

CLAYOQUOT BIOSPHERE TRUST
Terrestrial Committee
Wednesday, October 29th 2008
6:00 – 9:00 pm
Café Vincente's, Tofino

Minutes

In Attendance: Barb Beasley, Francis Bruhwiler, Bob Hansen, Jessica Hutchinson, Steve Lawson, Liam McNeil, Maryjka Mychajlowycz and Jacqueline Windh

Board of Directors: Violet Clark

Guest: Lily McLean

Staff: Jessie Fletcher and Jean Wylie

Dinner was available from 6:00 – 6:30

1. Meeting began with a round of introductions.

Jessie expressed thanks to the committee members and the Director for volunteering their time to attend the meeting.

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

3. CBT Update

- FYI, Rebecca's last day was Wed. Oct. 15/08, she on Maternity Leave for one year.
- Directors are receiving invitation to committee meetings and committee member in turn receiving invitation to board meetings, the process is going quite well.
- In efforts to reduce paper use, we will not bring extra copies of the meeting packages 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. Feel free to bring your own; plate, fork, etc. to meetings in remote areas.
- Scholarships all wrapped up for the year. USS Scholarship for Academic Excellence was awarded to Sydney Morrison who is now attending SFU. Unfortunately, there were no applications received for this year's NTC scholarship. Last year's recipient, Joshua 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 and approved at the last board meeting, Oct. 22/08. We will be concentrating our efforts on the following three priorities:
 - *Practicing Sustainability ~ The Healthy Food, Healthy Community Initiative;*
 - *Connecting People and Place ~ Biosphere Reserve Youth Council and Programs;*
 - and,
 - *A Biosphere Centre ~ the Clayoquot Biosphere Centre.*

- Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20/08 in Ucluelet at the USS Band Room from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. Reminder ~ meetings are open to public.
- Current discretionary balance is at \$10,362.30. Next years funding we would like to avoid carry forwards and make every effort to get those funds out into the community. There is one request for Discretionary Funding carried forward from the September meeting. Time permitting, we can include that request into the decision making process tonight.
- Due to economic situation, we will skip the 2009 Call for Funding and resume the Call in January 2010. The Discretionary Funds will be available to each committee in January 2009.

4. 2008 Call for Projects

This provided opportunity for project proponents to present their applications to the committee and answer any questions the group may have. Proponents were given 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.

The Committee will review *5 requests* for a total of **\$34,845**

Discretionary Fund balance is: **\$10,362.30**

***Strawberry Isle Marine Research Society, presenter Wendy Szaniszlo
Wolf & and cougar studies in Clayoquot Sound requesting \$8000***

Who will do interviewing? Rod and myself

Will sightings still be reported to the park? No, it will now be reported to Strawberry Isle. Their role is to receive and document.

Will Rod based out of the park? No.

How will you pick the people? Bob and Rod would identify who we would question. IE: Steve Lawson, long-term locals.

How many interviews will be conducted? About 15 to 20 people. The template already exists and will be used for consistency.

Clarification: There will be opportunity to training guides and how to record the sighting, observations, behaviors, forging in intertidal, more detail, some training etc.

You're requesting funding for 3 years and we are not able to commit to multi- year funding. If we can only fund for 1 year, how will that affect this? Year 1 is the most critical to get the qualitative data and get people used to phoning in calls, for analysis etc.

Clarification: This year PARKS could not contribute. They are looking at establishing ongoing contributions starting next year and would pick up following this initial setup.

***Central Westcoast Forest Society, presenters Jessica Hutchinson & Lily McLean
Lost Shoe Trail Restoration requesting \$6325***

Are signs included? No that will be in phase 2, currently just upgrading the trail now, the old signs will be coming out.

How popular is/was the trail? Unsure of popularity.

How much do you think it will be used? It's in the entrance of our territory and feel that the revival will encourage use. It is a beautiful trail, on one side there's a dense forest, and other side restored 2nd growth.

How did it get into such bad condition? Presume parties defaced, it's near the logging road and the signs were not vandalism proof.

What if you don't get funding for signs will the trail still be useful? Yes.

Clarification: Jessica will forward an updated copy of her submission

***West Coast Wild Pacific Trail Society, Heather Grimshire and Barb Schramm
Trail head map signs with interpretive component***

How likely do you think that the signs will be vandalized and how will these signs differ? They are graffiti proof, water will take anything off. They have aluminum underlay so we can use security screws to discourage vandalism.

How many signs? 6 signs at \$900 each.

Do you think this is educational enough for CBT to pay for? Yes, it would be informative, educational and aid in safety as some people tend to get lost.

Will the township contribute to this? No.

Is there any other possible partner that could help if we cannot provide funding? Yes, we are looking to see if George Fraser can contribute.

If only partial funding was available could you complete your project? If only partial funding, it may pose difficulty. Things would have to be deferred back and then the lumber may be gone.

Is there any partnership opportunity with first nations? Yes, we would have to do that for sure and that linkage has not been formed yet. Also, we are considering donations from users.

***Department of Geography UVic, presenter Hawly Beaugrand
Coastal Erosion and Climate Change Impacts Monitoring Program***

Clarification: We moved \$1500 for Parks salary to travel as CBT can not assist with salaries.

Why did you pick PRNPR area, and why not extend into Tofino and Ucluelet? This is Stage 1 of a 3 stage of coastal review and eventually will cover all area within region.

What would the day be like? 15 minute segments of talking and equal amounts of activities. Looking at plots, research, etc. Discussion about sand dunes, why coastal erosion is a concern and getting out there and actually measuring.

Clarification: Have air photos to 1930, looking for anything prehistoric, more at how the dunes might respond to the current changes that are occurring, sand pours, dunes stabilized and see when they were last active, past sea levels, etc.

Will you be monitoring effects of climate change? No, more short term. We will review 1910 data and determine what we can expect in short term trends.

Why did you target that age? I spoke with Josie Osborne, that's the age she recommended

What age group do you recommend? Say Grade 6 and/or Grade 11 & 12, very young, could scale the information and build intrigue as well as adapt to different age levels.

Is this for all grade 6 students or those in leadership classes? Would prefer a whole bus full.

Recommendation: For budgeting, you can get a smaller bus or vans, maybe in kind from Tofino bus

How many field trips? 2 for now, but would be great to do more than that, maybe a high school class

Have you made contact with the schools yet? No, not at this time. RES will make community arrangements.

When will it occur? At the end of school in June would be ideal.

District of Tofino, Don McKinnon & Aaron Rogers

Tofino Biodiversity & Wildlife Corridor Assessment, request for \$8K

Are you looking for ecological assessment? The end product would have great indicator and monitoring data. Will not only provide indicators but solutions

What information will the various GIS layers provide? Information on wildlife and terrestrial ecosystems, polygons, Dist. lot 114 was done at a high degree and we are looking at extending southward into the cedar forests, calibrate bear habitat and try to develop a feel as to what area would provide high return. It will connect up into the mud flats, one layer would be topographic, land use, hydrograph, wet land areas information from stream keepers. At this time we do not have a GIS system that we can use to map out corridors.

Clarification: Yes, some of this funding would go to specific field work, coordinating community forums with potential to bring them into open house discussion

Do you need CBT money to do this? Yes, or we will not own the mapping of these lots, they would be owned by individual land owners who will have to do ecological assessments for 117 then 118, this is an opportunity to see how these all work together and note any connections.

Clarification: CBT request for eco-system data base map, the equipment money will come from another source.

Once a wild life corridor is mapped out, in the end how will it be effective? In looking at zoning, land use for Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, in broad terms it will be identified as green space. We would like to do it ourselves to ensure that it is done at the top quality. Hesitant to have outsider do the work on a haphazard stamp of approval sort of basis. The problem we have in not having the funds to do that mapping, will also be using first nation's field workers. Local would be nothing is in stone at this time

Is there any point in having a wild life corridor in Leighton Way? For direction of funds would recommend going to Grant MacHutchens, he is a expert who could provide you with the best quality mapping, get it right. I can provide tracking and other data but Grant would have the knowledge to delineate effective corridors.

Clarification: The toll on bears is up to 11 to 12 with a trap just up the street, this is a really important part of it.

As requested by Committee ~ Jacqueline Windh gave a brief presentation on her carbon dating submission for discretionary funds.

Discussion: Leave decision making to next meeting.

5. Next Meeting scheduled for Monday November 17th, Ucluelet.