SERNbc Annual General Meeting of the Membership

May 17th, 2016

Present: See signup list (### people)

Introductions:
Meeting consists of a quorum of board members plus other representatives from the resource sector.

Action Items:
1. [Action]: Mike Jull to solicit the board of directors for potential Vice-Presidents and to provide the results of this survey at the next directors meeting.
2. [Action]: Larry McCollough to amend the 2016-02-A policy document so as to create a functional resolution document.

Business:
Mike Tilson moved, seconded by Wayne Salewski, that last year’s meeting minutes be adopted as tabled. Unanimously approved.

Financial Statements:
Mike Jull provided a full review of the SERNbc financial statements and treasury report.

The Treasurer’s report is available here:
- Treasurers Report

The Financial statements are available here:
- Interim Balance Sheet
- Interim Income Statement

Note:
- These financial statements are not the final audited numbers but are a snapshot of SERNbc financials on March 31st, 2016.
- Treasurer’s reporting also included a discussion regarding insurance requirements and risk management with respect to liabilities associated with burning. There were not action items from this discussion.

Elections:
- SERNbc currently utilizes a member driven process for the election of directors and as such a vote must be conducted in order to reinstate directors that are seeking another term and to induct newly elected directors.
  - There are currently a number of directors that are up for re-election – it was proposed that a staggered election schedule that ensures continuity amongst board members from year to year to avoid having years of [near] complete board member turn over.
- John D. asked that this quorum of board members votes to re-elect those board members that are up for election. This vote was passed as a motion (see below).

[Motion]: John D.: The names that are standing for re-election for a new term shall be accepted and those individuals will be re-elected to the SERNbc board of directors.
- Seconded: Wayne Salewski.
- Objections: None.
- Motion accepted May 17th, 2016 at 09:44.
• Moving forward the board is going to solidify the director election framework to account for SERNbc’s potential geographic expansion and the 2-year term for directors.

• Current officers for Society:
  o Mike Tilson – Secretary,
  o Mike Jull – Treasurer,
  o John DeGagne – President.

• Mike Jull: SERNbc should elect a Vice-President.
  o [Action]: Pick three directors who will look to nominate a director for Vice-President.
    ▪ No directors were chosen as explicitly responsible for this action but Mike Jull has taken on the responsibility of initiating this process (see below).
  o [Action]: Mike Jull: This issue will be tabled until next meeting. Send suggestions for the potential Vice-President to Mike Jull. Mike Jull will curate this information and will deliver it back to the directors at the next directors meeting.

Director's Reports:

President:

• New Projects:
  o 5 year tactical plan,
  o New proposal submissions (Chilako and Red Hills, ER Pro data compilation…others.
    ▪ These projects need board review ASAP.
  o All future project suggestions should be provided directly to John DeGagne.

• SERNbc Expansion: Potential role for SERNbc expanding into the entire northern area of the province.
  o It was identified that there will be some serious impediments and considerations that must be accounted for when SERNbc begins to investigate this expansion opportunity.
    ▪ Primarily, we must consider the role of government and SERNbc’s relationship with the government – i.e. John DeGagne’s role.

• New potential funding sources:
  o Forest Enhancement Program,
  o Environmental Stewardship Initiative – First Nations Engagement.
  o Environment Canada.

Project Intake Criteria – Presented by Mike Tilson:
• The project intake criteria documents are now completed and have been used by serval proponents seeking partnership funding with SERNbc.
  o The project intake evaluation process still requires serious consideration and planning – this is to be completed by Mike Tilson before the next SERNbc directors meeting.

• Discussion evolved regarding how SERNbc might move away from obtaining and administering “earmarked” funding that guide what SERNbc does with its funding – i.e. how SERNbc might obtain and administer funds that would be truly representative of its mission rather than a vision from elsewhere in the province.
  o It was identified that SERNbc should work to become more deeply involved with decision makers at the provincial level so that might influence how these funds are allocated.

Resolutions – Presented by Mike Jull:
• 2016-02-A: Guiding policies for accumulation and management of SERNbc Reserve Funds.
Policy to accumulate reserve funds to ensure that SERNbc has funds available to respond to unanticipated financial circumstances.

Resolution document is available here: Resolution 2016-02-A

[Discussion]:
- Wayne Salewski: 15% - 30% is too high and the funding source will reject this policy.
  - Need to identify the direction or allocation of these funds – i.e. Planning, strategic direction.
  - Multiple directors have identified that 15 – 30% is too high, most feel more comfortable with 8% to 15%.
  - This reserve must be designated to a specific function – if it is designated to a specific function then funders will be more likely to approve.
  - It was identified that there were specific points that lead to a general misunderstanding of the reserve fund resolution.

[Motion]: Wayne Salewski - Amend the resolution to remove point 2.
- Seconded: Bob Frederick.
- Opposed: None.

[Motion]: Wayne Salewski – Motion to withdraw his original motion (See above).
- Seconded: Bob Frederick.
- Opposed: None.
- Accepted 10:26 May 17th, 2016

[Motion]: Mike Jull – Motion to withdraw the resolution as tabled.
- Seconded: Mike Tilson
- Opposed: None.
- Accepted 10:28 May 17th, 2016

[Action]: Larry McCollough to amend the 2016-02-A policy document so as to create a functional resolution document.

Adjournment:
The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Guest Speakers:
Two guest speakers provided presentations as follows:
2. Torsten Kaffanke: Improving the prospects of shallow water wetlands.