

BVLD Airshed Management Society
Quarterly Directors' Meeting
22 September, 2016 at 4 PM
Village of Burns Lake Council Chamber

Minutes

Call to Order

4:20PM, our thanks to Councillor Schienbein for arranging our venue

Present were Dave Stevens, Garth Ehalt, Susan Schienbein, John Siebenga, Doug Bysouth, directors regrets, Brad Layton, Greg Brown, Frits Goossen, David Duncan; absent, Rob Newell
We were joined by AMS member Dennis Strain

On the phone was Barbara Oke, Northern Health, for Paula Tait

Adoption of Agenda

Adopted with one additional item from Barb Oke of Northern Health

Barbara Oke of Northern Health circulated this before the meeting -

“Northern Health is looking to take a proactive approach this year to minimizing health impacts and complaints associated with poor wood burning practices. As such, we are in the early stages of moving forward on a Responsible Wood Burning Campaign to be rolled out during the early wood burning season. Recognizing the vast experience and knowledge that is held by airshed roundtables/societies on this topic, we would welcome your thoughts and/or participation in the development and communication of our messaging. Our first meeting is scheduled (as a teleconference) for October 3rd from 1 to 2 pm and we wish to extend an invitation to the BVLD AMS to participate, if they are able. “

Adoption of June 2016 Directors' meeting minutes
adopted as circulated

Business arising from the minutes
none

Treasurer's report

David Duncan was not able to attend. The most recent written reports are those of the June 22nd quarterly directors' meeting. As per David Duncan's suggestion, we will ask Brenda Zantingh for financial reports only twice annually, once at year end, for our fiscal year end as required by the CRA, and again at our AGM for the members. The BV Research Centre collaboration was discussed. In past years we've donated to the Community Server Project in lieu of paying commercial web site hosting fees. It was agreed we'd make a \$40 donation this year, Dave S. to arrange.

CRA return

Somehow the year end financials were not in the package sent. CRA complained, the reports were sent in and we've now got a letter back saying the amounts they calculated and the amounts we

reported match exactly. They didn't say so explicitly but I think this means our report was accepted as sent and we retain our charitable status.

Society Act annual return

This was sent in within 30 days of our AGM along with a cheque.

Removal of Lorne Davies as signer

Done

Gaming Commission grant dedicated account, bank and signers, initial deposit, cheques

It was agreed (moved by John S, seconded Doug B, unanimous) that we'll open a dedicated Gaming Commission Grant account at the BV Credit Union. Dave S. Will look into this in Smithers, the signers to be the same as on our Royal Bank account. We'll make an initial deposit of \$50 and order a few cheques.

Report from the Woodstove Exchange Program Coördinator

Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation update

The comment period for the draft new regulation has closed. The AMS made no comment

Province of BC Zone reports updates

The Air Zone reports were confirmed by Natalie Suzuki as being compiled annually on a three year rolling average basis. In future they'll be issued annually. For now the 2011-2013 report has been published and those for 2102-2014 and 2013-2015 are being prepared. Note that transboundary effects and wildfire smoke contributions are removed from the annual averages for the purpose of these reports.

Woodstove Exchange Program for 2016-2017

It's been confirmed that the program will continue for 2016-2017. Susan Brookes has prepared an application on our behalf

Grants and the Micro Emission Inventory and MOU with the BV Research Centre

Since the signing of the MOU with the BVRC Dave S. has been working with Kala Hooker of the Centre to put together a toolkit of information about the AMS and our programs. We can then give this information to the municipal or regional grant writers when they are applying on our behalf. We've discussed the need for some operating money for the AMS just for ongoing expenses and to have at least a small buffer. This can be built in to the applications, our discussion was just to keep it on the radar going forward.

AGM press

Catherine Matheson from the Smithers Interior News attended the AGM and did up a lovely two page article on the event and Dr. Brauer's presentation. I've clipped and scanned these, if anyone's interested I'll send them along.

Councillors' reports

Councillor Brown – woodstove survey, Greg was unable to attend, the draft report has been circulated

Councillor Siebenga noted that Houston regularly takes out a page in the PV Express and that the AMS could use some of that space. Susan B. to discuss with John.

Councillor Layton

Councillor Schienbein discussed the Community Development Institute in Prince George with respect to possible \$\$

RDBN Director Newell, absent

Barb Oke asked for more information about the Micro Emissions Inventory and Judi Krzyzanowski, we discussed this.

Next meeting date and place

Tentatively in Houston Council Chamber November 24th, 4PM. Dave S. to post a doodle poll with options

Adjournment

At 5:52PM