

CLAYOQUOT BIOSPHERE TRUST
Culture Committee
Wednesday, October 15th 2008
6:00 – 9:00 pm
North Island College, Ucluelet

Minutes

In attendance: Nadine Crookes, Mare Dewar, Patty Frank, David Griffiths, Gale Johnsen, Anne Mack, Arlene Paul and Jenny Touchie

Board of Directors: Violet Clark and April Charleson

Staff: Rebecca Hurwitz, Jessie Fletcher and Jean Wylie

Dinner was available from 6:00 – 6:30

1. The meeting started with a round of introductions. Rebecca introduced Jessie Fletcher, the Interim Community Coordinator filling in during her absence. As well, a thank you to the Board of Directors who were available to attend.

2. The agenda & recent minutes were reviewed and approved.

3. CBT Update

- Rebecca's last day today and confident in handing responsibilities off to Jessie.
- Directors are receiving invitation to committee meetings and committee member in turn receiving invitation to Directors meeting, going quite well
- To support efforts to reduce paper use, we will not bring extra copies to the meetings unless requested
- Community concerns expressed in regards to use of styro-foam at meetings, therefore, for environmental reasons we will use caterers with proper dishware, as well, feel free to bring your own; plate, fork, etc. to meetings.
- Scholarships all wrapped up for the year. USS Scholarship for Academic Excellence was awarded to Sydney Morrison, NTC Scholarship, unfortunately, no applications received for this year. Last year's recipient, Josh Charleson requested and was approved for a one year deferral. We are open to any new ideas to approach the NTC Scholarship for next year.
- Core priorities, a Draft was presented at the last board meeting, however it turned out there was not quorum. Is an agenda item for next Board Meeting
- Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22/08. Tofino at the Weigh West Resort 6:30 – 9:00 pm. Reminder ~ meetings are open to public.
- Discretionary Fund balance \$4,965. We would like to avoid carry forwards and make every effort to get those funds out into the community as well we just received four discretionary requests. We can review the 'Call for Funding' requests and following that, Jessie will review the discretionary requests.

4. 2008 Call for Projects

This is the opportunity for project proponents to present their applications to the committee and answer any questions the group may have. Proponents will have 10 minutes to make an informal presentation and five minutes to answer questions from the group. Any additional time may be spent discussing the applications.

Rebecca mentioned that the 2007 Call for Funding projects are all on track and the final reports will all be in by end of December. Overall a total of \$100K is available for this year, \$35K is committed to multi year projects and that leaves \$65K for this year. That averages out to be approximately \$13K per committee.

1. West Coast Carving Festival, Pam Lewis, Norma Dryden presenters, (PRAS)

How many carvers have you interviewed? About 35-37 as well as local business people and a few members from the community. Those interviewed expressed the want and need to be around professional people to learn and develop their trade further. Artists have shared that people want to know the cultural meaning behind the work, the carving style, who you learnt from, etc.

What area will it serve? Both Tofino and Ucluelet are looking at scheduling carving workshops. Artists feel it is difficult for them to showcase their works as galleries in the area have high commission rates. FYI the District of Ucluelet is willing to partner with us and is very supportive of this project.

In your budget there is mention of 'Unconfirmed Partners', what does that mean? They are aware of the intention behind the project, we just have not sought out written confirmation.

Decision:

Not Recommended: *West Coast Carving Festival.* Overall, it was thought that the concept of the project was still in preliminary planning stage. Appears to support the commercial aspect more so that the development and celebration of carving.

2. Morpheus Island I. & R., presenter David Griffiths

Would you be working with the families, yes, have also consulted with Tla-o-qui-aht FN and they do not have any concerns with this project.

What would the funds be used for? The general clearing, fuel for equipment and transportation to site, as well, part of the funds would be to produce a brochure and request to respect their time in visiting the site, keep it clean.

Do you have any pictures before the clear cut? No, I could not find any.

What does Project Volunteer Coordinator mean? the person who would oversee the project and would work approximately 150 hours over 8 months time.

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3. Ha'wiih Governance Workshop, presenter Jackie Godfrey

Will be facilitated by Brenda Kuecks and Angel Hunt

Where is the workshop being held? TinWis Conference Centre.

What Chiefs are confirmed to participate so far? Chief's: Lewis George, Billy Keitlah, Guy Louie, Johnny O. Frank, Keith Atleo, Eddie Mack, Jay Miller, Bert Mack, Ray Seitcher and Chief Joseph

How long will the workshop be for? Presently there is one day scheduled. It will cover possibly three days total, not consecutive days.

Are there any measures to gauge and can this be monitored? Yes, we will be video recording and will document the discussions. Also expect that there will be a 'role' for the Chief's defined. This information will be available to CBT following the completion of the project.

What is the idea of the project, what do you hope to gain from the outcome? The Chiefs as well as the communities they represent want to become more involved and engage in modern day concerns and issues with government relations, negotiations and everyday business. Have a better understanding of the ramifications of decisions that affect their respective territories.

Would the project go forward if we were available to provide partial funds? Yes, we have other sources and will make do with what we can gather.

Who, other than the Chiefs and respected communities benefit from this project? The general community members, Boards ~ staff would gain new understanding of the roles and responsibilities as well as the importance of the role of the 'Chief's' and would assist in establishing better and more sound, long lasting relationships, presently and for future generations. As well, opportunity for better understanding of traditional practices of the past and learn from Chiefs, the true owners of the lands and know what the true owners wish for their territories.

Decision: Would be good to have the District of Tofino come and businesses come and see how things get worked. *Advised that would be a session in future.*
Approve partial funds, provide \$4K from Discretionary Funding.

4. FN Youth Photography Course – Celina Tuttle via conference call @ 7:45

* **The call was not received.**

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5. USS Totem Pole Project, presenter Carol Sedgewick

Do you have a carver established for this project? We have a few that we have been talking to and that will be determined once we have the funding committed.

When do you expect to finish the project? By spring, it will be about a 5 month project and finished during the school year.

How big will it be? 22' high, not sure of the diameter right now.

What will the design consist of? It is presently being designed. Students have a lot of ideas and we would like to be as collaborative as possible and incorporate all that we can into the design and ensure that the carver is comfortable with that.

Will this be for first nations only? It is a project for all to contribute and participate in, first nations and non-first nations.

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6. St. Columbia History Project

*** No presenter(s).**

Discussion: Although there was no representation from the 'FN Youth Photography Course and the St. Columbia History Project the committee considered the submissions to be strong enough in format received and would like to support in full.

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Summary of Call for Projects Recommendations

<i>Projects</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>Amount Recommended</i>
West Coast Carving Festival	\$3000	\$0
Morpheus Island Remediation & Interpretation	\$7300	\$7300
Ha'wiih Governance Workshop	\$8000	\$0*
FN Youth Photography Course	\$2500	\$2500
USS Totem Pole Project	\$2000	\$2000
St. Columbia History Project	\$2000	\$2000
TOTALS	\$24,800	\$13,800

Recommendations for Call for Projects funding totals \$13,800. These recommendations will be brought forward to Board of Directors \$13K recommended from Call for Projects, with the committee offering \$800 from their discretionary funding to cover the remaining.

*Ha'wiih was not approved under the call for projects, but was granted \$4,000 from the Culture Committee's discretionary funding.

Discretionary Funding

Balance at the Beginning of the Meeting	\$4,965.00
Balance Remaining at the end of the Meeting	\$165.00

5. **Next Meeting** ~ Wednesday, November 12, 2008.