

SRSF Steering Committee Meeting – October 4, 2002

Nicholson Hall, Rm. 606

Present: Kerry Prosper, Mary Jane Paulette, Ginny Boudreau, Kay Wallace, Pat Rhynold, John Wagner, Tony Davis, Peter Clancy, Barbara Neis, Holli MacPherson

Regrets: Monica Diochon, Richard Apostle

Chair: Tony Davis

Minutes: Holli MacPherson

1. Approval of Minutes

- Kerry Prosper moves to accept minutes, Kay Wallace seconded. All in favour.
- Minutes pass, no changes.

2. Business Arising from Minutes

- No business arising.

3. Director's Report

○ Budget –

- There is enough money in the budget to last until the end of March. Additional funding is expected/anticipated but we will not find out until the CURA application is either approved or rejected.

○ News –

- The Canadian Cultural On-line application will not be submitted at this time. This is because SRSF did not have enough time to submit a complete and solid application. The application will be submitted in the next set of funding applications when SRSF has had enough time to develop solid relationships with other organizations.
- The Paq'tnekek Mi'kmaq and Kat report has been distributed to the Afton community, CRC's, and other Mi'kmaq bands and organizations. There has not been any feedback yet.
 - The next step is to identify a working list (rank ordered) of knowledgeable people identified by the Afton community and to set up an interview schedule of these people.
 - By November, Kerry and Mary Jane hope to have an interview schedule and be entering into the second round of interviews.
- The interview process for Chedabucto and St. George's Bay are in the final stages. There are only a few interviews left in the Chedabucto area and in St. George's Bay there is one interview in progress and one interview to start. All interviews should be finished by the end of October.
 - Transcription is taking place and the genealogy aspect of the interviews is being entered into Family Tree Maker.
 - John is looking at software to utilize the remainder of the information obtained in the interview process. The two options he is looking at are Nudist and Atlas. Atlas may be more user friendly while Nudist has more search power. By the end of October, John will have a recommendation on what software SRSF should purchase and will present the advantages and the cost of the software at the next Steering Committee meeting.
 - A workshop will then take place to allow everyone to learn how to use and become somewhat experienced with the software.
- Phase III of the GNSBFA study on white hake has been completed. Stomach analysis has taken place and Research Report 6 is being written.
 - Several other reports will be developed on analysis of ecological knowledge results.
- Virtual Wharf Proposal: Mike Chadwick brought the proposal to Moncton. He was told the proposal would have to be dealt with in the Halifax office. He forwarded the proposal to Mr. Combs from the Halifax office and to the Strategic Community Initiative Fund (Antigonish). Tony will meet with these people to discuss the proposal.
 - St. F.X. is behind Virtual Wharf.
- SRSF is now entering a position to seek out non-governmental funding. We should be careful of the research we take on and target particular foundations for funding.
- SRSF is invited to a CURA expo in May in Saskatoon. One representative from every partner should attend this meeting and give a presentation. More discussion on this will take place later in the year.

○ Fact Sheets –

- Fact Sheet 10 is now printed and has been distributed.
- Fact Sheet 8 or 9 has appeared in the Sou'Wester in its entirety (graphs and all!)
- More publications have been sent out to the Atlantic Fishermen and interest has been expressed concerning some of these pieces.
- Fact Sheet 11: Fishing Families and Kin: On the Social Fabric of Small Boat Fishing has been drafted. Feedback is to be provided on this draft and is to be sent to Tony.
- Fact Sheet 12 will be on sustainability. Holli will focus on the academic idea of sustainability and research. The CRC's will be asked to reflect upon what people in their communities feel about sustainability and write

a piece for the fact sheet.

- There will be 1 or 2 fact sheets developed out of the information gathered in the Eel Study.
- We will exceed our projection of 12 fact sheets.
- CRC's are to think of what they would like to see in additional fact sheets.

4. CRC Reports–

- Kay
- Kerry
- Ginny

5. External Evaluation –

- What can we get out of this evaluation?
 - CRC's and Steering Committee members are to give guidance to allow SRSF to Identify what needs to be done in the future.
 - **External Evaluation should be the lead for the next Steering Committee meeting** so that we can see what should be developed within SRSF.

6. Update On Other Funding Application

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- SRSF has not been invited to the proposal round of the Climate Change Initiative Fund.
 - This was not expected as they have specifically asked for L.O.I.'s involving social sciences.
 - Tony will send the Steering Committee a copy of the feedback we have received on the L.O.I. SRSF has submitted. Members are to take into consideration this feedback and decide whether or not we want Tony to go ahead with filing a freedom of information request to obtain information on the titles of projects invited to the next round and the credentials of those who adjudicated the L.O.I.'s.
**Tony's initial request for this information has been denied stating that this information is considered confidential. Tony does not see why this information would be considered confidential.

7. New Business

- None

Kerry Prosper moved to adjourn, Peter Clancy seconded. All in favour.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 6, 2002 at 10 am