

**Colville Lake Board Meeting
July 10-14, 2000
Colville Lake Recreation Complex**

July 11, 2000

Attendance: Board Members

Winter Lennie, Chairman
Russell Hall
Paul Latour
Ruby McDonald
Keith Hickling, Alternate

Staff

Margaret McDonald
Ben Olsen
Jody Snortland

Guests

Steven Charlie, DFO
Lorraine Tremblay, Auditor
Michael Neyelle, Deline rep
Jennifer Duncan, Colville Lake rep
Dora Duncan, Translator
Joe Martin
Alexis Blanco

1. **Opening Prayer (9:30 a.m.)**
 - Margaret McDonald
2. **Review & Approval of Draft Agenda**
 - Additions to agenda as follows:
 6. Audited Financial Statement – Lorraine Tremblay
 8. c) Policy on Collaring Animals
 - d) Community Area Influence for Wildlife Research
 - e) Hunting on SRRB Research Projects policy
 - f) Bluenose Caribou Management Plan
 - g) School programs – conservation/education
 10. In-camera session and Policy & Procedures
 - To be held Wednesday, July 12, 2000 at 7 p.m.

Motion 07-11-00-01

- To approve the draft agenda with above amendments

Ruby McDonald moved
Keith Hickling seconded
Motion passed unanimously

3. Review & Approval of March 13-17, 2000 Board Meeting Minutes

Discussion:

Rus felt that some sort of direction is required for taking minutes. Verbatim typing of taped minutes is too much and one line highlights are not enough. Also

felt that the executive director should not be taking notes but rather participating more fully in discussions. Winter suggested that motions, decisions, and action items should be documented with a short summary about each item.

Keith inquired about Motion 03-14-00-06 (p.3), which states, "... to rescind motion." Rather, this should state that "notes" were rescinded. Correction was made.

Keith inquired about a section of #6 DFO Update (p.4), which gives a location as "... on the Keith Arm of Colville Lake." Rather, this should be the Keith Arm of "Great Bear Lake". Correction was made.

Paul indicated an error under section #6 CWS Update (p.4), regarding importing Peregrine Falcons. Rather, the report in question was about Peregrine Falcon trapping issue in the southern United States. Correction was made.

Paul also indicated another error under section #6 CWS Update (p.4), regarding community consumption of country foods and non-toxic shot. Rather, a request was made to obtain a video about use of non-toxic shot only. Also, noted that should say non-toxic "shot", not "shock". Corrections were made.

Michael inquired about Alasdair Veitch's research report under section #7 (p.6), regarding Bathurst Caribou non-movement within the Sahtu. Michael thought that the herd could be found at or near Deline. Ben noted that the caribou herd in question would be either the Bluenose East or West. The Bathurst Caribou herd is generally found around the Yellowknife area. Suggested Margaret clarifies this item with Alasdair.

Motion 07-11-00-02

- To approve Board Meeting minutes from the March 13-17, 2000 meeting held in Tulita, NT with above amendments.

Ruby McDonald moved
Keith Hickling seconded
Motion passed unanimously

4. Review & Approval of June 13, 2000 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Discussion:

Arbitration panel to be held August 17-19, 2000 in Deline – noted that the SRRB to send a representative to the meeting

Ruby clarified the definition of the arbitration panel. If the SSI and the federal & provincial governments all agree that a particular issue in the land claim is

unclear, the issue is taken to an arbitration panel to determine what the correct interpretation should be.

Motion 07-11-00-03

- To approve Executive Committee Meeting minutes from the June 13, 2000 meeting held in Norman Wells, NT.

Russell Hall moved
Keith Hickling seconded
Motion passed unanimously

5. Business Arising from Minutes

a. Working Group Update – Species at Risk Federal Legislation

Winter noted that the legislation had gone through 1st reading, with no further consultation to occur at this time. Since the Working Group (Ruby, Paul, & Winter) has not met regarding this issue, there is no report at this time.

b. Wildlife Research Funding Disbursements

Margaret noted that there is no paper trail regarding disbursement policies from previous years. Met with Alasdair to organize how money to be disbursed for Bluenose Caribou project.

Funding for the Sahtu Vegetation Classification project to be used for Ariana Zimmer's salary. As this is the final year for the 3-yr project, it was decided that Ariana should remain working rather than hire a new summer student.

Margaret has spoken with both George Low and Ross Talhman of DFO regarding funding disbursements. Letters were drafted indicating that the money would be sent out in several small installments rather than one large sum. As well, DFO was requested to indicate when they would like to receive their next installments. DFO responded with two installment dates; money to be sent just prior to the actual calendar dates.

Margaret felt that funding disbursements should be standardized and included in Policy and Procedures (to ensure better fiscal planning). As well, Rus noted that progress reports should be required to show accountability for projects. Winter suggested that a general funding agreement be drawn up, indicating what is required from both the SRRB and the agency. Also, mentioned that in the funding application, the agency could provide a general guideline for disbursement. Steven cautioned about the wording of a funding agreement; noted that if financial allotments are not used, the agreement should become null and void.

c. Scholarship Program Review/Separation of Scholarship Fund from CORE Budget/Applications

After change of scholarship disbursements, the information package and application form were revamped. Copy to be given to each board member.

Margaret opened new account, specifically for Scholarship Fund, at CIBC in Norman Wells on July 6, 2000 (separated from CORE budget).

Ruby noted that there should be more advertising, specifically in Northern newspapers, about the scholarship and the closing date. Rus inquired about whether or not scholarship still mentioned in the Scholarship Catalogue through Arctic College. Arctic College to be contacted about status of SRRB Scholarship in catalogue.

Rus inquired about past motion to use Scholarship Fund to cover deficits. Lorraine indicated that the motion was vague, i.e. no direction was given about how to use the fund to cover deficits. Rus and Ruby felt that the fund should be used solely for the purpose it was intended.

Ruby questioned whether the criteria restricted the scholarship to claimants. Ruby and Jennifer feel that it should be restricted to claimants or aboriginal students.

DISCUSSION DEFERED UNTIL HARD COPY OF SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA IS FAXED FROM TULITA

d. Letter of Invitation to TAL Investors at Meeting in Colville Lake

Winter stated that TAL/CIBC investors were invited to attend the Colville Lake Board Meeting with the intention of reviewing the Wildlife Study Fund (given three weeks notice). TAL responded that they were too busy to attend; however, they will be in Deline the 1st week of August and will be available to meet with the executive committee anywhere in the Sahtu. As well, Ernie Carmichael from CIBC was informed of this meeting. The meeting will be to discuss the objectives the SRRB has for the Wildlife Study Fund. TAL will then work up some recommendations to change the investments to suit the objectives (better return with low risk). The original objective was to make enough money to support \$200,000 worth of wildlife projects within 5 years; currently, projections are nowhere near this figure (principal amount invested \$2.1 million; currently stand at \$2,946,000). The board may have to reduce amount of money to be used for wildlife research or apply for outside funding.

Rus felt that the board should go to outside funding regardless of the Wildlife Study Fund. He would also like to see several different scenarios

worked up by TAL and be better appraised of changing investments. Lorraine noted that both the SRRB and TAL should be responsible for keeping informed about changing investments.

Winter suggested that the SRRB have an independent financial review done to determine how well TAL is working (similar to SSI, who had an independent review done on both of its money managers). This allows the board a second opinion on investments as well. Jennifer and Rus both felt that the SRRB should meet with TAL and hear their recommendations first before conducting an independent review.

Ruby questioned what the SRRB objectives for the Wildlife Study Fund are. Main objective is to use only the interest accumulated, i.e. to never use the principal amount invested.

Lorraine suggested contacting TAL and asking if they have a questionnaire that corporations can fill out indicating how they would like to see their money grow (growth vs. safety).

e. SRRB Annual Report to Ottawa

As part of the funding agreement with Ottawa, an annual report is required. A report was tabled by Margaret, reviewed by Winter, and sent to Ottawa. The report will appear in the 1999-2000 Implementation Annual Report.

f. SRRB Staffing Report

Margaret will resign as of July 15, 2000. The executive director position was advertised in several Northern newspapers and closed July 7, 2000 (received 5 applications).

Ben has been hired on as an indeterminate employee as of May 26, 2000.

Jody is on a contract that expires in January 2001. She is training Janet Bayha.

Sasha Doctor currently holds the Office Manager position on a term basis, which ends at the end of August 2000. The office manager position was advertised at the same time as the executive director position and closed July 7, 2000 (received 4 applications).

Cal finished his contract with the board at the end of June 2000. He created the Harvest Study database and set up the office server. He has two maintenance contracts with the board: 1) System Administrator, which covers the server system maintenance (\$600/month) & 2) Database

Administrator, which covers the database maintenance (\$1200/month). Both contracts allot a certain amount of time each month for administration. If the time is not used, it can be carried forward to another month; if the extra time is required, it will be paid at a rate of \$60/hr.

Rosa's position is not a trainee position; rather it is a technician position (similar to Richard Popko, RWED Wildlife Technician). She does not have enough work to keep her busy. Further discussion to take place in-camera session.

g. Trailer Update

Since last board meeting, there has been little change. Power has been cut off to two of the trailers. No one will reside in the trailers after the middle of July 2000. To date, no maintenance or retrofitting has taken place as agreed to in the lease. SRRB has not paid rent since February 2000. Tulita Land & Financial Corporation do not want to let board out of the lease agreement (10-year agreement, signed in 1997).

Winter and Ruby suggested that Margaret make up a package of all of the documentation regarding the trailers and send to lawyer. Ruby felt that the board should quit dealing directly with Tulita Land & Financial Corporation. Rus mentioned that the board should receive progress reports from the lawyer to stay on top of this situation.

Motion 07-11-00-04

- To send all documentation regarding the status of the trailers and lease termination to a lawyer.

Ruby McDonald moved
Russell Hall seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Break for lunch – 12:15 p.m.

Meeting reconvened – 1:25 p.m.

c. Scholarship Information Package & Application Form

Ruby noted that the scholarship deadline is August 30th; therefore, she felt that the board should advertise again, wait for the deadline, and then deal with applications at that time. Rus felt that the board should look at the applications received now and either tentatively accept or reject them. The executive committee can deal with any other applications received prior to the deadline date. Jennifer agreed with Ruby to wait.

Paul questioned the practicality of the deadline date. As well, other scholarship criteria were questioned such as 1) priority to students who finished their high school in the Sahtu Settlement Area (discriminates against those who go to Yellowknife or Inuvik), 2) monies to go to those entering into a renewable resource program or related field (change this to a priority but allow other students entering into other programs to apply as well), 3) demonstrate financial need (scholarship should be based solely on academic effort), 4) evidence of community involvement (community involvement needs to be defined), etc. Decision was made that students have applied under the listed criteria; therefore, wait until next board meeting to make any changes to the Scholarship Information Package and Application Form.

Application #1: Nancy Whiteman

- Plans to take a 4-yr Bachelor of Science Degree – Major in Biology at Acadia University in Nova Scotia
- 85.7% average
- Fulfills 8 out of the 10 criteria

Keith suggested that the board could advertise the scholarship in Northern newspapers by sending in pictures of the recipients receiving their scholarship money; this will honor the recipient and the board.

Motion 07-11-00-05

- To award a first year scholarship in the amount of \$2000 to Nancy Whiteman.

Russell Hall moved

Paul Latour seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Application #2: Tanya Townsend

- Plans to take a 2-yr GIS program at Nova Scotia Community College; once completing her schooling, she will return to Norman Wells to work as a GIS Technician for RWED
- GPA = 4.0 (SAIT program)
- Fulfills 8 out of 10 criteria

Rus suggested that the recipient's picture should also go into Northern newspapers.

Motion 07-11-00-06

- To award a first year scholarship in the amount of \$2000 to Tanya Townsend.

Keith Hickling moved

Russell Hall seconded

Motion passed unanimously

h. Storage Space Update

Reefer behind office in Tulita; Margaret has made an offer to Celina Stroeder at RWED to purchase the reefer for \$1. Two Rivers Development owns land that the reefer sits on; therefore, must deal with them to lease the land. Rus felt that this should be a long-term lease so as to guarantee the board will not have to move the reefer. Winter learned from the Department of public works that the Hamlet of Tulita was offered to buy the reefer; however, they turned down the offer to buy, as they believed that the building would have to be moved.

6. Audited Financial Report - Lorraine Tremblay

Draft Financial Statements tabled

SRRB consists of 5 separate funds; each is dealt with separately in attached schedules. Currently, both the CORE Admin budget and the Harvest Study budget have deficits. Lorraine cautioned against accruing any more deficits as this may cause cash flow problems in the future.

Lorraine also worked with the accountant to simplify the chart of accounts, allowing for streamlining of the budget.

The board has set up a flexible funding agreement with the government ensuring that any surpluses can be carried forward into the new fiscal year, rather than returning the money to the government. These surpluses should help to reduce the deficits.

Lorraine suggested that the general expenditures listed in the budget should be broken down as has been done in the list of accounts. Also, she noted that the new version of Simply Accounting has an option to enter annual budget amounts for each account and then compare monthly spending. Margaret & Jody to ensure this is accomplished.

Lorraine indicated that the deficits are probably due to the unpredictable happenings of last year and the overspending that has occurred in March in previous years.

Signed copy (by both Lorraine and Winter) to be faxed to Cindy Guay in Ottawa immediately by Margaret; a hard copy is also to be sent.

Motion 07-11-00-07

- To approve the audited financial statement as presented.

Russell Hall moved
Paul Latour seconded
Motion passed unanimously

7. New Business:

a. Agency Updates

DFO: Steven Charlie

Sustainable Development Strategy draft report tabled

- Looking for comments by mid-August 2000
- Comments to be incorporated into report to be released in September 2000

Projects funded by SRRB

- Index Netting at Fort Good Hope (measurement of all fish species; help to determine trends/status of fish species over time); project was a week long (finishing July 8/00); Sam Stevenson, biologist and community volunteers did the work
- Great Bear Lake project (Stock Assessment and Trout Movements); Ross Talhman, biologist; no report at this time

Integrated Fishery Management Plan for Coney

- Signed by both Inuvialuit & Gwich' in; waiting for final signature from Sahtu Renewable Resource Board
- Fort Good Hope in agreement with plan (most affected by plan)
- Next management species to be Broad Whitefish

Arbitration with respect to Special Harvesting Areas

- DFO has concerns about wording of agreement; once agree on wording, they will sign to go to an arbitration committee

Liberal Senate Committee Tour – July 28, 2000

- Committee visiting different areas throughout the North to see how certain fisheries are doing, e.g., commercial fisheries at Great Slave Lake & Cambridge Bay
- No plans for any formal meetings; however, plans for the Inuvialuit & Gwich' in to take committee to a fish camp. An invitation was extended for a member from the SRRB to attend this camp. DFO will keep the board informed.

External Funding Agreements

- Noted problem with receiving confirmation from the SRRB regarding project approval. DFO would like to see confirmation immediately

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Celina Stroeder
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Lucy Jackson, Alternate

Guests

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Staff

Margaret McDonald
Ben Olsen
Jody Snortland

Opening Prayer (9:30 a.m.)

- Lucy Jackson

7. New Business:

a. Agency Updates

CWS: Paul Latour

Endangered Species Legislation

- Legislation has passed 1st reading
- SRRB went to Ottawa for consultation process; did not attend the Yellowknife meeting
- Legislation to be a combination of vigorous scientific review and traditional environmental knowledge (TEK); part of process is to determine how to incorporate aboriginal interests, such as collective land ownership issues
- After 2nd reading, the legislation will go to a parliamentary standing committee which will allow interest groups to comment
- Ben commented that one of the listed species is Woodland Caribou; this may be an opportunity for the board to receive additional funding for research

Snow Geese at Banks Island

- Currently, a breeding population of over 600,000 birds exists
- Colonies appear to be growing at a rate of 5-10%
- Research is being done to determine how the snow geese are affecting the tundra (vegetation surveys) and other wildlife species (shorebird, songbird & waterfowl surveys)

- Subsidized hunt has occurred in Sachs Harbor and Banks Island to encourage increased harvest (management option)
- Jennifer asked if elders in Sachs Harbor and Banks Island have any ideas to the increase in geese; communities are relatively new (established in the 1960s) and therefore, have never seen this many geese; however, some suggestions to increased numbers are warmer springs and better nesting success

RWED Update: Celina Stroeder & Keith Hickling

Dall's Sheep Research – Alasdair Veitch & Richard Popko

- Received monies from US Agencies & AMMO to help with research funding
- Dall's Sheep parasites/diseases, classification/census research started
- National Workshop Meeting on Sheep & Goats in Whitehorse held in June; Alasdair presented three papers

Willow Lake Duck Banding Project

- Tulita RRC to begin project soon (August 2000)

Regional Science Fair

- Noted that two students from Norman Wells (Karla Lennie & Ritchie Campbell) received an award from the Canadian Association of Geologists for their project on crystals; Jody mentioned that a letter of congratulations was sent to both students on behalf of the board
- The Board contributed, as per policy, \$400 to the school to support the trip of these students to Ontario

Community RWED Officer Positions

- Officer positions to be devolved in Tulita and Deline; indicated that either the Hamlet or the Band will become in charge of the position
- Officer will have the same powers as now; individual must have the necessary education and experience to enforce Acts & regulations
- RWED will continue to provide information & support to officers

GIS

- New GIS person to start July 17, 2000 for a two-year term; Miki Promislow from Yellowknife
- Tanya Townsend, GIS Technician Trainee, will replace Miki as GIS Technician following her completion of the GIS program in Nova Scotia

Fires

- 24 to date
- Staff resources sent to assist with fire at Lutsle Ke' & he has now returned
- Fire ecology camp to happen at Fort Good Hope in August 2000

Wildlife Act & Species at Risk Legislation

- Motion 03-15-00-24 (March Board Meeting) indicates the formation of a working group to work on regulation changes, with involvement from SRRB, SSI, RRC, and RWED; to develop a consultation process on a regional basis
- RWED still waiting for direction in this matter
- Ruby indicated that she would like to see a draft document regarding comments received from past consultations; Paul noted that the working group has no role until such a document has been received
- Celina asked whether or not the SRRB plans to offer input into the draft regulation changes or to wait until revised draft has come out; Winter felt that a revised draft should be out so the working group will have a plan to use
- Noted that any recommendations to wildlife regulation changes can be sent to the government by the SRRB (authority granted by land claim); Keith indicated that comments about either the Wildlife Act or the Species at Risk Legislation by July 31, 2000

As Manager of Fish & Wildlife in the Sahtu, Keith Hickling gave a report on programs and enforcement occurring in each community

Colville Lake – trapping center of Sahtu & NWT

- Positive monitoring of caribou noted – no wastage was seen
- One charge – community complaint about caribou harassment (non-community resident); showing disrespect for community with respect to traditional values
- Community concerned about number of tourists – need to determine who is to monitor these activities
- Robert Kochon was honored as the top fur producer in NWT

Fort Good Hope

- Community contract officer – Harry Harris; contract to be maintained as long as he finishes his education; community decision to hire
- Number of violations – both environmental and wildlife
- Noted that the number of wildlife infractions have increased by 50% in the Sahtu; due to increased confidence of officers that charges will be successful
- Successful Trapper Training Workshop (beaver)

Tulita

- Concern about jet boat traffic on the Keele River; possibility to contract out boat patrols from Tulita for enforcement
- Although the caribou harvest between Deline and Tulita (winter road) was very high, no charges were laid; due in part to good community patrols in Deline and the RWED officer out of Tulita

- McKenzie Mountain helicopter patrols; one grizzly bear defense kill noted
- Mile 222 (Canol Trail) is open – RWED officers currently rotating in for enforcement purposes this year again

Deline

- RWED officer has retired
- 2 complaints about unattended gill nets; investigation is ongoing with charges pending
- Michael asked about alternative sentencing possibilities

Norman Wells

- Resident hunters/fishers have no process in place for accountability of harvest or to ask for access permission; responsibility lies with District
- Wildlife conviction of non-beneficiary; received permission to hunt on private land; however, district (granting authority) was unaware that land was closed under the Wildlife Act; although acted in good faith, individual was convicted
- Exclusive aboriginal hunting rights on private lands; can grant non-beneficiaries' access to these lands within season – can right to hunt be granted out of season; board to seek legal clarification of this issue before recommending regulation change

Ruby asked that agencies table written reports so board members can go over them before hand.

b. Biologist's Update – Ben Olsen

- Tabled reports about Woodland Caribou and Dall's Sheep research projects
- Woodland Caribou (April 2000) – noted low productivity (approximately 20 calves per 100 cows); consistent with RWED results (1999)
- Dall's Sheep (June 2000) – successful; classified 257 sheep; good productivity (54 lambs per 100 ewes); proposes revisiting the idea of annual monitoring
- Hopes RRCs will continue to be active in SRRB research; plans to do research in other parts of the region besides the McKenzie Mountains
- Also collecting tooth & ear tip samples from moose and caribou; able to age the animals being harvested; a collection fee of \$25 is being paid to harvesters who send in samples
- Ben just returned from Coppermine, where he was involved in the East Bluenose Photo Census (total enumeration of the herd); population estimate is upwards of 50,000 in the herd
- Rus asked about the status of Dall's Sheep data that was collected in the last year; mostly anecdotal; Winter and Celina felt that there should be more information than what has been found in the office; Ben to ask past fieldworkers for the data

c. Harvest Study Coordinator's Update – Jody Snortland

- Tabled a summary report showing each communities harvest of individual species from April 1998 to July 1999
- Celina questioned some values (discrepancies between years); Jody indicated that the numbers are probably low because of the number of backlogged interviews in the community; this problem to be fixed by ensuring that there are enough interviewers in each community
- Ben noted the high number of Caribou Species in 1999 (over 500); indicated that for management purposes, more specific information is necessary, i.e., are the caribou Barren Ground or Woodland; Jody created the general category to prevent biases in recording the data; Celina asked how the data could be fixed; Ben felt that with the grid block ID's and the harvest dates, the species could be inferred; Jody to query the database for the required information and the coordinator and trainee will make the changes
- Power point presentation given to show the board an example of what each community is shown; Jennifer, Celina, and Lucy asked whether other information could be added to the GIS maps; Jody indicated that any map layers on the GIS computer can be added to the maps
- Janet will be going to Ft. Smith this fall (October to December) for schooling

d. Computer System Administrator's Update – Calvin Pittet

- Report tabled indicating the benefits of the server system that he installed
- Noted that the board should have a website; Cal has been asked to assist in the creation of the site
- Cal will be returning to Tulita in August to finish the installation; he will be going to Fort Good Hope in September to work for the Sahtu Land & Water Board

e. Chairperson's Update – Winter Lennie

- Meeting with Deline RRC; discussed the increase of muskox tags and grizzly bear quotas
- Trip to Winnipeg to attend the Canadian Fur Institute Meeting (Winter and Archie Lennie attended); one of the major discussions was about the proposed changes to the Canadian Wildlife Act (Bill C-17); although the changes are to be small wording changes, the impacts on trapping and other harvesting methods will be significant; Winter to put together an information package (including lawyer's report) and send to board members
- Winter to contact co-chairs for a possible meeting in Fall 2000; the meeting would deal with important issues concerning all, including Species at Risk legislation and both the territorial & federal Wildlife Acts

f. Executive Director's Update – Margaret McDonald

- Monthly financial reports will be produced for board members
- Staffing to be dealt with in-camera session
- Policy and procedures to be reviewed and updated
- Strategic plan to be further reviewed by Executive Committee
- Tender packages have been completed (1993 Ford Explorer, Ski-doo's, Canoes)
- No travel to any meetings or workshops

8. Other Business:

a. Traditional Environmental Knowledge proposed project

- Letter sent to the SRRB from George Govier (Executive Director, Sahtu Land & Water Board) asking for participation in a meeting to exchange TEK products and to produce a summary of the efforts
- Ruby felt that the SRRB should be a participant at the meeting after current TEK data has been compiled and put together in a paper; Margaret felt that participating is very important; information could be put into database format and a TEK website could be created
- Board members felt that it is important to integrate traditional environmental knowledge with scientific knowledge

Motion 07-12-00-08

- To respond to George Govier's letter indicating the willingness of the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board to participate in a TEK meeting

Ruby McDonald moved
Celina Stroeder seconded
Motion passed unanimously

b. Deline Renewable Resource Council – quotas

- Deline RRC would like a meeting with all RRC presidents; to be sponsored by the SRRB
- RRC agreed with increased muskox quotas and boundary changes; however, in letter sent by Dolphus Tutcho (RRC Vice-President), the allocation of quotas was mentioned (never discussed); letter needs to be clarified with Deline RRC and Deline Land/Financial corporation; both Leroy Andre and Tim Hines have been unavailable; once Winter receives clarification, he will write a letter to the minister suggesting the changes

c. Policy on Collaring Animals & d. Community Area Influence for Wildlife Research

- Celina & the board received letter from Colville Lake about the collaring of caribou during the winter of 1999/2000; community wants no collaring to occur in or around Colville Lake
- SRRB has no official policy regarding this issue; however, board does support moving caribou collaring to only those areas where there is no concern (Board funds only research projects that have full community support)
- Two elders in attendance gave their impressions about caribou collaring:

Joe Martin – does not agree with collaring; wants to live as lived before, to abide by the elders of long ago, how they took care of wildlife and the land; people from community have this knowledge, people from down south do not, so people do not want to listen to them

Alexis Blanco – against caribou collaring because he does not like it and he feels that the caribou suffer; as the caribou walk, they feel the weight of the collar and it is very heavy, it is just like a small puppy with a heavy chain; how can the caribou lay down to sleep with that thing on their neck; he found a caribou that couldn't walk and he shot it, he could smell the metal coming off of it, so he knew that it had once had a collar, the caribou was very unhealthy, skinny, he left it for dog food; shoot a collared caribou and an uncollared caribou and you will be able to taste the difference in the meat

- Jennifer noted that Richard Kochon would like the SRRB to support the Colville Lake RRC's decision that no caribou collaring will occur
- The following motion to be added to the policy and procedures manual during evening meeting

Motion 07-12-00-09

- To respect communities who do not wish to have collaring of wildlife in their area

Celina Stroeder moved
Ruby McDonald seconded
Motion passed unanimously

e. Hunting on SRRB projects – research policy

- Celina questioned whether or not SRRB staff are allowed to hunt while on research projects (RWED policy is that not hunting can occur)

- Rus noted that at an earlier time, it had been unanimously decided that no hunting was to occur and that firearms are for protection only; decided to ensure that the public's perception of trips is for research not for hunting
- Winter felt that if not a staff member (contract person), there was no problem with hunting; Ruby mentioned Section 6.25.2 "Guidelines – Principles for SRRB Employees" from the draft Policy & Procedures Manual
- Board members agreed to discuss during policy and procedure review during evening meeting

Meeting recessed (5:30 p.m.) until 7:00 p.m. for in-camera session; Resume full meeting at 9:00 a.m. July 13, 2000

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Meeting resumed at 9:30 a.m.

8. Other Business:

f. Bluenose Caribou Draft Management Plan

- SRRB has signed management agreement; just need to approve/disprove draft two of the management plan; letter to be sent regarding following motion

Motion 07-13-00-10

- To accept draft two of the Bluenose Caribou Management Plan with editorial changes that have already been submitted

Russell Hall moved
Paul Latour seconded
Motion passed unanimously

g. School Programs – Conservation/Education

- Rus to collect information from the RWED office in Yellowknife as well as the Department of Education office for information regarding programs, publications, and funding for conservation programs
- Felt that this will raise the profile of the SRRB in conjunction with the RRC; Ruby also mentioned that the SRRB should work more in conjunction with the government
- Ruby indicated that the board should have more promotional material
- Rus noted that the board should improve its relationship with the RRC (SRRB should provide minutes to the RRC and vice versa)

h. Arbitration Panel

- Invitation for one SRRB member to give a presentation at the panel to be held in Deline, August 17-19, 2000
- Respond in writing to accept invitation; Winter or Ruby to give presentation

Motion 07-13-00-11

- To go to an in-camera session at 10:02 a.m.

**Ruby McDonald moved
Lucy Jackson seconded
Motion passed unanimously**

Motion 07-13-00-12

- To come out of the in-camera session at 10:58 a.m.

**Ruby McDonald moved
Russell Hall seconded
Motion passed unanimously**

Motion 07-13-00-13

- To extend Margaret McDonald as the Executive Director until July 31, 2000

**Ruby McDonald moved
Russell Hall seconded
Motion passed unanimously**

Motion 07-13-00-14

- To appoint Jody Snortland as the in-term Executive Director, starting August 1, 2000

Ruby McDonald moved

Paul Latour seconded

Motion passed (Lucy Jackson opposed)

Motion 07-13-00-15

- This board commits to do training and/or a retreat and direct the staff to look for costs and location

Ruby McDonald moved

Russell Hall seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Ruby declared conflict of interest.

Regarding the issue of Margaret's relocation costs, the board decided it to be an administrative issue for the Chair to deal with.

Boards of Directors directed to send in comments regarding the draft Policy & Procedures Manual; Executive Committee will then review and approve the manual

Staff to provide a report on the status of motions and resolutions of the SRRB (include dates moved & completed, along with any in-term actions)

9. Adjournment

Motion 07-13-00-16

- Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Ruby McDonald moved

Next board meeting to be held October 23-27, 2000 in Fort Good Hope



Chairperson



Date

July 10-14/00

Item

1. To clarify the difference between Bluenose & Bathurst caribou
2. Contact Arctic College about the status of the SRRB scholarship in their catalogue
3. To advertise scholarship winners in Northern newspapers
4. Receive permission from Two Rivers Developments about leasing land that reefer sits on
5. To prepare and provide Board members with monthly spending comparisons
6. To sign-off the IFMP for Coney
7. To make necessary changes to Harvest Study Database regarding caribou, whitefish, and bears
8. Put together an information package regarding Bill C-17
9. Contact co-chairs for possible Fall 2000 meeting
10. To receive clarification from Deline RRC regarding Musk-ox tag quotas
11. To collect information form RWED office in Yellowknife and Dept. of Education regaring programs, publications, and funding for conservation programs
12. Write letter to Arbitration Panel accepting invitation to present at their AGM in Deline
13. Board members to send comments regarding draft Policy & Procedures Manual
14. Provide report on the status of motions and resolutions of the SRRB

Responsible Party

Executive Director

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Winter Lennie

Harvest Study

Coordiantor

Winter Lennie

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Winter Lennie

Russ Hall

Winter Lennie

All Members

Executive Director

Action Taken

Completed

Completed

Completed

Completed

Ongoing

Completed

Completed

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Unknown

Ongoing

Completed, presentation pending

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Ongoing

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