

# Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes

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January 8, 2014 – 9:00am-12:00pm

Minutes by Catarina Owen

## 1. List of Attendees

Michael Neyelle	Board Member, interim Chair
Keith Hickling	Board Member
Jeff Walker	Board Member
Paul Latour	Board Member
Laurel McDonald	Board Member
Deborah Simmons	Executive Director
Catarina Owen	Environmental Assessment Researcher
Pat Bobinski	Special Advisor
Reanna Campbell	Health and Climate Change Project Coordinator
Janet Winbourne	Independent Consultant
Gordon Zealand	Special Advisor (joined at 9:42 am)

## 2. Regrets

Leonard Kenny	Special Advisor
Lori Ann Lennie	Office Manager
Gordon Zealand	Special Advisor
George Barnaby	Special Advisor
Camilla Rabisca	Special Advisor
Lorraine Doctor	Special Advisor
Joe Hanlon	Program Coordinator

## 3. Agenda

1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Research and Monitoring**
  - a. ENR Wildlife Research agenda and priority setting for the Sahtú Region (with ENR and Janet Winbourne)
  - b. Aurora College Monitoring Training
  - c. Research projects/proposals overview
3. **Approve minutes of previous meeting**
4. **Management Issues**
  - a. Bluenose Caribou Herds update
  - b. Fisheries Act and Protection Program

5. **Land Claim Implementation/Board Analysis**  
Update on work with Daryn Leas and SSI
6. **In-Person Joint and Board Meeting, week of February 10**
  - a. Review draft agenda and invitation list
7. **Operations Manual Revisions – Personnel Sections**  
Overview by Paul Latour

## 1. Opening Prayer

Michael Neyelle

Meeting called to order at 9:20 am

## 2. Research and Monitoring

- a. ENR Wildlife Research agenda and priority setting for the Sahtú Region (with ENR and Janet Winbourne)

Janet Winbourne- technical writer will be helping SRRB setting and accomplishing research priorities

ENR proposing 8 new radio collar for woodland caribou and 8 for wolves

ENR has a lot of unreported research- sheep, muskox collaring. ENR is now proposing more collaring but there is a concern that the Board will not receive a final report.

Board is considering asking ENR to provide results for the muskox and sheep data (year 2 of 5 year approach)

Board agrees that Janet should be working with the Board to develop Wildlife research and priority setting for the Sahtú Region.

Great interest from community between the relationship of caribou and muskox, changes in moose population, wolverine, climate change.

Possible Research Biodiversity List (Deb):

- Biodiversity monitoring that harnesses harvesters' ways of knowing (ie. narratives about observations during trips on the land); focus on trapping and subsistence species, but encompassing other observations opportunistically)
- Science-based biodiversity monitoring system devised by Suzanne Carriere, where people are given biodiversity "boxes" with everything needed to do a simple sampling for biodiversity.
- Fire, industrial footprint, and habitat regeneration (we may be advised that this is more pertinent to the Forest Management Division – but this would still require a funding proposal).
- Dene placenames and ecological knowledge (this may come from ENR's Traditional Knowledge program – but a proposal would be required anyway).
- Review and analysis of industry baseline monitoring results.

Deb- Board should suggest that funding be set aside for collaboration with community to review what the optimal approach for monitoring is.

Janet- supports Deb's list and thinks it is an interesting start point to the 5 year program.

Board Members opinion on research priorities:

Keith-long complicated regional priorities, Board should focus on harvest study in terms of Bluenose East and West herds. Deb believes ENR would support gathering of new harvest collection data.

Keith- we should support what we promised to RRCc, Jean's caribou study, which will probably go against ENR's collaring proposal. Board should seek continuing support to continue Jean's caribou study.

Keith- Climate change model- mercury rate in fish. Deb- Board is doing a bit of this work through Health Canada and also through Northern Contaminant Program. Board is currently working on 2 proposals for mercury, one to gather past and on-going Hg research in the Sahtú region. Other proposal is for a workshop to insure results are communicated to communities properly.

Laurel- Water quality is a concern for communities. Supports Keith's climate change and mercury comment. Community concern about water bodies that are not being tested (small creeks and traditional hunting areas).

Gordon- is surprised that Board is not supporting collaring approach. Collaring helps understand how herds intermingle and help avoid issues that had not been foreseen.

Deb- Board developed a collaborative research approach with RRC and ENR. We should evaluate ENR's monitoring report with the community and see what is the best approach for monitoring. Board has done a lot of work to develop questions for Jean's studies but we have not worked with communities for questions that can be answered with collaring.

Michael- Bluenose herd monitoring is a priority for Délıne. Supports Deb's priority list.

Pat- how much of the research list is in the board's mandate? Also concerned with the missing data and reports.

Deb- thinks money should be set aside for previous year's unreported studies

Keith left meeting at 10:32 am

Janet left meeting at 10:40am

b. Aurora College Monitoring Training

Keith returned at 10: 48 am

Jerry Huculak from Aurora College asked the board to assist administering the funds of the program.

Planning for the course to take place at the end of February in Drum Lake.

c. Research projects/proposals overview

Deb- Proposals will be sent to the board by email, please tell staff if we're getting off track.

### 3. Approve minutes of previous meeting

#### Motion M049

M049 Paul Latour / Laurel McDonald. The SRRB approved meeting minutes for the October 2, 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> in person meeting, for the October 21, 2013 teleconference and for the December 6, 2013 teleconference pending minor revisions . Consensus

### 4. Management Issues

- a. Bluenose Caribou Herds update  
Bluenose East research proposal- deferred to in person meeting, until Board's receives a copy of the Bluenose Management Report.
- b. Fisheries Act and Protection Program  
Gordon- DFO has made changes without taken into account comments and revisions from other stakeholders.DFO did not provide proper interaction/consultation with our board  
Pat- Submitting another letter at this point will be counterproductive  
Keith and Laurel- Supports the idea that we should write a letter outlining the lack of proper consultation.  
Deb- DFO has reduced the number of staff in communities and Deb is concerned that consultation could fall for our Board. Deb will do some extra work with Daryn Leas (SRRB lawyer) on the issue

### 5. Land Claim Implementation/Board Analysis

Update on work with Daryn Leas and SSI

Working on: Duty to consult, what it means to the board and level of consultation we need with communities

We can not do our job properly if RRC are underfunded.

Board Analysis- a questionnaire was sent out last year. If a conclusion from Canada is different than what our implementation plan Board will encounter some issues.

### 6. In-Person Joint and Board Meeting, week of February 10

### 7. Review draft agenda and invitation list

Deb wants to have the traditional economy workshop at the same time as the in person board meeting. Francois Rossouw (ITI) is booked to come back and present at the meeting but he would be spending more time with RRCs than board.

Gord- will meet with Minister of the Environment and will address how board appointments process is being handled.

Update from Jean, Dene Mapping project, heavy duty work with ENR, environmental monitoring working group.

## 8. Operations Manual Revisions – Personnel Sections

Overview by Paul Latour

Paul and Ayla Akhungor went through the documents and made editorial changes. The board does not have to abide by Employment Standard Act.

Statuaries holidays- Board currently has more than feds.

Do we want to mirror GNWT on policies? Laurel and Paul yes.

Deb, Paul and Ayla Akhungor will take another stab and present another a polished version to the board at the in person board meeting.

### Motion M050

M050 Paul Latour / Keith Hickling. The SRRB approved the October 18, 2013 draft Consensus of Deborah’s contract.

Déljñę- Keith curious on how wild management will occur in Déljñę after self government commences. Signing agreement is in March. Déljñę RRC would become independent

### Motion M051

M051 Laurel moves to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 am Consensus

## Summary of Motions

Number	Description	Result
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M051	Laurel moves to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 am	Consensus