



## Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board

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### GRRB TELECONFERENCE MINUTES July 25, 2019 9:00 AM MST (NT) / 8:00 AM PST (YT)

#### Attendance

- GRRB office staff: Amy Amos, Édouard Bélanger, Sarah Lord
- On call: Jozef Carnogursky (Board Chair), Sam Bullock (Member), Margaret Begg (Member), Roger Fraser, Paul Teoh (accountant/auditor)

#### 1. Call to order

Jozef Carnogursky called the meeting to order at 9:02AM. Congratulations and welcome Roger Fraser to the Board. Roger took the oath so can fully participate. Conflict of interest will be declared as it arises.

#### 2. Agenda

**Motion # GRRB 2019-27**

Moved by: Sam Bullock  
All in favour.

**To approve the July 25, 2019 teleconference agenda**

Seconded by: Margaret Begg  
Motion carried.

#### 3. Minutes

**Motion # GRRB 2019-28**

Moved by: Margaret Begg  
All in favour.

**To approve the February 2019 face-to-face meeting minutes**

Seconded by: Sam Bullock  
Motion carried.

*Paul Teoh joined the call at 9:20AM*

**Motion # GRRB 2019-29**

Moved by: Sam Bullock  
All in favour.

**To approve the May 24, 2019 meeting minutes**

Seconded by: Jozef Carnogursky  
Motion carried.

Updates from Sam Bullock relating to minutes:

- Put name forward for IFMP Steering Committee; participated in a teleconference on June 10<sup>th</sup> teleconference – appointed the Chair for the IFMP Steering Committee.
- Draft Boreal Caribou Framework – CMA asking review of final draft, Talked to someone else re: Recovery Strategy Framework, St. Mary University

**4. Finance**

**b. Draft financial statements – General Operating**

Paul Teoh reviewed financial statements.

Pg 1 – GRRB considered Canadian public sector accounting standards (similar to government)

Pg 2 – In Paul’s opinion, presents fairly the financial position of the GRRB

Pg 4 – how financially healthy we are

Pg 5 – shows revenue over expenses; added “Departments” to show expense categories

Pg 7 – statement of cash flows; GRRB is \$1.5 million operating

Pg 11 Note 3 – Deferred Contributions; GRRB deferred \$15k 2018/19 to 2019/20

    Note 4 – Tangible Capital Assets

    Note 5 – Accumulated surplus; GO is in deficit; this is from first years of GRRB (Day 1)

Pg 15-17 – schedules of GO fund, Admin fund, WSF

Pg 18-22 – program breakdown. Research

Pg 23 – for our core reporting

**Discussion:**

GO FS – Pg 5, who is other? Look at schedules – Wildlife Studies Fund, GLUPB

Pg 12, bad debts? Two old invoices from GNWT (2017/18) not paid to GRRB yet

**Action(s): Amy Amos to try to recover unpaid funds from GNWT**

**c. Draft financial statements – Wildlife Studies**

Paul Teoh reviewed financial statement.

WSF not legal entitled. Not incorporated or registered. Received \$2 million Day 1 of GCLCA. This shows how the \$ is spent.

Pg 3 – statement of financial position; net worth \$2.8 million

Pg 4 – statement of operation; compare revenue and expenses

Pg 8 – long term investement; lists where money is invested

**Discussion:**

\$2,086,000 and still\$ 2.8 million. Doing good. Maintain principal, use interest for funding wildlife research.

**Motion # GRRB 2019-30**

**Whereas the Auditor has reviewed the financial statements with the Board; Whereas the Canadian Auditing Standards requires approval of audited financial statements by the Board of Directors prior to the auditor's completion of his audit; Be it resolved that the Board approved the financial statements year ended March 31, 2019 as presented, of: Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board and Gwich'in Wildlife Studies Fund**

Moved by: Margaret Begg

Seconded by: Sam Bullock

All in favour.

Motion carried.

*Paul Teoh left the call.*

**a. Finance Committee update & advice**

Amy Amos gave verbal update; see Briefing Note in binder

<b>Motion # GRRB 2019-31</b>	<b>To add Roger Fraser to the Finance Committee. Current delegation will be Sam Bullock, Sarah Jerome and Roger Fraser.</b>
Moved by: Margaret Begg	Seconded by: Sam Bullock
All in favour.	Motion carried.

*Édouard Bélanger entered the meeting.*

**5. Wildlife**

**a. Deer harvesting regulations**

Édouard reviewed a request from ENR for GRRB decision.

Issue: disease that affects deer and can be transferred to other wildlife species. GRRB did a review of this issue on the last Board call.

Solution: ENR to open up hunting; resident hunter all year long. Tag (free) needed. People can hunt all year, must give head of hunt.

No concerns, no deer in GSA. Might come but long time.

**Discussion:**

Do indigenous people need to return the head? Can they keep the antlers? Ed will check with ENR, but thinks that they cannot keep the head – ENR will test.

Concern that the Gwich'in still have rights in the south (unsettled land claim area). Interested in GTC reply. We know ENR consulted via letter. We were copied on that letter but never heard if they had any concerns or comments.

Once the regulations are approved, it affects the *Wildlife Act*.

**Action(s): Jozef Carnogursky to talk to GTC about their views on these regulations.** An email motion can be circulated once there is more information. Decision deferred, deadline is August.

**b. Bluenose West tags**

Édouard reviewed the situation and the letter, provided an update.

Issue: TAH is 4%, never changed based on percentage of population. Always the same number of tags.

Solution: GRRB, WMAC, SRRB wrote ENR. Requested increase to number of tags and asked for Gwich'in to get increase from 3% to 4% of that allocation. 22 tags increased to 34.

Issue: ENR never replied. GCLCA and *Wildlife Act* require reply within 60 days.

Solution: GRRB wrote letter requesting reply. Asking for 12 more tags.

**c. Update on defining commercial use**

Amy gave background, current status, upcoming plans for Commercial Use Workshop. Might need extra day in September face-to-face meeting.

*Édouard left the meeting.*

*Sarah Lord entered the meeting.*

## 6. Fisheries & Forestry

### a. IFMP amendment approval

Sarah Lord reviewed the Briefing Note (see meeting binder). Current status, summary of what's in amended version of IFMP and why RRCs have been engaged. Sarah has no concerns with approving the amendment.

<b>Motion # GRRB 2019-32</b>	<b>To approve the amended Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Dolly Varden.</b>
Moved by: Margaret Begg	Seconded by: Sam Bullock
All in favour.	Motion carried.

### b. DFO annual meeting (objectives, delegation)

November 20-21. Any additional agenda items, let Amy know.

#### Discussion:

Good meeting. Need greater GSA presence. Sam Bullock expressed interest.

Margaret went in 2017; didn't have lots of questions. Really good for Roger & Sam because of their background, great for staff too.

Roger is interested. He's new. Was officer in past.

Interested delegation: Jozef, Sam, Roger, Amy & Sarah.

**Action(s): Amy to see if DFO can cover three delegates.**

*Sarah Lord left the meeting.*

## 7. Species at Risk

### a. Boreal caribou framework for range plans

Amy went over the briefing note (see meeting binder) for information.

## 8. Administrative

### a. Operating Procedures Manual

Amy presented proposed changes to the Criminal Records Check section

### b. Safety Policy

Amy presented proposed changes to the Boat Safety section

#### Discussion:

Concern over liabilities. Supervisor role. Be careful.

<b>Motion # GRRB 2019-33</b>	<b>To approve amendments to the GRRB Operating Procedures Manual and Safety Policy, as presented.</b>
Moved by: Sam Bullock	Seconded by: Roger Fraser
All in favour.	Motion carried.

**9. Other Business**

Next meeting September 25-25, Tsiigehtchic. Confirm.

**10. Adjournment**

**Motion # GRRB 2019-34**

Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky  
All in favour.

**To adjourn the July 2019 teleconference meeting at  
11:05AM**

Seconded by: Margaret Begg  
Motion carried.