

*Adopted*  
**Minutes for Third Meeting of the  
BVL DAMS Board of Directors**

**Wednesday, Dec 14 2005  
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
Houston and District Chamber of Commerce**

1. Welcome and introductions to Ray Dawson of CANFOR (alternate for Leroy Reitsma). Others in attendance: Doug Bysouth, Ian Sharpe, Dave Stevens, Ben Weinstein, Laurie Gallant, Paul Schwarz (chair), Joanne Dickenson. Regrets: Frits Goossen (hospitalized – get well card circulated)
2. Several announcements were made as follows:
3. Woodstoves – Ian announced that our region has been selected for a pilot project as part of a provincial initiative using a social marketing approach. We may have \$50k from Env't Canada which is in a state of flux because of elections. Plan was to have program wrapped up by March 31 but now we don't need to because of Environment Canada link – it can be flipped over into next year. We are hiring two conservation corps staff to start social marketing work in January and February. Victoria MoE office working on a questionnaire to start focus groups. Ian has submitted another proposal to start an independent woodstove exchange in case this big plan fails. Laurie added in that ECN and Energuide programs are queued up to partner with us to up the ante. Joanne added that District of Houston wants to be involved and have more funding connected to Climate Change.
4. Action: Laurie to follow up with Joanne after next week's Council meeting.
5. Noted that AMS Board wants long term commitment for a multi-year program; Board members are being asked about a program by co-workers etc as a result of momentum built last year.
6. Question posed regarding ticketing for high pollution from space heaters such as external incinerators (boilers). Optics of fining someone for heating their home are not pretty; have heard there is a Federal regulation in progress that may be helpful.
7. IMPACS workshop on charitable status and advocacy Friday Nov 16– Dave and Laurie are going. Free registration.
8. Funding – MOE 5K approved, 7K extra being requested; BC Lung contributing \$1K towards seasonal guide proposal; waiting to hear back from BV Foundation.
9. Action: Laurie to apply to BVCU for funding. Recommend making a presentation highlighting long term vision. Doug has a coworker involved who is a Board member.
10. State of the Air report – PM2.5 table on page 5 for 2002-2004 shows Houston. Noted Smithers just recently started collecting 2.5 data. Noted that PM10 threshold is 50 and EAB hearing talks about 25 for the Bulkley Valley. CANFOR plan monitors for 40 and shuts down if there is poor venting as a pre-emptive action.
11. March workshops – Air Quality and Health (BC Lung, March 29); BC Clean Air Forum (Fraser Basin Council, March 30), Educators informal networking session (BC Lung, March 28). Noted that Laurie is on planning committee for Clean Air Forum and emphasis is being placed on taking action to follow up on threads from last year's

events. Topics include province-wide resources for educators and joint initiatives (i.e. Clean Air Day) and incorporating air quality objectives into local government policies and development plans. Noted that AMS should send as many people as possible – Ian will make sure we have adequate funding.

12. Action: Laurie to send out registration information to Board and CWG members.
13. Bylaw initiative: Town of Smithers starting up research on bylaws regulating installation of new wood stoves – important to harmonize with neighbouring jurisdictions. Also feds are talking about a new reg for certifying boilers.
14. Minutes: approved. Okay to post on website.
15. Actions from last meeting needing attention:
16. Dave Stevens to set up NEWPRO Tour for the Board in January.
17. NEWPRO education factsheet: MoE and NEWPRO; Joanne to be guinea pig for understanding.
18. Scanning of policies for consistency with Clean Air Plan objectives– District of Houston initiative, plus woodstove exchange, plus Smithers Bylaw initiative plus BC Clean Air Forum; think about all the new small sawmills who might be open burning because of pine beetle epidemic.
19. Action: All board members and Laurie to see if we can meet this objective through the various initiatives described above.
20. Board Café – subscribe by visiting [boardcafe.org](http://boardcafe.org) . This month’s article is “Board Chair: making your mark”.
21. Treasurer’s report: see board package.
22. Can we do our own books and have our statements audited? Board consensus to take this route to keep costs down.
23. Need to contact Shannon and ask her what she wants from us.
24. From now on when we get cheques deposit them to AMS account.
25. 2006 Provisional Budget looks good. Add in dates to 1<sup>st</sup> quarter workplan and budget and keep with financial records.
26. Yes to 30 below name for newsletter. Noted that the significance of this name will be included in the newsletter.
27. Consensus: Community Outreach for Feb/March 2006: priority is Council Presentations plus static displays. Try curling rink for display in Burns Lake; put something in every arena and every mall?
28. Action: Laurie to draft up skeleton for presentation and circulate to Board in January. We will add in new slides to cross-promote other programs as details become available. Draw in original CWG members to do presentations and hold an orientation session or conference call as needed to prep.
29. Action: Laurie to put together a “master display” that we can add to, and to make 5 copies of it to place around the region. MoE will have cover costs – we can use their photocopiers and conservation corps can help set up;
30. Focus on outreach methods that are less labour intensive.
31. Action: Start a FAQ page for good questions on website.
32. Action: Make sure all relevant websites have links.
33. Radio PSAs to promote static displays and speakers bureau. GPS locations. New orienteering – scavenger hunt.
34. Consensus on dates for presentations.

35. Action: Circulate completed presentation in Feb. and book for dates noted in Board package adding in Granisle.
36. CANFOR update: confidential ; Clean Air Plan ch.4 to be updated after Feb.
37. Wood waste letter: We don't need to take a specific position on open burning at this time. Our approach is to reduce emissions from all sources; each emitter needs to do what they can to reduce or better manage their emissions. Would prefer to delete that last paragraph in the report. Our group has never made a public statement saying we are against open burning. Quote directly from our constitution and plan. Request that RDBN strike the last paragraph. Otherwise, letter is good as is.
38. Action: make revisions to letter as noted, send to Paul for signature.
39. Road Dust report by Ben – attended LDM meeting. Some contractors seemed unaware of connection between air quality and road dust. Promoted work of AMS and distributed BMPs. As it turns out most of their work is consistent with BMPs. Contractors have been added to air quality episode communication.
40. Other? Questions from the Board: status of MEI? Still pending. Modelling? Is happening – Steph from Victoria is helping out with this project; she is spending 50% of her time working on our airshed project. Our goal is to have her present at the AGM.
41. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.