

CLAYOQUOT BIOSPHERE TRUST
Education Committee
Thursday, November 13th, 2008
6:00 – 9:00 pm

Minutes

In attendance: Bill Morrison, Gertrude Touchie and Leah Walberg

Board of Directors: Violet Clarke

Staff: Jessie Fletcher and Jean Wylie

Dinner was served from 6:00 – 6:30 pm

1. Review and Approval of Agenda & October 20th, 2008 Minutes.

The Agenda and recent Minutes were reviewed and approved.

2. CBT Update

- **Environment:** We will no longer be bringing extra meeting packages to the meetings unless they are requested. If you have a package that you no longer require, we will return it to the office for recycling. Also, where ever possible we utilize either venues or caterers that can provide dishware, cutlery, mugs etc. rather than using disposable or styro-foam material. We encourage you to bring your own dish and drink requirements for the meal to the meeting.
- **Scholarships:** The USS Scholarship for Excellence was awarded to Sidney Morrison, she is now attending SFU. Unfortunately, there were no applicants for the NTC scholarship. The Board is open to receiving and considering any ideas you may have to share in this regard.
- **Call for Projects 2008:** will be presented to the Board of Directors at the upcoming Board Meeting, scheduled for November 20/08. You are all welcome to attend. Kindly advise staff if you plan to attend, that way we will ensure there is an information package available.
- **Reminder:** kindly provide your confirmation in a timely manner.
- **Economic Downturn:** in regards to the current economic crisis, there will be no 'Call for Projects 2009', but rather one in early 2010. This will help re-stabilize the fund and will re-align the Call for Projects with the CBT's fiscal year.
- **CBT's 10 year Review:** will be conducted in year 2010. CBT is considering re-branding to help encourage local participation.
- **Discretionary Funds:** There will be \$8,000 available in 2009, a reduction from the \$10,000 usually available to committees.

3. 2008 Call for Projects

This is the opportunity for committee members to discuss the proposals and make recommendations to the board.

Hooksum School Society

Request \$8K

West Coast Outdoor Leadership Training Sponsorship Fund

The education committee felt that this wasn't a priority for them. Recommendation was made to Board to fund this through unused NTC scholarship monies.

Ucluelet Elementary School

Request \$1K

Hooksum Outdoor School

The committee felt that this project encouraged local awareness, the local economy and was environmentally friendly, as it reduced the students' carbon footprint from travelling. It will enrich the students' appreciation of what is available locally, allowing them the opportunity to travel by boat, visit a logging camp and explore the area further.

In order to efficiently use the funds, the committee recommended that this request be funded entirely through discretionary funds, instead of through the call for projects.

Raincoast Education Society

Request \$7,300

Raincoast Sustainable Living Project

The committee was very supportive of this proposal. The proposal is a creative new idea.

The committee recommends partial funding of this project through the Call for Projects 2008. The committee will also allot some of their discretionary funds to the project.

Ucluelet Elementary School

Request \$5570

Sharing Nuu-chah-nulth Culture

The committee feels that language and cultural education is a crucial component to building sustainable futures in the community.

The committee recommends partial funding of this project through the Call for Projects 2008. The committee will also allot some of their discretionary funds to the project.

Tofino Botanical Garden

Request \$8K

Sustainability Camp 2009

While the committee recognizes that the outcomes of this project have been proven in the past, that it wasn't a priority for them. There were some questions regarding whether such a project (annual in nature) should be treated as an operational expense by foundations. Despite that, the committee felt that there was some educational benefit for children, and that discouraging the TBG from applying in the future Call for Projects would not benefit the community. The committee also felt that there should be other arrangements made to cover the cost of accommodation.

The committee recommended partial funding of the project, with no funds to be used for accommodation.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposal	Proponent	Requested \$	Recommended \$
Hooksum Scholarships	Hooksum Outdoor School	\$8,000	Recommend Board funds through Discretionary
Hooksum Outdoor School	Ucluelet Elementary School	\$1,000	\$1,000 through discretionary
Sustainability Camp	Tofino Botanical Gardens	\$8,000	\$3,000 (not accommodation)
Sustainable Living	Raincoast Education Society	\$7,300	\$5,500 (with \$1,000 from discretionary)
Sharing Nuu-Chah-Nulth Culture	Ucluelet Elementary School	\$5,570	\$4,400 (with \$900 from discretionary)
Total Recommended Call for Projects			\$12,900

- Staff should communicate to RES and UES that cuts were necessary because of the number of proposals received, and that otherwise, we would have chosen to fund these projects in full;
- TBGs need to be aware that monies should not be spent on accommodation, and that the Education committee feels that such a project should be budgeted for as an operating activity; and,

- RES should be aware of the E.C.'s support of including youth from the area in the sustainability campaign.

4. Review of 2008 Call for Projects

Committee felt that the 2008 Call for Projects was successful, though acknowledged that allocating limited funding between strong proposals is a daunting and challenging process.

In order to bolster committee numbers, recognizing that participation has waned over the past year, committee members are encouraged to bring a friend to the January meeting. Members are also encouraged to engage the public in the process, and raise awareness about the CBT and the advisory committees.

5. Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2009.

Discretionary Balance at the Beginning of the Meeting	\$2,905
Discretionary Balance Remaining at the End of the Meeting	\$5