



YISC Meeting Minutes March 29, 2011

Environment Yukon, Fish and Wildlife Boardroom, # 10 Burns Road

Attendees: Board members: Toos Omtzigt YCE, Bruce Bennett ENV, Kirstie Simpson EMR, Nathan Millar ENV.

Andrea Altherr coordinator, Chris Toleman HPW, Saleem Dar EC,

Regrets: Matt Ball EMR, Lloyd Freese KNPR, Randy Lewis AASeed, Denis Lacroix EC, Lyle Dinn EMR, Debbie van de Wetering EC, Aynslie Ogden ECO, Bob Drinkwater DES, Maureen Huggard EMR, Randy Lamb ENV.

Chair: Toos Omtzigt

Minutes: Andrea Altherr

1. Round of introductions

Everybody introduced themselves.

2. Approval of agenda:

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the meeting minutes February 22, 2011

The minutes were approved.

4. Strategic planning and resulting actions for 2011

Before the next planning meeting everybody should look at the action plan and come up with priorities. It is time to get the membership involved as well. The attendees agreed on sending version 7 (which is corrected by Matt) to the membership with an invitation to submit comments. Questions to ask are: What actions do you see yourself engaged in? Which are your priorities for YISC?

Action: Andrea to send version 7 to the board and after approval to the membership.

5. Preparations for the AGM:

It was suggested to hold the AGM in May. The advertisement period for the AGM is 30 days. Nathan suggested adding it to a regular meeting. We will send out a call for nomination similar to last year's procedure.

Action: Kirstie to book a meeting room at the library for May 25 from 12:15PM to 13:45PM.

Action: Toos will ask the board members if they are staying on. **Action:** Matt to prepare the financial statement.

6. Board of director's update

• Funding:

No news from IASPP, decisions are most likely on hold because of the election.

Core funding: The letter went out to the ministries of Environment, EMR, Highways & Public Works. We haven't received a formal response.

Action: Toos to follow up

Environmental Awareness Fund (EAF) call for proposals is out. Deadline for submission is April 12. Possible items to include in a proposal are: Web site update, media exposure with display ads, printing money for Why should I care? brochure, participation in environment fair in May and the GEOScience fair in fall.

Action: Andrea to send last year's EAF application and the application information to Toos.

- **Newsletter**

Kirstie suggested creating a newsletter for the membership which highlights the accomplishment of YISC to inform the membership and enhance an active membership. The newsletter can be used to set up a press release in the forefront of the AGM.

Action: Andrea pulls the facts together and Kirstie will help to shape the newsletter.

- **Environment fair:**

The fair will be held on Friday May 13 for high school participation and on Saturday May 14 from 10AM to 3PM for the public at the Takhini Arena. The attendees felt that the fair is a good way to gain public exposure. Because of the time commitment YISC will focus on participating on Saturday only.

Action: Andrea to apply for a booth.

- **Reclamation and Revegetation Guidelines**

Kirstie gave an update on the progress of the Reclamation and Revegetation guidelines. This project is led by Yukon Environment. Most of the funding lapsed as contracts were not issued but the project has been moved forward in the past month.

- **Why should I care brochure:**

Carmen Wong should be asked for input about the angling regulations in National Parks.

Action: Andrea to contact Carmen.

Kirstie mentioned to check on the consistent use of the terminology.

Action: Bruce to check the document.

Action: Nathan and Debbie to have a final look at the animal section too.

Action: Andrea to finalize the Indesign file and send the pdf to the membership and post it on the website.

- **Whitehorse Climate Change Adaptation Project (WCCAP):**

The second draft of the literature review was submitted and is presently reviewed by the board.

- **Yukon Environmental Network (YEN)**

YISC received financial support from the Yukon Environmental Network fund. The network provides a platform for non-profit environmental organizations.

Bruce suggested becoming a member of the network. The membership is \$20 per year. More information is available at: <http://www.yten.ca/>. The attendees agreed on the membership.

Action: Andrea to ask Matt to issue a cheque and to complete the sign up procedure.

7. Coordinator's Update:

Andrea had nothing to add.

8. Review of action items:

Revegetation along highway 37: Kirstie will follow up

9. Round table:

Bruce reviewed the National Invasive Species Councils news release regarding the spread of invasive aquatic plants. It is a follow-up of the National Giant Hogweed campaign.

Meeting adjourned: 5:15PM

10. Next meeting

Regular monthly meeting: April 27 at 3:30PM

AGM: May 25 at 12:15PM at the library