

SRSF Steering Committee Meeting MINUTES November 28, 2000

Attendance: Arthur Bull, Tony Charles, Tony Davis, John Kearney, Greg MacPherson, Chris Milley, Flora Murphy, Lynn Patterson, Pat Rhynold, Kay Wallace
Tony Charles and Chris Milley join by phone.

Chair: Tony Davis
Minutes: Flora Murphy
1:45pm - 3:10pm
Location: St. Francis Xavier University

Approval of Minutes

- no changes Moved Pat Rhynold / seconded Arthur Bull

Business Arising from the Minutes / New Business

- None that will not be appearing later on the agenda.

Director's Report

- The second installment of the SSHRC funding has been deposited to the SRSF account for the next calendar year.
- The SRSF has been in again in contact with Scotia Fundy DFO in continuing to establish working relationships with them to facilitate the access to information for the pertinent partners.
- Tony Davis has been invited to attend a SSHRC meeting in Ottawa on February 2, 2001. The invitation also extends to one of the partners, the Steering Committee will need to decide which partner will represent the SRSF.
- Flora Murphy will be leaving her position as Project Officer in the middle of February 2001.
- Tony Davis has been in contact with Dave MacIsaac from the Public Research Secretariat and is interested in organizing a conference to encompass East Coast communities.
- MRC- The money that was held in trust by the MRC from Bill Crossman's salary has presently not been returned to the SRSF account despite Memos to the effect. Arthur Bull was under the impression that the money had been returned but is unable to speak any further on the situation, but suggests that Tony Davis contact Martin Kaye at the MRC to clarify.

Gulf NS Bonafide Fishermen's Association Proposal

- Gulf NS Bonafide Fishermen's Association is submitting a proposal to the Steering Committee to redirect the surplus in the budget created from the trust created from Bill Crossman's salary. GNSBFA "has realized the potential that this allocation of additional funds can have toward the capacity building of each of the SRSF existing partners. This investment in the partners would contribute to their daily operating costs and strengthen their capacity to meet the research goals." The total amount of funds available is \$5600; it is the intention of GNSBFA that this is divided equally among the partners. With four community partners there would be \$1400 per group over the next 5 months. The money would only be allotted on the basis of receipts; the partners will be reimbursed. It will not be possible for equipment to be purchased under this proposal.

Appendix 1: GNSBFA Proposal

- Motion to approval the proposal
Moved John Kearney / seconded Chris Milley

Research Coordinator Issue / Reorganization of the SRSF

- Members are asked to review the documents provided by John Kearney on Friday November 24, 2000.
- Revenues and Expenses document
 - Tony Davis requests that John Kearney return half of the \$25, 000 time release stipend. As this was a time release and not for expenses, receipts will be necessary to cover any of the expense claims made by John Kearney.
 - Agreement that SRSF will reimburse John Kearney for expenses not claimed during the past year's work, amounting to almost \$1500.
 - Agreement that John Kearney will return the remaining portion of the time

release to the SRSF account.

- All Steering Committee members in favour of agreements.

Appendix 2: Statement of Revenues and Expenses for John Kearney

- Report on the Responsibilities and Work Plan of the SRSF Research Coordinator
 - It was agreed at the last Steering Committee meeting that Chris Milley and John Kearney would meet and work on a work plan for John Kearney.
 - 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.
- Appendix 3: Report on the Responsibilities and Work Plan of the SRSF Research Coordinator
- Tony Davis circulates and then reads his response to John Kearney's submission.

The following statement replaces the entire Memorandum document within the body of the minutes as a result of a motion put forward by Tony Davis at the January 9, 2001 Steering Committee meeting.

Appendix 4: Memorandum circulated by Tony Davis.

'Given the analysis and position presented in the attached Memorandum titled "The Document Circulated by J. Kearney titled: "Report on the Responsibilities and Work Plan of the SRSF Research Coordinator" and the conclusion that the proposed redefinition of the Research Coordinator position will critically compromise, in the view of the SRSF Director and Principal Investigator, the capacity of SRSF to achieve its stated core purposes and goals, as SRSF Director I cannot and will not support the proposed redefinition of the Research Coordinator position as an over-funded, minimalist position that will be incapable of competently addressing and satisfying SRSF's core need for sustained, 'on the ground', social research leadership and engagement.

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.'**

- Due to prior engagements Tony Charles regretfully excuses himself from the meeting.
- Tony Davis speaks to the Memo. Asking the committee how they would like to continue.
- Arthur Bull requests that this be a decision made by the Steering Committee as the governing body of the SRSF.
- Tony Davis circulates the appointment notice from SSHRC of this grant to the Steering Committee.
- John Kearney tenders his resignation to the Steering Committee, on the basis that it does not seem possible to overcome the problems.
- As a result of John Kearney's resignation Arthur Bull dissolves the Fundy Fixed Gear Council's partnership with the SRSF.
- Greg MacPherson feels that it is not his decision, but that GNSBFA will try to continue with the SRSF despite GNSBFA financial difficulties.
- Pat Rhynold indicates that the Guysborough County Inshore Fishermen's Association will not withdraw their support.
- Chris Milley indicates that as the Mi'kmaq Fish and Wildlife Commission has commitments to people in the community they will not withdraw their support. But is disappointed that partners are leaving and feels that it diminishes the project
- Arthur Bull assures Chris that the FFGC and the MRC are still committed to continue dialogue outside of the SRSF.
- Chris Milley indicates that Lennox Island First Nation has expressed interest in joining the SRSF. There are a number of issues coming up under the Oceans Act and Malpeque Bay in which research capacity building would be valuable.
- Chris Milley will be arranging a meeting between the SRSF and Lennox Island to discuss the possible partnership.
- Chris Milley reports that the Mi'kmaq Fish and Wildlife Commission is restructuring and that Afton, Mill Brook, Indian Brook and Acadia Bands are interested in taking a lead on housing the commission. All staff presently employed by MFWC will be laid off and then would have to reapply. Kerry Prosper will continue to work with the SRSF.
- Tony Davis inquires about the potential or possibility of approaching Cape Breton bands to participate with the SRSF.
Chris Milley directs Tony Davis to the Oonomaagik Institute regarding the issue.
- Tony Davis will develop a proposal for the next meeting on the restructuring of the SRSF. Flora Murphy's leaving will allow a variety approaches to be explored.
- Due to phone limitations Chris Milley signs off.
- Next meeting set for January 9, 2001 at St. Francis Xavier University.

Adjourned

Appendix 1

Gulf Nova Scotia Bonafide Proposal

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Fundy Fixed Gear Council, Gulf Nova Scotia Bonafide Fishermen's Association, Guysborough Inshore Fishermen's Association, and Mi'kmaq Fish and Wildlife Commission, are committed through their mission to create, promote, lead and encourage a proud self sufficient associations. Maximizing this will enable us to embrace our potential and heritage through existing assets, thus, allowing us to strengthen our association in partnerships, shared resources and open communications.

Proposed Budget

Description	Monthly	Total
Office Supplies	\$100 (*5 months)	\$500
Printing	95 (*5 months)	\$425
Internet	55 (*5 months)	\$275
Travel	.29/km	\$1000
Meeting Facilities	200 (*5 months)	\$1000
Training	400 (*5 months)	\$2000
Phone Consultation	80 (*5 months)	\$400
Total		\$5600

4 (assoc.) @ 1400 =
\$5600

Presently, there are four community partners participating in the Social Research for Sustainable Fisheries (SRSF). As a result of the withdrawal of one of the community partners, the Bay of Fundy Marine Resources Centre (MRC), this withdrawal has created a surplus of existing funds in the overall SRSF project budget. Gulf NS Bonafide Fishermen's Association has realized the potential that this allocation of additional funds can have toward the capacity building of each of the SRSF existing partners. This investment in the partners would contribute to their daily operating costs and strengthen their capacity to meet the research goals.

Appendix 2

Statement of SRSF Revenues and Expenses for John Kearney, Research Coordinator and Co-Director - Year 2000

Item	Amount	Notes
REVENUE	25,000.00	Deposited on April 1
EXPENSES		
20% of Year 2000 Salary & Benefits	12,623.72	20% of work time for SRSF from January 1-December 31
<u>Travel Expenses (to 23 November)</u>		
Cornwallis	230.55	SRSF Steering Committee, 9 March, 795 km @ \$0.29
Canso	65.25	Meeting with GCIFA, 4 April, 225 km @ \$0.29
Halifax Airport	103.24	Travel to Institute of Community Research, Hartford CT, 26-30 April, 356km @ \$0.29
Cornwallis	243.02	Meeting with MRC and FFGC workshop, 15 August, 838km @ \$0.29
Cornwallis	115.28	Meeting with FFG Council, 30 October, Cost shared with CCBM, 1/2 of 795km @ \$0.29
Truro	69.60	Meeting with Chris Milley about work plan, 8 November, 240km @ \$0.29
Canso	65.83	Meeting with GCIFA, 16 November, 227km @0.29
Total Travel Expenses	892.77	

**Work of Maria Recchia with
GNSBFA**

Travel to Lakevale	0.00	3 July, not charged
Consultation Time	100.00	1/2 day, 3 July
Travel to Antigonish	166.75	From St. George, NB (return), 10-11 August, Cost shared with CCBM, 1/2 of 1150km @ \$0.29
Consultation and Travel Time	200.00	1 day (travel time cost shared with CCBM), 11 August
Telephone consultations	66.67	1/3 day during July and August
Total Travel & Time of M. Recchia	533.42	

TOTAL EXPENSES 14,049.90

REVENUE MINUS EXPENSES 10,950.10 (Does not include expenses
for telephone long-distance,
travel to Afton and Lakevale,
meals, and miscellaneous
expenses)