

# Board Meeting Agenda & Briefing Notes

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Tuesday, September 4, 1-4 pm  
Teleconference 1-866-969-8429 and code 4950573#

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## Board Participants

Walter Bayha, Chair  
Michael Neyelle  
Patrick Bobinski  
Leonard Kenny (left early)

Paul Latour  
Laurel McDonald  
Jeffrey Walker

## Staff Participants

Deborah Simmons, Executive Director  
Lori Ann Lennie

## Regrets

Keith Hickling

## Agenda

Time	Item
1:00 pm	<b>1) Opening items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Call to order</li> <li>b) Review and accept agenda</li> <li>c) Conflict of interest (as arises)</li> <li>d) Meeting facilitation and timing</li> </ul>
1:15 pm	<b>2) Wildlife Fund Presentation</b> (Deborah Lewis - <i>Appendix A</i> )
1:45 pm	<b>3) Old Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Review and accept previous minutes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) August 9, 2012 (<i>Appendix B</i>)</li> <li>ii) February 7-9, 2012 (<i>pending completion</i>)</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Business arising from minutes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Environmental Assessment Contract (Gordon/Laurel/Deb)</li> <li>ii) RRC Referrals Workshop (<i>Appendix C</i>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2:00 pm	<b>4) Workplanning and Budget</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Ten year Implementation Budget/Vision (<i>Appendix D</i>)</li> <li>b) Supplementary Funding Proposal (Deb)</li> <li>c) Budgetting/audit</li> </ul>
2:15 pm	<b>5) Management Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Bathurst Caribou Gathering (Walter/Deb)</li> <li>b) Bluenose Caribou Management Plan (Walter/Deb – <i>Appendix E</i>)</li> </ul>
2:30 pm	<b>6) Harvest Study Fund</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Proposed contract for Harvest Study final report</li> </ul>
2:45 pm	<b>7) Scholarships</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Current application – Doris Taneton, Dechinta</li> <li>b) Scholarship Fund Policy</li> </ul>
3:00 pm	<b>8) Research/Communications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Environmental Studies Research Fund (<i>Appendix F</i>)</li> <li>b) Facebook page (<i>Appendix G</i>)</li> </ul>
3:15 pm	<b>9) September 18-20 RRC Gathering, Joint RRC-SRRB Meeting, and SRRB Board Development Workshop</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Agenda (<i>Appendix H</i>)</li> </ul>
3:45 pm	<b>10) Other Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) North Slope Conference, Yukon October 2-4 (Walter, Deb, Glen)</li> <li>b) Tight Oil Forum, September 27-28, Calgary</li> <li>c) US-Canada Northern Oil and Gas Research Forum, Nov 13-15, 2012, Anchorage, Alaska (paid by sponsor – Walter and Deb to speak on TK)</li> </ul>
4:00 pm	<b>11) Adjourn</b>

### 1) Opening items

#### a) Call to order – Walter

Meeting called to order at 1:25 pm.

- b) Review and accept agenda – Deb**
- c) Conflict of interest (as arises)**
- d) Meeting facilitation and timing**

## **2) Wildlife Fund**

Presentation by Deborah Lewis, CIBC Global Asset Management Ltd. See Appendix A.

## **3) Old Business**

### **a) Review and accept previous minutes**

#### **i) August 9, 2012**

##### ***Motion***

That the August 9 teleconference minutes be accepted.

#### **i. February 7-9, 2012**

Audio recording has been found – minutes to be completed by August 19 Board meeting.

### **b) Business arising from minutes**

#### **i. Environmental Assessment Contract**

The Review Committee (Gordon and Laurel) selected the Pembina Institute. Walter and Deb attended a Project Initiation Meeting on August 29 with Shauna Morgan and Duncan Kinney. Shauna is attending the Referrals Workshop and RRC Gathering/SRRB Meeting. Shauna has begun interviewing people – the interview list draws in part from participants in the Northern Advisory Committee (NAC) on oil and gas development, and includes the following – other suggestions welcome:

- Mike Fournier (Environment Canada Yellowknife)
- Angela Norris (AANDC-Petroleum Development Division)
- Jody Pellissey (WRRB)
- Paul Dixon and Tony Morris (SLWB)
- Scott Paszkiewicz and Heidi Wiebe (SLUPB)
- Richard Popko, Wildlife Manager (Sahtú ENR)
- Sandra Marken (ConocoPhillips)

The literature review will include the Environmental Audit (which involved numerous interviews), and other literature arising from the interviews and pilot review of a license application (possibly the newly posted MGM application).

## ii. RRC Referrals Workshop

Confirmations have been received for participation from all communities except Colville Lake. See agenda, Appendix C. The cost has been minimized by cost-sharing with SLWB. Representative(s) will be selected to present at the RRC Gathering and SRRB Meeting in Fort Good Hope on September 18-19. Recommendations will be made for next steps in supporting the RRCs.

## 4) Workplanning and Budget

### a) Ten year Implementation Budget/Vision

See Appendix D. Any disagreements with the approach to emphasize collaboration with RRCs in requesting expanded funding? Any other funding priorities to be identified?

### b) Supplementary Funding Proposal

It is proposed that the SRRB apply to AANDC for Supplementary Funding to support hiring a consultant to work with RRCs on licence applications and assist the Board in developing inputs during the current season.

### c) Budgeting/Audit

The next variance report will be delivered at the October teleconference meeting, using the new upgraded Simply Accounting system.

## 5) Management Planning

### a) Bathurst Caribou Gathering

There is a cross-jurisdictional commitment to holding a three day grassroots Bathurst Caribou Gathering in Behchokò during the **week of November 5** – inspired by the Northern Tutchone model. It is expected that a limited number of delegates will be invited from Délı̄ne. Deb and Walter were asked to be on the coordinating committee.

### b) Bluenose Caribou Management Plan

Walter and Deb met with the Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management (ACCWM, a committee of co-management organisations) on August 31 to discuss comments received on the draft Bluenose Caribou Management Plan. It was recommended that differences of perspective or unresolved issues would be reflected in a series of boxes at key points in the main text – this would maintain the desired brevity of the plan, while providing context for those who wish to dig further. See Appendix E for ACCWM recommendations.

An interesting discussion took place about the thresholds identified for the colour-coding system adapted from the Porcupine Caribou Management Plan – the numbers were based on “fuzzy logic” in relation to historical highs and lows using educated guesses/experience rather than sophisticated modelling. The numbers were also reviewed through community engagements, and at times were adjusted to account for community input.

The Memorandum of Understanding among the parties was reviewed and provisionally approved for another 5 years.

## 6) Harvest Study Fund

### a) Proposed contract for Harvest Study final report

It is recommended that the SRRB invite three bids for a contract to complete a final report on the Harvest Study, including the following:

- Review and analysis of data
- Literature review of best practices in harvest studies
- Interviews with harvest study researchers and RRCs (community tour)
- Management implications
- Lessons learned
- Recommended next steps
- Print a community booklet based on results

#### *Decision*

That the SRRB invite three letters of interest for completing the Harvest Study final report; a budgeted product will include a plain language booklet for communities.

## 7) Scholarships

### a) Current Application – Doris Taneton

Criteria	Point	Note
Educational field	1	Dechinta Bush University, University of Alberta accredited; includes courses in Sustainable Communities / Climate Change; Writing/Communications; Community Health Promotion/Popular Education/Community-Based Research; Dene Self-Determination in Theory and In Practice
Status	1	Déłıne First Nation beneficiary
Grade average	1	Forthcoming; passed first Dechinta term

Program length	1	3 months (1/2 term)
Financial need	1	NWT Student Financial Assistance \$700/month –
Full time	1	
Must maintain a full course load during the tenure of the scholarship	0	Second term in program
Evidence of student's involvement in the community	1	Délıne Knowledge Project
Statement of future goals	1	
Reference letters	1	Two glowing letters.
<b>Total Points/Recommendation</b>	<b>9</b>	<b><i>Award ½ first year award, \$1,000.</i></b>

## b) Scholarship Fund Policy

Pat: We need to have a firm policy identifying criteria for ongoing financial support for students.

## 8) September 18-20 RRC Gathering, Joint RRC-SRRB Meeting, and SRRB Board Development Workshop

See Appendix H.

## 9) Other Events

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