

Steering Committee Minutes

March 9th, 2000

Attending: Sandy Benoit, Arthur Bull, Nell den Heyer, John Kearney, Flora Murphy, Pat Rhynold

Chair: John Kearney

Minutes: Flora Murphy

1pm-4:15pm

Business Arising from February 4, 2000 Minutes

1. Travel logs, hopes that they will be ready for the next meeting.
2. Chris Milley has signed the MOU. Confirmation that all members present had received signed copies in the mail.

Approval of Minutes from February 4, 2000

- no changes: moved, Nell den Heyer / seconded, Pat Rhynold

New Business

1. Name of Project

- Suggestion from Anthony Davis, Social Research for Sustainable Fisheries (SRSF).
 - Suggestion adopted as the new and permanent title of the project, replacing the CURA.
- Moved, Arthur Bull / seconded, Sandy Benoit

2. Web page

- Decision to keep the current logo on the Web page (fish, files and wave) with the agreement that the letters CURA will be changed to SRSF.
- Timeline of the project should be added to the Web page, the timeline will show that this project was started before the Supreme Courts Marshall decision. The timeline would be included under the Alliance Description and Partners section.
- A template would be developed and used for the partner organizations to for when submitting project information that they are participating, this would also apply for research formats and data sets. The purpose of the template would be to limit the amount of written text on the Web page and the written work by the partner organizations.
- The St. FXU logo will be added to the opening page.
- Each partner organization that has a logo will submit it to Flora Murphy to be added to the site to accompany their organizations' description.
- All partners present came to agreement on the burnt fringe around the boats on the opening page.
- Partners that have pictures of the areas in which they are working and would like to have them displayed on the web site are encouraged to send them to Flora as soon as possible.

3. Pamphlet

- Members present were satisfied with the draft of the pamphlet, it has been accepted but with some changes:
 - further mention of the actual research being done,
 - mention of the sharing of knowledge between social researchers and natural resource users and managers,
 - replacing present Internet pictures with those provided by the partner organizations,
 - each partner organization may want to include an insert in the pamphlet to describe their projects,
 - contact information will include both the Community Research Coordinator (CRC) and the partner representative,
 - the Project Application section will be rewritten into bullet format.

There was agreement on the use of the term 'harvesters', instead of or as an alternative to fishermen or fisherfolk. Emphasis on the importance of using language that is accessible to all people, this may be a useful topic for a workshop at a later date.

4. Community Research Coordinator (CRC)

Update from all partners present on the status of their CRC.

- Guysborough County Inshore Fishermen's Association, Pat Rhynold
CRC, Virginia (Ginny) Boudreau has been hired and working on preparing social research on the history of the Association, as well as interviewing fisher harvesters on issues that they feel need to be address.

- Gulf Nova Scotia Bonafide Fishermen's Association, Sandy Benoit
The advertisement for the CRC has been placed, a committee formed and applications have been received. The closing date for the position is April 15, 2000.
- Bay of Fundy Marine Resources Centre, Arthur Bull
They have created a full-time position by linking the SRSF CRC position with a Science and Technology Grant, the full-time position will serve both the Marine Resources Centre and the Mi'kmaq and Wildlife Commission, looking at filling the position with a Native person from Bear River.

5. Budget

Travel

- All Community Research Coordinators (CRC) expenses will be paid for by the partner organizations present today.
- Canceling of the \$35 pre day, instead receipts must be presented to the SRSF office or Tony Davis for food and accommodations (SRSF will pay a maximum of \$80.00 for accommodations per night, and a maximum of \$35.00 a day for food).
- The travel coverage will be kept at \$0.29/km, with the understanding that carpooling will be used when possible.
- Agreement to review the budget expenditures at each Steering Committee Meeting.
- Pat Rhynold and Sandy Benoit will cover expenses for meetings held in Antigonish.
- The \$15,000 provided by the SRSF for the CRC's is over a year, paid in weekly installments, (if a CRC were to start in June they would only receive \$7,500).
- John Kearney will cover his travel expenses through the Centre for Community-Based Management.

Workshop Expenses

- A budget be developed before each workshop in an attempt to keep costs at a minimum.

Project Space

- Partner organizations will pay for their phone and fax expenses associated with the SRSF.

Equipment

- Computers need to be ordered for the CRCs.
- Important to ensure that all computers use compatible software.

6. Workshops

- Workshops will be organized for Steering Committee members, CRCs, Interns, these people will bring the information to the groups.
- Suggested that the first workshop be held in Truro the end of April, with the focus on Social Science methodology.

7. Interns

Nell den Heyer outlined the procedure for initiating interns in the project:

- Partner organizations send description of their research projects so interns can be matched with organizations in accordance with their skills and background.
- The descriptions will be posted for interns to view and apply.
- Interns will then be interviewed for their suitability.
- If no St. FX students are suitable then Nell will look elsewhere for interns that will match the needs of the partner organizations.
- Alternative funding information was given to the partner organizations present at the meeting.

8. Multiple Roles of Committee Members

- John Kearney brought to the attention of the Steering Committee his involvement in this SRSF project as it takes on three levels, as Co-Director, a Partner representative from the Centre for Community-Based Management, and thirdly as a member of the Steering Committee. The dual roles of Tony Davis as Director of the SRSF and as a Social Scientist were also raised to ensure that all members present were comfortable with the present arrangement.
- Reaction of SC members:
 - Pat Rhynold: not a problem as long as roles are clearly defined and decisions are clearly documented.
 - Arthur Bull: People should not be restricted from a diversity of points, and the SRSF should not stop that freedom.
 - Pat Rhynold: It would be a mistake to represent this diversity of individual points as the viewpoint of the SRSF.

9. Inventory

- Flora Murphy has completed an inventory of social scientists in the Atlantic region that have focused research interested in areas that may apply to the SRSF work. When the list has been finalized it will be sent out to SC members.

10. Research Priorities

- Partner organizations are aware of the broad research areas that they would be interested in having the SRSF focus on, by submitting a job description/research project to Nell den Heyer they will clarify their needs and interests.
- There is a consensus that a meeting should be held with CRCs and partner organizations. -Faculty should be invited to the first workshop of the SRSF group.

11. Next Meeting

- Next Steering Committee meeting originally set for April 13, but decision to reschedule to co-inside with the workshop conditionally set for the end of April.

Adjourned