

SRSF Steering Committee Meeting – November 5, 2001

Nicholson Hall Room 606, 10:30am

Agenda

Present: Tony Davis, John Wagner, Peter Clancy, Pat Rhynold, Ginny Boudreau, Kerry Prosper, Kay Wallace, Jessica Paterson, Monica Diochon, Mary Jane Paulette

Richard Apostle joins by conference call

Regrets: Barbara Neis, Christie Dyer, Sandy Benoit

Chair: Tony Davis

Minutes: Jessica Paterson

Approval of November 5, 2001 Steering Committee Minutes

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

Business Arising from November 5, 2001 Minutes

- Monica has not used NUDIST yet but will be in the near future. She will conduct the workshop when she is more familiar with the software. Monica anticipates using it in January. Tony acknowledges that we are not yet ready and January would be the very earliest.
- Pat inquired about who is taking over the website – Ryley Breen (Erin's brother)
- Still sorting out relationship with Afton – Kerry is discussing the possibility of an Afton Fish and Wildlife Commission
- Tony has received an official resignation letter from Tony Charles. There is a replacement for Tony Charles which will be discussed in the Director's Report.

New Business

1. Director's Report

- Barbara Neis has agreed to join the Steering Committee – linked by teleconference. She regrets that she cannot attend today's meeting.
- Fact Sheets:
 - Recruitment Fact Sheet is at the Casket for printing.
 - Sou'Wester has not continued the recruitment article – Tony will inquire.
 - Tony has sent to variety of sources/journals bit has only heard from the Sou'Wester and Canadian Council of Professional Fish Harvesters.
 - 5 other Fact Sheets in progress at the moment: 2 with Kerry & Mary Jane (on Eel science and Mi'kmaq relationship with the Eel), 2 with Kay (Herring and Oil & Gas) and 1 from GCIFA (Lobster Policy).
 - Computer usage among lobster license holders fact sheet in the works – Tony has completed the graphs and made a few observations, this will be circulated among the CRC's for further discussion and development into a Fact Sheet.
 - Fishermen participation in organizations fact sheet being developed – again Tony will complete the graphs and then circulate among the CRCs who are expected to take the lead in drafting comments and then proceed to Fact Sheet form from there.
- Funding meeting with John Blackwell (StFX academic funding and research officer) went well. Discussed potential sources. Most immediate funding possibility is the DFO Subvention – encourage all partners to pursue this.
- Budget – on track, do not anticipate any more major equipment purchases. There will be some income into the budget through partner contribution for CRCs; DFO Science Horizon internships and Vancouver conference travel bursary (~ \$15 000).
- Mi'kmaq Ethics Committee:
 - Held meeting (conference call) – but focus of meeting was whether or not Mi'maq organizations should have to apply to the ethics committee. It was decided that they should have to.
 - Kerry's project has applied but the Ethics committee still has to meet to discuss it.
 - Kerry has had positive feedback from Marie Battiste (member of ethics committee).
- John and Tony have almost completed the first draft of their academic paper "Who Knows?". It will be forwarded to the entire group (Steering Committee and CRCs) for feedback. They anticipate submitting this to Human Ecology or Current Anthropology.

2. Research Progress

- Going well – three interviews completed up to 3rd phase in Canso with more scheduled. First interview on Georges Bay side today.
- Carla Hayley-Baxter to transcribe interview tapes.
- Once have number of interviews then a full group systematic debriefing meeting will take place.

3. CRCs Work Plans

- Creation of detailed inventory of all info collected through research process into a database
- December 10th – date for completing first draft of database
- Kay, Ginny and Pat feel that the timeline is very tight – agree to take a stab at it and see how far they get by December 10th.
- ProCite has ability to create entry forms for all different kinds of data (conventional and non-conventional sources of info) - John agrees to help CRCs in setting up and learning how to create such forms.
- Tony would like workplans from CRCs in general sense with respect to time management and allocation:
 - This allows for CRCs to identify skill and capacitations the CRCs desire and to identify organizational demands and SRSF demands of their time.
 - Have work plan for next steering committee meeting for discussion

4. Information & Resource Inventories

- Discussed in the CRCs work plan – see above section

5. Funding Opportunities

- Kay suggested SRSF purchase “Grant Foundations Guide 2002” (includes a CD-Rom).
- Monica asked if possible to screen a copy first and if there was a discount for multiple copies.
- Ginny & Pat mentioned to check if it is information that can be obtained for free.
- Decided that Jessica will check to see if it is worthwhile – contact John Blackwell.

6. New Business

- External Evaluation:
 - Jean Schensul has agreed – now trying to find available time. She suggested November 19th – all agreed that is too early.
 - Jean also suggested that instead of searching for another evaluator, her husband could be the second evaluator.
 - Peter and Monica raised question of responsibilities to SSHRCC? Should the second evaluator be Canadian? More local?
 - Tony replied that this is already above and beyond CURA expectations and guidelines (SSHRCC does not require CURA projects to have external evaluation) so there is no logistical problem.
 - All agreed to Jean’s husband as second evaluator.
 - Yves Mougeot (SSHRCC) spoke with Tony recently. He would like to participate in external evaluation as an observer. Also mentioned that he has spoken with Marc Renaud (President of SSHRCC) who wants to visit several CURA projects and had mentioned SRSF as a potential project to visit.
 - Discussion of evaluation process – Tony explained: evaluation process has been intentionally left open and up to the evaluators discretion in order to allow for independence of meetings and movement between Jean (evaluator) and all individuals connected to and part of SRSF (past and present).
 - Peter inquired about a terms of reference for the evaluation – they are laid out in the initial CURA proposal with the main purpose of an assessment with respect to the stated goals: are we proceeding towards the intended goals of SRSF? Strengths? Weaknesses? Challenges? Successes? What is our progress to date? Trajectories to future?
- Ecology Action Centre – decided to leave it up to the individual because there are too many conflicting interests within our given memberships.

7. Next Steering Committee Meeting - December 7, 2001 @11:00 a.m (Nova Scotia Time)

- More detailed discussion of terms of reference and other documents for evaluation.
- Ask partners to think about and come to the next meeting with the following in mind: how do they perceive and measure success? What are their expectations and realities? How would we measure them? Changes in SRSF governance (become more inclusive and bottom-up).

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