

SRSF Steering Committee Meeting MINUTES July 6th, 2001

Agenda

Nicholson Hall Room 606, 10:30am

Present: Tony Davis, Monica Diochon, Lynn Patterson, Pat Rhynold, Kerry Prosper, Mary Jane Paulette, Jessica Paterson, Peter Clancy, Sandy Benoit, Ginny Boudreau, John Wagner

Regrets: Tony Charles, Richard Apostle

Chair: Tony Davis

Minutes: Jessica Paterson

Approval of Minutes

- Monica Diochon moved to accept May minutes. John Wagner seconded. All in favour.
- Minutes pass, no changes.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Arthur Bull

Arthur Bull's son passed away in a tragic accident last week. The funeral was Wednesday. It was decided that SRSF should do send a card and make a donation if there is an "in lieu of flowers". Jessica will find out where and how to make a donation. All agreed to contribute and that a card was appropriate rather than flowers.

Director's Report

- Received 70% of DFO Horizons money – the remaining 30% will be at end of internship.
Appears that CURA has accelerated the monetary support and has deposited the final cheque into the account – looking at the May statement \$418,682.70 – we must keep in mind that the \$\$ must last until May 2003. Therefore must be closer in terms of financial management but also means that we are well positioned to look at partnering situations and other relationships in terms of further funding.
- Currently most of budget is for human resources – will continue to be that way for summer while students are with project.
- 1st Factsheet – *Highlights of the Marshall Decision* – has been completed and is being printed (500 copies – 150 per partner) for distribution among members of partner organizations and interested persons. Kerry has not yet taken Marshall Factsheet to his community for feedback – Eric Zscheile from Ethics Committee (and co-counsel on Marshall case) gave feedback at the Protocol Workshop and changes / clarifications were made accordingly.
- 2nd Factsheet is in the works – presentation of research protocol approach for non-natives. From our telephone survey it is evident that there is a need for such an approach and discussion.
- Currently writing a similar report for Georges Bay side, following the general outline and form of the one written for the Guysborough side on the telephone survey data. Requesting the raw data from Dan MacInnes so that can make comparable SPSS data files.
- Looks like we have an additional side-research project on the Georges Bay – diet / predation study of hake. John and Tony met with Marc Hanson at DFO (Science Branch) to discuss partnering in such a project. Following that a draft research proposal was made and discussed with GNSBFA exec. There is a willingness on part of all to move ahead with this study. A second research proposal is now being drafted including suggestions and details from the GNSBFA.

SSHRCC Visit

- Yves Mougeot (Director, Research and Dissemination Grants Program) visited with SRSF June 28th. We prepared a binder for him including: list of SRSF workshops (attended and hosted), copies of each background document, Factsheet, Survey Report summary (GCIFA), Research instrument, publication. He was very impressed with group and the dynamics of the group.
- Tony had invited Yves Mougeot to come and visit SRSF so that he could see firsthand the work that is occurring and then be proactive on behalf of the project – this was in response to a discussion with Marc Renault. The goal of having SSHRCC feel

- comfortable with our project has been achieved.
- Very positive experience and very well represented.

Workshops – Mi'Kmaq Research Protocol and SPSS

- Protocol workshop went very well. Appears as if we are on track. Next step is the research design and interview protocols – currently in that process. Kerry and Mary Jane are drafting application for Ethics Committee. Will be submitting soon.
- SPSS workshop was successful. Victor Theissen is keen to come back for more workshops. Also Winston Jackson (here at StFX) is willing to help out.
- Response from those attending was that it was a useful introduction to SPSS.

Research Efforts

- Currently have 4 research projects underway: GCIFA, GNSBFA fishermen's knowledge and diet study, Afton
 - Now GCIFA is at the same place as GNSBFA
 - Drafted a preliminary report – making 350 copies (mail out to each participant + extra copies)
 - Meeting on a regular (weekly) basis to discuss and draft interview questions/schedule. Aim to start interviews in August.

Software

- Tony has received the SPSS 10.1 upgrade and can load it onto 5 machines (because they are “his” for his research projects). GCIFA has already loaded 7.5 and will upgrade to 10.1. Then it can be loaded onto all partners machines.
- There is a version of NUDIST on the mainframe – will investigate who knows about it and how to use it. Monica will find out who knows how to use it because her Dept. purchased a version.
- John has ordered Pro-Cite – a bibliographic software that can help SRSF and partners to create and maintain a list of their resources. He will do a workshop on how to use it.
- Have received Microsoft Publisher – it has been loaded on Christie/Jessica's machine and GCIFA. It was used to create the “Factsheet”. It is now loaded on the GCIFA machine and will soon be on all.

Website

- Updated before the SSHRCC visit – now to be updated again to include the survey instrument and contact letter, factsheet and files from SPSS workshop with Victor Theissen.

Funding

- Still thinking of and investigating new forms of funding. The CRCs and Project Officers are working on this.
- Nova Scotia Economic Development is offering “partnering funding” where they will match the hourly rates at \$5/hour – something for partners to look into.
- Should try to have next funding partnership hosted by a partner and not StFX.

Media Outreach

- Lynn suggested that partners think of doing some sort of article about the student interns.
- Ginny and Tony discussed possibility of writing articles arising from telephone survey results for local papers.
- Have been asked by Canadian Issues Journal (Assn. of Canadian Studies) to write article on non-native harvesters and Marshall.

New Business

- GCIFA has many issues to contend with:
 - Because GCIFA is becoming more well known – there is a need to develop a policy and procedures plan – what is public knowledge, no problem BUT what is not public knowledge, no access.
 - PanCanadian – has to do a socio-economic profile (part of the requirements) – has awarded Jakes Whitford the contract – GCIFA has asked to see the survey when it is drafted and then the fishermen can decide if want to participate or not. PanCanadian has come to the fishermen because they see them as allies – want to do all work offshore minimizing loss of access to grounds by fishermen – but RDA wants the work to come to shore because means economic development for region and so want the fishermen to ally with them.
 - Much discussion around groundfishery and oil industry.
- Jessica and Christie have heard from Fisher's Knowledge Conference in Vancouver – Kerry and Ginny have not yet heard. Tony suggested that perhaps it is better that we look for a similar conference later in the project. Also, the cost of this conference is

prohibitive – must investigate if there is funding available through conference to help subsidize cost.

Kerry moved to adjourn meeting. Monica seconded.

Next meeting set for Wednesday, August 15th at 10:30