

Nov. 22/23 FoKL Board Mtg notes

Attending: Gwen, Martin, Tina, Sukhananda, Ben, Greg, Rory, John, Alanda

Moved through agenda items as far as possible in time; will continue next week
Tina and Alanda

ED Update:

- 4500 grant was approved by RDCK yesterday. This is slated for a water quality monitoring project (CABIN monitoring), which would occur in August and September of 2023. Report for project due in 2024. Grant requires FoKL pay for Selkirk College trainers, for online training, and for on the ground work. This grant is not enough \$ to cover the project costs. Questions arising: *Return the money? Try for further funding? Wrap the 4500 into another project that some other org. is doing – eg mapping? Do we want to gamble on not having enough funds to do the project? What projects can be taken on by other groups?*
ACTION: Gwen will send the application info so we can assess what is required
- Another grant is in play for 10K from RDCK
- 3000 due from Cottonwood Creek Project; can have in advance but have to commit to the community involvement process at the end. Meetings will occur monthly as to what that would entail.

1. Do we keep the board going? What are we hoping to achieve at this point?

- Can we keep going?
- It seems we have to continue, find some way, at least until spring, until we've fulfilled our commitments.
- Re: CEBA Gwen discussed options with Credit Union. First – re-apply and the loan repayment is automatically extended to Mar. 28, giving time for 3 major reports to be completed. This brings final payments of 8500 in the bank before CEBA repayment due. (Still have the 10K of loan.)
AGREED (all in favour): Re-apply but don't spend the \$ which will have to be done Mar. 28
ACTION: Form to re-apply to be completed by Nov 28 (Gwen); Rory also to sign. Gwen will supply financials info required for last 3 years
- **Question** as to capacity to commit to board in coming months. Several people out of the country, some not able because of other commitments. If we continue to mid January we can get the major reports done. After that point, we can determine if we continue and proceed with new grant applications. It gives time to be able to answer capability. We'll be incurring debt and need to keep it minimum. After the January reports done, we need to make the real decision.
- **Immediate needs:** contributing to **report completion**. Some not able to contribute time but will contribute money. The reports time? Gwen is confident, using detailed notes of Olesandra, to be able to complete two reports – HCTF and KLC. Greg will take on the Bonaventure report. **Dealing with storage locker.**
ACTION: Gwen will right away find out if we can rent it for one month, for January.

- **Report completion:** Keeping Gwen on to at least mid-January allows reports to be completed. To end of December Gwen's time will be full in completing 3 RDCK reports, Osprey report, BC Gaming and several others.

CBT grant: After the 3 major ones in January, there is only the CBT grant, which assigned money for the project but we didn't get enough to complete it according to the requirements of the grant. 2K outstanding. *Can we approach other organizations to take on the completion?* It would be simpler to go to CBT and see what the grant req are. We were turned down from various organizations and can't finish the project. We would need to apply for more grants for this!! What grants are avail for planting and monitoring? Indigenous relations?

We would need to look at the grant requirements to determine if another group could do it. Nothing in the agreement says that funds would be required in repayment if conditions are not met but it may impact future applications.

ACTION: wait until CEBA is repaid and see where we stand CBT Grant??

 - Harrop wetland □ many more deliverables required for this.
 - We go to CBT and say there's no money. Not much more money to come in \$2000 outstanding. Can we pass on the project to someone else? It would be simpler to go to CBT and see what the grant req are. We were turned down on various organizations and can't finish the project. We would need to apply for more grants for this!! What grants are avail for planting and monitoring? Indigenous relations?
 - We are overextended in our funding commitment by \$28,000. Administrative issue.
 - Who at CBT? We were \$6,000 short w the grant (now you know not to do that again)... Wait to have this convo until we have the CEBA loan paid off. Need to see where we stand after we fulfill our current obligations.
- **Where are we financially:** Do we need to discuss what we as board can put in financially and then in January determine our strategy, whether short term or long? Concerns over extending our debt. Need to get clear on what the debt would be.
- **What can we contribute as to time or money:**

 - a. Rory: \$
 - b. Sukhananda doesn't have time but could do money
 - c. John no time in January but willing to put money in!
 - d. We can either put up money now or later... or take from the CEBA loan...undecided.
- **Other expenses** – insurance, social media, office, storage.

AGREED: keep insurance to avoid much higher cost if we needed to re-apply.

: close office

Storage unit: **AGREED:** Rory will evaluate the equipment, what can be sold, what needs to be stored. Rory, John and Greg offer to move and store remainder of equipment. Rory or Martin will contact Living Lakes as to potential purchase of some of Storage Locker contents. (This will be done after finding out if the locker can be rented for another month. If so, gives more time to refine the conversation with LL.)

There's some stuff we can sell on market place. Who? Field equipment (CABIN). Where can we store these things? Electronic water monitoring equipment (Rory and Martin to look at it to find out if it works or doesn't, what its condition is?). Stored somewhere safe □ Rory will manage this.

- **Charitable Status:** required work to date is complete; next step required detailed future-oriented actions as to what we do. Very detailed and requires a revision of our constitution, which requires lawyer input. Legal basics are done but more needed, not too much but precise amount not known. **ACTION:** Keep on pause for immediate future. Look at this conversation in mid-January when we know more as to what we want to do for the future. **Timeline:** end of June for application completion. Requires many steps – report, full membership meeting for approval, submission of final report.
- **Next meeting in one week: ACTION:** Rory to determine book keeping needs.
- **Film, Silent Auction Fund Raiser:** Tina, Ben, Rory, Greg will attend to assist with Silent Auction, tickets, donations. Try to close off some of the Silent Auction that night and leave more expensive items online. **ACTION:** Gwen has Silent Auction sheets, Square, way to link online and in person auction; link to ticket sales.

Evening: FoKL people be there by 6:30; board members attach posters to social media (already on FoKL facebook page); try for Silent Auction donations with local businesses, connections.

Further Notes:

How much will the 4500 RDCK grant project cost, who else, how much do you have so far... GIS project. Gwen to send around the application to us. What is it we have to do to meet the 4500 request w as little as possible.

The bind we are in is applying on projects from multiple sources, not meeting our financial goals then trying to do the project on a minimal budget.

\$3000 for cottonwood ck project: partway through project. We asked for money in advance. The commitment is that we would participate in the community engagement in the spring. Flyers? Meetings every month to look into this. Then \$700 at the end.

Sukhananda: someone should take this on (living lakes) to carry our projects forward. Monitoring, our records, etc.

Grant \$10,000 RDCK community in application for that project.