this proposal and its funding/resource use implications to represent, minimally, a misuse of SSHRCC funds. **As SRSF Director and the SRSF CURA project Principal Investigator, I neither endorse nor will facilitate the dedication of SRSF, SSHRCC-sourced, funds (public monies) for the ends and purposes proposed.**

Moved Tony Davis / second Richard Apostle  
All in favour

- **Motion #2**

2. Moved that the Memorandum document titled 'The Document Circulated by J. Kearney titled: 'Report on the Responsibilities and Work Plan of the SRSF Research Coordinator' be attached in its entirety to the minutes of the November 28<sup>th</sup> SRSF Steering Committee meeting.

Moved Tony Davis / second Kay Wallace  
All in favour

## **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes as amended by Motions #1 and #2.  
Moved Pat Rhynold / second Kerry Prosper
- Request from John Kearney to amend Minutes. December 7, 2000 e-mail read by Tony Davis to the committee:

"Hi Flora:

Thanks for your response to my email. Since I will not be at the next Steering Committee meeting, I would ask that the minutes be amended at that time to accurately reflect the agreement of the community partners concerning the workplan of the Research Coordinator."

Decision of the committee that the request can not be met because all partners at the November 28, 2000 meeting did not express their agreement. The minutes will stand as: "All members are asked to review and comment on the work plan. Pat Rhynold and Arthur Bull express favour for the work plan, Greg MacPherson has not had sufficient time to review the document."

- All in favour of minutes.

**Business Arising from the Minutes / New Business**

- The money that was held in trust by The Bay of Fundy Marine Resources Centre (MRC) has been returned to the SRSF account as of today. The total amount of money returned is \$1663.00.
- The money that John Kearney agreed to return has not yet been deposited to the SRSF account. Tony Davis has been in contact with Hugh Landry who has assured that the process has begun and the money should soon be in the account.
- The SRSF has yet to receive the Mi'kmaq Fish and Wildlife Commission (MFWC) contribution to Kerry Prosper's salary. Flora Murphy has been speaking with Chris Milley and from that conversation understands that the money will soon be deposited.
- Tony Davis has received a phone call from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) in regards to a call from Arthur Bull and the recent events and the partner withdrawals from the SRSF. The conversation ended with SSHRC expressing confidence in Tony Davis and the SRSF project.
- SSHRC will be holding a national Community-University Research Alliance (CURA) conference in Ottawa on February 2, 2001 which Tony Davis and one community partner will attend.
- Erin Breen has updated the web site and further additions will be made over the next few weeks. Tony Davis has provided Erin Breen with all of the documents produced from the recent partner withdrawals and they will be loaded to the web site.
- Tony Davis has not heard from Chris Milley directly concerning the meeting that are to be set up with Lennox Island, although Flora Murphy has been in contact with Chris Milley and from that conversation understands that the meeting will soon be set up.
- The MFWC is no longer located at Afton First Nation and presently no decision has been made on its relocation. Kerry Prosper is still an employee of the MFWC and will continue to work out of Afton in partnership with the SRSF.
- The Guysborough County Inshore Fishermen's Association (GCIFA) application for a HRDC Intern position has been approved and the intern began before Christmas.
- Gulf Nova Scotia Bonafide Fishermen's Association (GNSBFA) has been offered an intern and are presently deciding on the matter.
- MFWC has also been considering applying for an intern.
- John Kearney will be sending a letter to the SRSF to clarify the Centre for Community-Based Management's (CCBM) role in the SRSF.

### **Research Position**

- The Research Position advertisement was placed before the Christmas break for a replacement for Flora Murphy who will leave her position on February 16, 2001.
- There has been an inquiry from a First Nations Ph.D. candidate studying at Trent University in the First Nations program with a focus on Ecological Knowledge. There was also another inquiry but the salary was not sufficient.
- The deadline has been changed from January 15 to January 21, 2001.
- A Hiring Committee will be established consisting of a representative from each of the community partners, Tony Davis, Flora Murphy and a St. FX SRSF social research co-investigator.
- The committee will meet at Tony Davis' office, room 416 Immaculata, Monday, January 22, 2001 to review the applications. Interviews will be set for Wednesday, January 24, 2001 starting at 10:30 pm, Thursday will be reserved in the event of storm on Wednesday.

### **Changes to the SRSF Committee Membership**

- **Motion #4**

Moved Tony Davis / second Pat Rhynold

"Moved that the SRSF Steering Committee status of the two external to StFX social researcher, currently ex officio, positions be changed in order to provide these Steering Committee members with full participatory and voting privileges."

Tony Davis – Another social researcher voice to provide more balance.

All in favour.

Richard Apostle abstains.

- **Motion #3**

Moved Tony Davis / second Kay Wallace

"Moved that one position with full voting and participatory privileges be added to the SRSF Steering Committee for the St.FX CURA project co-investigators as these are named on the SSHRC Notice of Award."

Tony Davis met with Monica Diochon, Dan MacInnes, Alida Bundy (Jim Williams, Lisa Kellman and John Phyne were unable to attend) previous to the Steering

Committee meeting. Both Dr. MacInnes and Dr. Diochon would be interested, the position would be shared. This would provide an opportunity for these researchers to become more actively involved in the SRSF.

All in favour.

### **Round Table Initiative**

- Tony Davis, Flora Murphy and Kerry Prosper meet and discussed the possibility of holding a Round Table gathering. It would be a small group initiative, native and non-native leader to discuss the impact of the Marshall decision. The gathering would not be designed to make decisions but instead to foster relations and facilitate dialogue. People participating would make a contribution of food associated with their cultural background.
- Kay Wallace has been approached on this matter prior to the meeting and has expressed favour for the idea.
- The SRSF would commit to organizing it once and then gauge the outcome. If it works then perhaps another group would organize.
- Each SRSF community partner will identify 5 or 6 people to invite (MFWC 10 to 12 people due to number of bands represented (Afton, Pictou Landing and Whycomogah). The names of these people will be conveyed to Flora Murphy or Tony Davis by Monday, January 15, 2001.
- Kay Wallace will check into booking the Braemore Community Centre for February 10, 2001 for the Round Table.
- Agreement of all partner to go ahead with the Round Table set for February 10, 2001, an estimated attendance of about 30 people, with the invitation extended to the representative and their family.

### **Southern Gulf Coalition**

- Not direct SRSF work, but GNSBFA, MFWC and Interdisciplinary Studies in Aquatic Resources (ISAR) at St. FX will be making a proposal centered on the St. George's Bay Ecosystem Project.

### **Research Workshop**

- Second Research Workshop needs to be set for mid to late February or early to mid March. Tentative dates: February 17, March 17 or March 24.
- Social researchers who have been engaged with the SRSF up to this point would be invited. The community partner background documents would need to be ready for circulation prior to the workshop for the researchers to review and prepare for the workshop. An outcome of the workshop would be the formation of research teams to work on community partners research interest/issue.
- The research teams would have a summer research agenda would be ready by the time the student interns come into the project in May.
- Flora Murphy will send an e-mail to the social researchers to check on suitable dates for them.

### **Funding Initiative**

- HRDC Interns – Discussed in previous section.
- UN Canadian Initiative Volunteering and Volunteerism in Canada – Kay Wallace and Ginny Boudreau have had an opportunity to review and will work together on putting an application together.
- HRDC Social Research – This may be an excellent source to sustain the partners during and after the SRSF. The community partner will take the initiative in framing up this proposal; Flora Murphy and Tony Davis will be available for support. The community partners will explore the possibility of going on a weekend retreat to work on the proposal.
- ACOA – This week Tony Davis will explore the possibilities of ACOA funding for the SRSF.

### **Oceans Management**

- Tony Charles acted as the initiator in this \$1.4 million Oceans Management Initiative (OCI), this project may provide another connection for the SRSF. The project is still waiting approval, but if accepted there will be four nodes of research spread across the country, located at the University of Victoria, University of British Columbia, Memorial University and St. Francis Xavier University. St. FX would house the Knowledge theme.
- Next meeting set for February 9, 2001 at 1:45 pm, St. Francis Xavier University.

### **Adjourned**

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