



Fraser River Peacemakers

The British Columbia Wildlife Federation
(BCWF) Boardroom

101-9706 188th Street Surrey, BC

May 19, 2015

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Attendance:

Rod Clapton, Wayne Saito, Ernie Crey, Mike Gass, Stan Goto-WWU, Ed George, Dave Barrett,

Guests - ? Parrish, Jan, Dane – WWU journalism students observing process

- ❖ Intros & welcome to guests
 - Rod – appreciate the hospitality of BCWF for providing meeting space
 - Stan – appreciates the opportunity to participate in the meeting. Hoping to look at applicability of Peacemakers to his situation in Washington.
 - Rod – understands the lower attendance could be at least partially attributed to busy meeting obligations. Disappointing there were no meetings from January until now but understands the time demands on people.
 - Ed – should have discussed camera issue before turning them on.
- ❖ Financial report
- ❖ Minutes from last meeting
 - Business Committee meeting
 - Feb 10 meeting
 - EC - Skwa Band office meeting opportunity in the future
 - \$4,800 remains in account from the \$6,000 transferred.
 - \$1,286 spent on web site costs to Dave Moore
 - Business card costs to Leigh McCracken
 - There is an additional \$550 cost to BCFDF fund raiser yet to be addressed depending upon opportunities.
 - The Katzie band office might be hosting a future meeting
 - There is also the possibility for more meetings to be held at Sumas band office that was pre-paid by Dave Moore on behalf of Peacemakers
 - The funding application submitted to PICFI was turned down
 - Ernie – not sure if FBC will fund but Harmony on the River might be something to look at. FBC is most effective facilitating and identifying funding sources.
 - Dave - M&C Panel –has a commitment for cash from DFO.
 - ◆ The Panel is interested in continuing connections to Peacemakers (\$4-5K?)



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with a particular focus on catch monitoring. However, until cooperation from DFO LFA is assured, it is difficult to consider moving forward. If DFO cooperation and support were to be the case, M&C Panel would initiate this through Peacemakers.

- ◆ Regarding Harmony on the River, Dave suggests the original funding partners should be looked upon as potential sources for Peacemakers.
 - RCMP – Dave – if meeting space is needed in Chilliwack, their offices might be available.
 - EC - Sto:lo TC and Nation represent potential meeting spaces as well.
 - Cowichan – there is a standing offer by Peacemakers for assistance and support if and when needed.
- ❖ Update on Transport Canada sub-committee - Mike
 - The sub-committee discussion focussed on whether to proceed because it wasn't clear if Peacemakers represents more than conflict resolution.
 - Very recently, TC updated its web site calling for applications to draw from a \$1 M pool.
 - Up to 75% of cost of a project could be funded. Could include in-kind contributions.
 - October 15 deadline for applications to recreational etc applications.
 - Only funds currently being spent is on commercial fisheries (deadline June 15)
 - Inland commercial fisheries might qualify
 - Primary focus on safety on the water but river bank safety could be considered as well but would have to be addressed "obliquely".
 - **Action** – the sub-committee is requested to present a plan for application at next meeting.
- ❖ Business Committee restructuring (Society) - Rod
 - Peacemakers needs to be a stand-alone organization – society appears to be the best option. Need to know what the funding sources and direction will be.
 - Work in progress.
- ❖ Peacemaker funding options
 - Initial conversations with FWFS – Adrian Clarke was approached.
 - The Business Committee developed a proposal to submission to FWFS last week
 - Mike – spoke with Andrew Wilson. Andrew is reportedly supportive of concept.
 - If there is a co-funder the proposal becomes more attractive.
 - PSF, FBC/Harmony on the Fraser
 - ◆ Rod – FBC have handed the matter off to Peacemakers at the Harmony on the River process. Is there still some money outstanding from that process that



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- could be transferred?
- DB – FBC supports and hands off to Peacemakers. Need to follow up with FBC to find out what is available in terms of funds.
 - WS – what is it that these processes and organization want to see of Peacemakers.
 - Action – through Business Committee, the FBC will be approached to identify what if any remaining or residual funds exist from the Harmony on the River and consider how they might be transferred to Peacemakers.
 - What expectations have also emerged to be taken on by Peacemakers?
 - Mike – what is Peacemakers taking on? what are we mandating ourselves to take on?
 - ◆ Rod – our mandate is addressing conflict and safety issues.
- ❖ Update on nite fishing proposals - Ernie
- More than a Cheam initiative. It includes a number of other bands working at a common table.
 - The focus is an area primarily around Island 22 where there is a history of tension that threatens to quickly expand particularly during sockeye fisheries.
 - It would be very difficult to bring everyone to the table but it is the main area of tension and potential conflict.
 - There is a proposal to consider shifting drift fishing from daylight to night time hours.
 - The bands want to work with Peacemakers to develop a proposal to shift fisheries to the night. This would be limited to those bands that traditionally fish in the Island 22 area.
 - They want to come to a table where the BCWF and BCFDF are represented.
 - They want to know what needs to be done, how to get it into effect.
 - Pilalt – Skwa, Skway, Cheam, Chewathal
 - Call it a project or initiative that looks for agreement to make the concept work. Night fishing is only one aspect of the project/initiative.
 - Will be a real challenge for Peacemakers to take this on.
 - Expects the M&C Panel to be very interested and get involved to monitor the respective fisheries in the areas affected.
 - The hope and expectation is to have something in place in the future, not this season.
 - Dave – underscores that Cultus Lake and Peacemakers succeeded because DFO was not initially at the table and DFO should not be added until later.
 - Rod – this concept is not new but in addition to Peacemakers. Should there be more groups involved?
 - Should Initially be limited to Peacemakers and Pilalt
 - Action – develop “quotable quotes” and monitor this year’s fisheries.
 - With Stan’s group, develop a set of questions for his students to use during this



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- 10-year fishery.
- Mike and Stan to work together to overlap and collaborate on the development of the project.
- ❖ Update on "Harmony on Fraser" initiative
- ❖ Fraser River Festival
 - August timetable?
 - Not looking at 2012 style event but a one day festival at Island 22 might be practicable.
 - Ernie – meet with Skwa, possible that other members of Pilalt will participate
 - Christine Toth @FBC might be able to identify
 - Mayor of Chilliwack needs to be approached regarding the festival dates etc. – what dates are available (second Saturday in August)
 - Dean Werk works well with the Mayor
 - Action – Rod - draft letter, approach Dean
 - Ernie – why not host the event at the Cheam campgrounds?
 - Potential future location?
- ❖ Others?
 - Next meeting
 - Date – June 16, 2015
 - Location – tentative – Katzie Band Office
 - Time – 2-5

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