

**SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 5 -6, 2000
NORMAN WELLS, NT**

December 5, 2000

ATTENDANCE:

<u>BOARD MEMBERS</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
Winter Lennie	Jody Snortland
Russ Hall	Ben Olsen
Celina Stroeder	Lori Ann Lennie
Ruby McDonald	Janet Bayha
Lucy Jackson	
Archie Lennie Sr.	

GUEST
Richard Popko, DRWED – Norman Wells

Meeting convened @ 9:30 a.m.

1. Opening Prayer/Board Member Oath

- Opening prayer by Lucy Jackson.
- Oath of Board Member – Russ Hall; sworn in by Lois Armstrong

2. Review and approval of agenda

- Move Executive Director Position to 1:00 p.m. after TAL report & move Harvest Study Data Requests to 11:15 a.m.
- Remove Scholarship & Bursaries Criteria Review
- Add personnel issues

SRRB Motion #12-05-00-01

- To approve the agenda with above amendments

Moved by: Ruby McDonald

Seconded by: Russ Hall

Carried Unanimously

3. a) Review of Financial Statements

- Members would like to see more detailed statements; it is very important to be able to monitor them
- Make necessary changes within the Professional, Legal, Audit Fees account and Consultants accounts
- Breakdown spending for each project.
- Kathy Bjornson has been helping Lori-Ann & Jody to straighten out the books. Lori-Ann to meet with Karin Denkova to go over books as well.

b) FTP Interim Activity Report – DIAND

- Board members approved interim report

4. Review and approval of past minutes

SRRB Motion #12-05-00-02

- To approve the Board Meeting minutes from July 10-14, 2000

Moved by: Ruby McDonald

Seconded by: Celina Stroeder

Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #12-05-00-03

- To approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes from July 31, 2000

Moved by: Celina Stroeder

Seconded by: Ruby McDonald

Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #12-05-00-04

- To approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes from August 17, 2000

Moved by: Celina Stroeder

Seconded by: Ruby McDonald

Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #12-05-00-05

- To approve the Board Conference Call meeting minutes from August 6, 2000

Moved by: Celina Stroeder

Seconded by: Russ Hall

Carried Unanimously

5. Business arising from minutes

a) Trailer Update

- Our payment of \$36,000 sits in trust with our lawyer and will remain there until the final papers have been signed. Mr. Allison has not yet received the final paperwork from Steven Cooper.
- Jody advised that all employees currently have housing.

b) Board Training

- Board committed to do training at last board meeting. Two options for training: Banff Management Centre (very costly) or MACA Training for town councilors (Barry Harley)

- Winter – Get further options for board members to review; necessary that the board members follow through with this training

c) Winter Clothing for Staff

- Ruby feels that the board should provide winter field clothing for personnel (policy); could be a possible liability issue in future; most businesses (EMLC, RWED) do provide some sort of winter clothing. Currently, the SRRB provides all field gear except for clothing. Winter mentioned that in previous discussions the board had decided not to provide clothing; staff should know to dress properly for the weather.
- Option: To pay ½ the cost of proper winter clothing, i.e., down parkas, boots, snow pants, within a reasonable spending limit
- Executive Director to work on policy (with staff input) and present to the board at the next meeting

6. Harvest Study Data Requests

- Harvest Study Report and Harvest Study Data Updates tabled
- Jody & Janet need to know how they are to handle data requests from other agencies. Tabled report on “Legal Considerations with Respect to Wildlife Harvest Studies”
- Winter – We have to have policies and guideline when we give this information out. Inquired whether Harvest Study Working Group should deal with this issue; Working Group met in early 2000 and decided that Board Members should focus on this
- Celina – Felt the harvesters should be involved with the distribution of the data
- Schedule I to Chapter 13 of the Land Claim Agreement:
 - information collected (with the exception of the identification of the harvesters) shall be provided to the Board, the Sahtu Tribal Council (SSI and designated community Sahtu organizations) and the participating government agencies on the Working Group (DFO, DOE, DRWED) in a manner to be set out in the design of the Harvest Study
- Put on agenda for next board meeting and have all the RRC Presidents and a lawyer at the board meeting.

Break for lunch @ 12:00 p.m.

Reconvened @ 1:00 p.m.

Jet unable to land at 11:36 a.m., but will try to land at 2:30 p.m.; therefore, in the meantime, deal with other items on the agenda

7. Reports/Correspondence

a) Agency & SRRB Reports

- SRRB Biologist Report Tabled
- RWED Report Tabled

- Great Bear Lake Trout Movements & Assessment of Keith Arm Stocks Interim Report, October 2000, Tabled
- b) **Correspondence**
 - Letter to Sahtu Secretariat Inc. – Status of Arbitration Issue Tabled
 - Letter from DFO re: Use of Barbless Hooks on Great Bear Lake Tabled
- c) **SRRB Web Site**
 - Draft web site presented to board for review; SRRB to contract Cal Pittet to implement the web site

8. Meetings/Conferences

- Meeting of the Chairs/Executive Directors for Northern Boards, July 27, 2000, Yellowknife, NT – Winter and Jody attended
- Co-Management Boards/DFO Joint Meeting, Sept. 14, 2000, Yellowknife, NT – Winter and Jody attended
- Cumulative Environmental Effects Management Symposium, Nov. 1-3, 2000, Calgary, AB – Ben attended; very worthwhile; good information given
- Photo Census Workshop, Nov. 8, 2000, Yellowknife, NT – Ben attended
- SLUPB Workshop, Nov. 9 and 10, 2000, Tulita, NT
- Traditional Ecological Workshop, Nov. 16, 2000, Fort Good Hope, NT – Jody and Lucy attended
- Asked to include summaries of each workshop attended in SRRB Newsletter

9. GIS Presentation – Miki Promislow

- PowerPoint presentation given (report tabled); SRRB still has plenty of time left to use; need to look at ways to use up this time
- Steering Committee Meeting (Dec. 6/00) – Celina to attend on SRRB behalf

➤ Jet unable to land in Norman Wells; TAL presentation to be postponed until a later date

SRRB Motion #12-05-00-06

- To go to an “in-camera” session at 3:45 p.m.

Moved by: Celina Stroeder
Seconded by: Ruby McDonald
Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #12-05-00-07

- To come out of the “in-camera” session at 4:45 p.m.

Moved by: Ruby McDonald
Seconded by: Russ Hall
Carried Unanimously

Discussions

- Make Jody an offer for Executive Director position for term of 2 years minimum, with possibility of one-year extension; salary to be the same as previous Executive Director. A condition would be to recruit for an Executive Director Trainee position.
- Concerns raised by members that decisions are being made without the knowledge of the public; noted that the public is welcome to attend any SRRB meeting (notices are posted in community prior to meeting) but they seem uninterested; one option to possibly increase public attendance at meetings is door prizes

SRRB Motion #12-05-00-08

- To offer Jody Snortland the position of Executive Director for a minimum 2-year term, with the possibility of a one-year extension and with the condition to recruit a beneficiary for an Executive Director Trainee position. Details to be sorted out by executive committee.

Moved by: Ruby McDonald

Seconded by: Russ Hall

Abstentions: Lucy Jackson

Carried

Meeting recessed (5:00 p.m.) until 9:00 a.m. December 6, 2000

December 6, 2000

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Winter Lennie
Russ Hall
Keith Hickling
Ruby McDonald
Lucy Jackson
Archie Lennie Sr.

STAFF

Jody Snortland
Ben Olsen
Lori Ann Lennie
Janet Bayha

GUESTS

Richard Popko, DRWED – Norman Wells
Fredrick Andrew Jr. – Tulita RRC President
Raymond Taniton – Deline RRC President
Everett Kakfwi – Fort Good Hope RRC President
Kelly Hougen – Mackenzie Mountain Outfitter (AMMO)
Harold Grinde – Mackenzie Mountain Outfitter

Meeting reconvened @ 9:35 a.m.

Opening Prayer

- Opening prayer by Lucy Jackson

10. Musk-ox and Grizzly Bear Tag Quotas

- Ongoing issue: propose to increase the number of Musk-ox tags available (11 to 27) and to change the present harvesting boundaries (Hare Indian River to Great Bear River – closed); following tag increase, the RRC's committed to meet and deal with allocation of tags
- Other proposed amendments to take the pressure off of Great Bear Lake North Shore are: 1) helicopter hunting closed and 2) bulls only harvest (Keith Hickling)
- Coordinate a meeting (as soon as possible) for the RRC Presidents, with SRRB and RWED involvement, to resolve the issues of tag increases, boundary changes, and tag allocation

11. Aboriginal Advisory Group (Wildlife Act & Species at Risk) – Ruby McDonald & Keith Hickling

- WAAG Meeting Summary Tabled
- Ruby representative for the Sahtu region (SSI); to consult with each Sahtu community regarding changes to the Wildlife Act in early 2001; Winter noted concern about representation being from SSI instead of SRRB
- Jody has full WAAG minutes and terms of reference at the office in Tulita if anyone wishes a copy

12. Proposed Scented Grass Hills/Grizzly Bear Mountain Park Update – Raymond Taniton

- Proposal to be presented to Sheila Copps to upgrade the Historic Site to a National Historic Site – Protected Area; a lot of input from elders in the community
- Letter to be written to Deline group supporting the proposed change
- Bring someone to next board meeting to better explain the Protected Areas Strategy

Break for lunch @ 12:00 p.m.

Reconvened @ 1:15 p.m.

13. Traditional Environmental Knowledge (TEK) Policy

- SRRB should have a general TEK policy that all co-management boards could follow; land corporations should also be involved; SRRB should incorporate guidelines for TEK research component
- Letter to TEK workshop participants regarding SRRB stand on the development of a general TEK policy, working group, and central database
- Finalize strategic plan
- Find out Gwitch'in TEK Policy

SRRB Motion #12-06-00-09

- To be involved with establishing a TEK Working Group and a concept on a central database.

Moved by: Ruby McDonald
Seconded by: Lucy Jackson
Carried Unanimously

14. Mackenzie Mountain Outfitters Presentation – Kelly Hougen & Harold Grinde

- Benefits of Outfitted Hunting in the NWT Mackenzie Mountains Report Tabled
- Issues regarded as time sensitive by AMMO:
 1. Access management plan for Mack Pass area (Mile 222)
 - restricted access
 - restrict use of ATVs
 2. Items in response to Wildlife Act
 - Lower age limit from 16 to 14 (possibly 12 under certain conditions)
 - Residency requirement to remain at 2 years
 - Eliminate buddy hunting (has evolved in some cases into illegal guiding)
 - Change wolf tag limit (from 1 to 2) and extend season until May 31
 - Change wolverine season to open July 15
 - Reopen grizzly bear season (August 15 on limited basis); reasons for this include: public safety and liability, enhance ungulate calf survival, reduce property damage, increase competitiveness as outfitters
- Letter to be written to SRRB regarding issues above
- Concerns expressed about spoilt meat sent to communities from outfitters and lack of revenue & employment going to Sahtu beneficiaries

15. Use of Barbless Hooks at Great Bear Lake/Fishery Studies (Steven Charlie – DFO Inuvik)

- Preliminary Report on Fisheries Management – George Low Tabled
- 2000 Index Netting Program Report Tabled
- Bull Trout Distribution and Habitat Identification in the Northwest Territories – Fall Sampling and Telemetry Work, September 2000 Tabled
- Identification and Assessment of Bull Trout Habitat in the Northwest Territories – Field Work Year 1 Progress Report Tabled
- Ben mentioned radio-tagged bull trout found on Keele River during Fall 2000 Community Hunt; Steven to inform Neil Mochnacz
- Barbless Hook Issue – SRRB to respond to George Low's letter and to inform Deline RRC
- Fort Good Hope RRC would like fish studies to be done on surrounding fish lakes as well as the river; study done on Rorey & Loon Lake in the past (report in SRRB office); Steven to inform DFO
- Steven to forward contaminants report to SRRB

16. Adjournment

SRRB Motion #12-06-00-10

- Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Moved by: Ruby McDonald

Next Board Meeting Dates:

March 5-9, 2001 in Deline, NT

June 18-22 or 25-29, 2001 in Colville Lake, NT

Fall 2001 in Fort Good Hope, NT



Chairperson



Date

December 5-6/00

Item

1. To make necessary changes to financial statements
2. To draft winter clothing policy for next board meeting
3. To have lawyer at next board meeting to discuss how to deal with Harvest Study Data requests
4. To coordinate meeting between RRC Presidents, SRRB & RWED to resolve musk-ox issue
5. Letter to be written to Sahyoe/Edacho Group supporting proposed change from historic site to national historic site
6. To have someone attend next board meeting to better explain the Protected Areas Strategy
7. Letter to be written to TEK workshop participants regarding SRRB's stand on the development of a general TEK policy, working group, and central database
8. To respond to DFO's letter regarding use of barbless hooks at Great Bear Lake and to inform Deline RRC

Responsible Party

- Office Manager
Executive Director
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Action Taken

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