



bulkley valley - lakes district airshed management society

Adopted Minutes
BVLD AMS Board of Directors
Tuesday, December 11, 2007
11:30 am to 2:00 pm
Pleasant Valley Restaurant, Houston

Attendance: Paul Schwarz, Dave Duncan, Doug Bysouth, Ben Weinstein, Laurie Gallant, Frits Goossen, Colin Macleod *Regrets:* Ian Sharpe, Joanne Dickenson, Dave Stevens

Lunch and gift exchange

Minutes from July 4, 2007

- AGREEMENT: Adopted as written – post on website

Woodstove exchange update by Colin

- 182 as of December 10 not including 20 guaranteed for UBC study
- slowing down with holidays and will be gearing back up for March/April blitz
- Colin sits on steering committee to rollout provincial woodstove exchange program
- provincial government is pushing for eight weeks in March and April as a provincial rollout
- modelled after Skeena and Cariboo pilot projects
- local groups apply to province for funding
- we have 200 vouchers left – but MOE has contributed an extra \$100K for next three years
- \$100K covers all aspects of exchange so maybe another 300 vouchers
- need clarification on boundaries and eligibility for funding for communities outside BVLD
- AGREEMENT: keep same boundaries for remaining 200 vouchers and consult with outside communities as we get closer – RDKS is main target – issue of accessing funding
- AGREEMENT: confirm policies around new provincial program and get them in writing for distribution and consistency. Colin has link.
- some rumours that stoves are being removed from marshalling areas and used for exchanges now and later AGREEMENT: Colin to take appropriate steps to ensure legitimate exchanges are taking place
- Evaluation report done by Laurie; AGREEMENT all directors to read over report and highlight any comments or ideas that will make the next exchange blitz work better.
- Social marketing components to be boosted – particularly commitment to using new appliance properly to reduce smoke
- AGREEMENT: set up AMS Board meeting early February to kick off spring campaign
- AGREEMENT: Colin, Ben and Laurie to calculate cost of changing out woodstoves – per woodstove

Woodstove Health Study

- AGREEMENT: put link to Health Study website on AMS site
- still looking for 5 more participants in Smithers or Telkwa – send names to Colin
- 50 doorknob hangers are being printed up to promote Exchange and Study
- \$1300 total rebate available

Anti-Idling Campaign

- check toolsofchange.com website for specific ideas and tools
- will find out about funding by mid-January
- billets for time on the road – will look into when funding is confirmed
- AGREEMENT: get copy of proposal – wages, do we need top-up? Find new funding if we do.

Correspondence

- Hazelton – request for information on municipal rebates
- Village of Telkwa – no new information yet on decision re: presentation requests
- Resident concerned about trailer burning – education requested; for enforcement direct callers to MOE
- Resident concerned about smoke from new PIR system – operator was driving machine onto cement pad, causing mud to build up on wood. System is designed to run with 50% moisture, so when content is higher because of snow or mud problems arise. Now have a special process for drying out to proper levels first. PIR system has two burners but only use one to avoid wasting heat. Are now changing system to use both burners to help dry out wood some more.
- HFP update – are supposed to shut down burner Dec 17 – need to confirm - but don't need extra heat so are distributing wood around valley to different mills.
- Gasification request for information – Frits has a small one, LG has asked Dave to do some research, and is talking to RDBN and Town of Smithers about this issue (originated from Woodmere Nurseries in Smithers)

Workplan and Administration

- Newsletter for Winter 2007/2008 (Laurie)
 - WSEP and Health Study
 - Industry sources update: HFP, PIR smoke, NEWPRO update
 - anti-idling (Dave Duncan has good stats from a U.S. Study)
 - AGREEMENT: don't need official newsletter , just an e-mail that is posted on website
- Colouring book (Ben and Colin)
 - add pages re: seasoning your wood and don't burn garbage
 - add local landmarks for our two pages
 - AGREEMENT: Colouring book to be circulated for comments
 - AGREEMENT: Ask WETTBC for funding now, RDCO has already asked – target colouring book (Ben and Colin)
- update Clean Air Plan especially industrial sources (Laurie)
 - NEWPRO update: emissions improvement plan and education brochure
 - AGREEMENT: LG to sit down with Ben and Barb to do this industrial update
- AGREEMENT: Treasury system being reworked by Joanne and Ben- they will send out update to Board shortly
- Colin is full-time now – half-time woodstove exchange, quarter-time Wood Residue workshop in April and rest to be split up including provincial steering committee
- AGREEMENT: Laurie to forward Colin work previously done on wood residue workshop
- AGREEMENT: Early May proposed for AGM and Forum

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.