



Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board

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GRRB TELECONFERENCE MINUTES July 27, 2016 1:00 PM MST (NT) / 12:00 PM PST (YT)

Attendance

- GRRB office: Amy Amos (Staff), Cheryl Greenland (Staff), Kaytlin Cooper (Staff), Amy Ganton (Environment Canada)
- On call: Eugene Pascal (Chair), Ron Allen (Alternate Member), Burt Hunt (Member), Doug Doan (Member), Charlie Snowshoe (Alternate Member), Cindy Allen (Alternate Member), Jozef Carnogursky (Alternate Member), Paul Teoh (Paul Teoh Chartered Accountants)

1. Call to order

Eugene Pascal called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM. Conflict of interest will be declared as it arises.

2. Agenda

Motion # GRRB 2016-25	To approve the July 27, 2016 teleconference agenda
Moved by: Cindy Allen	Seconded by: Burt Hunt
All in favour.	Motion carried.

3. Minutes

Approval of minutes was deferred to the next face-to-face meeting.

Action(s): Add Cindy Allen to the May teleconference meeting minutes as a participant.

Charlie Snowshoe (Alternate Member) entered the meeting.

4. Financial Statements

a. GRRB Financial Statement

Paul Teoh presented the financial statements, including what is owed to the GRRB and what has been deferred - mostly Species at Risk (SAR) funds. The sum total of all of the funds shows that the net worth of the GRRB has increased. \$54,324 of SAR deferral still needs to be spent.

An examination of cash flow shows that the GRRB is doing a lot of work with very little cash flow.

Kaytlin Cooper (Staff) entered the meeting.

Discussion:

The Board questioned whether the SAR funds included wages. Amy Amos elaborated, explaining that the total includes three consultations.

b. Wildlife Studies Fund Financial Statement

Paul Teoh summarized the financial activity around the Wildlife Studies Fund (WSF). Meet with fund managers once per year. He reminded the Board that the investment values are unrealized/on paper only; the changes are due to market fluctuation.

Discussion:

The Board questioned the \$21,000 fee. Paul explained that this fee is reasonable, equalling about 1% of the investments, which fluctuates depending on the amount of investments. Discussion occurred around a flat/fixed rate versus a percentage.

There was a brief discussion around the money being spent on field travel. There are more field projects being done, increasing the amount.

Motion # GRRB 2016-26 Moved by: Burt Hunt All in favour.	To approve the GRRB Financial Statements for 2016-17 Seconded by: Cindy Allen Motion carried.
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Motion # GRRB 2016-27 Moved by: Doug Doan All in favour.	To approve the Wildlife Studies Fund Financial Statements for 2016-17 Seconded by: Burt Hunt Motion carried.
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5. Reporting

Amy Amos presented the GRRB 2015-16 Activity Report.

Discussion:

For the GNWT SAR, Cindy Allen requested adding that the GRRB appoints a member and an alternate to the Species at Risk Committee (SARC) and has up to three representatives for the Conference of Management Authorities (CMA), along with how many meetings were attended (SARC & CMA).

Burt Hunt questioned ongoing versus completed. He suggested that this year be shown as completed.

Motion # GRRB 2016-28 Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky All in favour.	To approve the GRRB Annual Activity Report with the edits mentioned Seconded by: Burt Hunt Motion carried.
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Amy G. entered the meeting

6. Species at Risk Act

a. Red-necked Phalarope

Amy G. gave the Board a PowerPoint presentation proposing listing this species as a species of Special Concern. An overabundance of snow geese can impact the phalarope population. The

deadline for review is October 4th. There have been no comments yet from the GSA. There will also be a public posting period where comments may be submitted.

Kaytlin Cooper presented on GSA engagement. The NRRC has not yet replied.

Discussion:

The Board inquired as to the Gwich'in name for this species. They also wondered why there were fewer birds than there used to be – only crows and seagulls now.

Action(s):

Kaytlin Cooper to check with the GSCI for a Gwich'in name for the Red-necked Phalarope.
Amy G. to follow up with her biologist on the reason for other bird species declines.

Motion # GRRB 2016-29

To approve the listing of the Red-necked Phalarope as a species of Special Concern under the federal Species at Risk Act.

Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky
All in favour.

Seconded by: Doug Doan
Motion carried.

b. Yellow-banded Bumblebee

Amy G. went over her PowerPoint presentation, seeking direction and advice on listing this species. The consultation period has ended and GRRB support is being sought as soon as possible to list the Yellow-banded Bumblebee as a species of Special Concern.

Kaytlin Cooper reviewed the GSA engagement. There have been no sightings in the GSA, but the ERRC thinks this species is here (no confirmation).

Discussion:

The Board asked why consultation had been declined. This occurred since there was no confirmation of the species in the GSA range. Since it *could* be in the GSA, Kaytlin asked for the species to be included.

The Board suggested that Kaytlin's comments be submitted to the CWS and include any traditional knowledge. Amy G. stressed that it is important to pass news of any sightings along, so the GSA can be included in the drafting stage. Just because the species isn't confirmed in our range, doesn't mean that it is not important.

Further discussion continued around the GRRB's involvement in this process. The Board would like the GRRB to be involved in any management plan moving forward.

Motion # GRRB 2016-30

To approve the listing of the Yellow-banded Bumblebee as a species of Special Concern under the federal Species at Risk Act.

Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky
All in favour.

Seconded by: Burt Hunt
Motion carried.

*Amy G. left the meeting.
Kaytlin Cooper left the meeting.
Cheryl Greenland left the meeting.*

7. Caribou

a. ACCWM Meeting in Deline

The BNE Action Plan has been signed. The next meeting is in October/November in Inuvik, co-hosted by WMAC (NWT) and the GRRB.

Ron Allen reported that the Deline meeting was a good session. The Sahtu were supposed to have a decision on the hearing, but it is not out yet. This community challenged it and said there is no need for Total Allowable Harvest (TAH). It needs the support of the Sahtu.

Discussion:

The Board spoke about how the conservation plan of Deline compliments the overall management plan. The Plan outlines how the communities will do that. SRRB is to work with the communities. The goal is to stay within the limit.

b. Review of Action Plans

The Board reviewed the Action Plans and agreed to talk to the RRCs, but focus on prioritizing actions rather than content.

8. Committee Updates

a. Finance Committee

Amy Amos gave the update. There were no comments.

b. Policy Committee

Ron Allen, Doug Doan and Amy Amos are on the Policy Committee. They have met and have an approach to doing their review. They are working on this and will provide recommendations to the full Board at a later date.

9. Updates

a. Appointment Letter Follow-up

Amy presented this update and discussed the amount of time it was taking.

Discussion:

The Board wondered when appointments could be expected, and whether the GRRB could send reminders to the nominating agency.

The Board also inquired as to Bobbie Jo Greenland Morgan's status. A legal opinion may help determine if there is a conflict of interest with her new position with the GTC.

Action(s): Amy Amos to reach out to AANDC for an appointment status update and remind them of the appointment process and quickly approaching expirations.

b. Communications Update – for information

c. Research Priority Workshop Update – for information (no money for Workshop)

d. Meeting Updates

Ron Allen attended the WMMP meeting on May 24th. The next meeting is August 12th. IFMP meeting updates can be found in the binder.

e. Upcoming Meetings

If anyone is interested, tell Amy.

10. Adjournment

Motion # GRRB 2016-31	To adjourn the meeting at 3:52PM
Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky	
All in favour.	Motion carried.