

SRSF Steering Committee Meeting – June 7, 2002

Nicholson Hall, Rm. 606

Present: Tony Davis, John Wagner, Kerry Prosper, Ginny Boudreau, Pat Rhynold, Mary Jane Paulette, Kay Wallace, Holli MacPherson, Richard Apostle (telephone)

Regrets: Monica Diochon

Absent: Peter Clancy, Barbra Neis

Chair: Tony Davis

Minutes: Holli MacPherson

1. Approval of Minutes

- Kerry Prosper moves to accept minutes. John Wagner seconded. All in favour.
- Minutes pass, no changes.

2. Business Arising from Minutes

- No business arising.

3. Director's Report

○ Budget –

- A meeting is to be planned at the end of July or early August for the continuation application – possibly a retreat to look over the terms and conditions of further funding applications
 - No strategic decisions can be made until the terms and conditions are received and have been discussed
- Tony has stated that they are looking into possible areas to obtain further funding for continuing Mary Jane's position
- HRDC funding for a student position has been obtained – this student is working from the GNSBFA office
- A meeting must be planned to look into the possibility of moving the organization into other areas – what the possibilities are, what the budget costs will be from these activities. This meeting should be planned for 3-4 weeks time

○ News –

- Updates will be provided on the pieces that have been written and/or published
 - Several pieces have been published – 1 in The Chronicle, 1 in Sou'Wester, 1 in The Casket. Several more are being looked – 2 essays have been written by John on material from "Who Will Be Left Fishing" and have been submitted to the Atlantic Fisherman
 - There has been conversation about developing a factsheet on Mi'kmaq ideas/views on the situation with crab license buyouts in Guysborough county
 - There is a need to discuss what to do with the student papers that have been completed thus far – perhaps compile them into a research report series and as Richard has suggested, have limited distribution of this series
 - There is a possibility of having Richard Apostle come to give a workshop in the fall. There are several other workshops to be developed for the fall

○ Evaluation Meeting –

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- A document outlining all the suggested changes to the External Evaluation 1st draft have been written up by John and have been sent out – comments are to be sent back by Monday, June 10, 2002 (am) and the final copy will be sent to the Schensuls
- Tony will attach a letter explaining how the document was created and will send this document on Monday afternoon

4. CRC Reports – There has been some misunderstanding concerning the CRC reports – it has been decided that every future Steering Committee meeting will include CRC reports. This is to be completed by all CRC's.

○ Kay –

- interviews are now at a standstill
- Kay has been visiting the wharves in the area to meet with the fishermen. She has received very positive feedback from the fishermen who are happy to see that she is coming out to meet and be involved with the fishermen
- There are two students employed at GNSBFA – a ISAR intern working with SRSF(Nadia MacPhee) and one student from a US University (Robert Chisholm)

○ Kerry –

- Interviews are being conducted on the eel household study – 23 are completed and 25 are in progress
- Meetings have been held with the Biology Department at St. Francis Xavier University to explore the possibility of having two students (1 high school and 1 university student) come from the Afton community to work with the Biol. Dept.

- There is the possibility of a receiving funding for a student to work with Kerry and Mary Jane in the PFWS office
 - Several workshops are being planned for Kerry to attend
- **Ginny** –
 - There are 3 lobster projects on the go – tagging projects that Judy (summer intern) is completing. Judy has been giving immediate responses and information to the fishermen who are very pleased with their feedback
 - There are also 2 DFO Science Horizons interns at GCIFA who are conducting a lobster larval and drift study – this has been scaled back due to lack of funding however, there still may be other possibilities for further funding
 - Interviews are continuing
 - Factsheet #10 (Fishing Organizations) is being completed
 - Ginny has been working with funding responses and applications
 - There is a HRDC intern at GCIFA who is compiling the data on the computers and organizing files – this is an 8 week position
- 5. Research Report Inventory** –
 - All partners are to compile an inventory of the documents each organization has made available – this is important for continuation application (important for CURA to see what SRSF has developed and made available to the partners)
 - This document is to be completed by July 15, 2002
- 6. Continuation Application**
 - This matter has already been dealt with (see #3 Directors Report: Budget)
- 7. Factsheet Update**
 - The 10th factsheet (Fishing Organizations) is virtually complete – John will make final revisions as discussed in a meeting held by the CRC's and the document should be converted to Publisher format next week and will be sent to the publishers by next Friday
 - A workshop should be held on the tables contained in the “Fishing is Family” document as there is confusion on what the tables contain and their meaning/significance
 - There is a possibility for further factsheets to be developed (in addition to the ones previously decided upon) – as mentioned, one on Mi'kmaq views on the situation surrounding the crab license buyout in Guysborough and a factsheet on the outcomes of the eel household study (this would be pending continuation of the project)
- 8. New Business**
 - None

Kay Wallace moved to adjourn, John Wagner seconded. All in favour.

****Next meeting has not yet been scheduled****