

Science Committee members present: A. Applejohn, D. Livingstone (first half), B. B. Sieben (first half), P. Marsh, B. Quinton, P. Cott  
Regrets: K. Stevens, M. Wilkie, S. Kokelj, E. Kelly, S. Carrière, M. English, J. Kanigan, J. Baltzer

### **SUMMARY**

- Consider replacing Sally with Charity on the committee
- Shift focus from Science Committee TOR to the Strategic Plan as the latter is intended to be a living document
- Need to get buy in for Laurier MSc. program with GNWT Senior Management
- Flight for selecting GNWT sites for CFI grant July 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> (tentative)

### **ACTIONS**

- B. Quinton, – invite Charity to committee
- D. Livingstone, and B. Hanna, and to review/ revise Partnership Strategic Plan
- A. Applejohn – discuss MSc. program with GNWT Senior Management
- P. March – to circulate CFI research notes

### **MINUTES**

1. Welcome and review of agenda.
2. Review of minutes from last meeting. Minutes accepted.
3. Review of action items from May Science Committee meeting.
  - Postpone MSc. action to July work plan
  - Remove old partnership webpage
  - WLU purchase card issues
4. NWT employees pursuing gradates studies (standing agenda item, if updates)
  - Issues with getting WLU MSc. rolling for GNWT staff is not from lack of interest by prospective students but rather reluctance by Senior Management within GNWT concerns related to cost and time that the GNWT would have to bear.
5. Partnership budget, spending, purchasing
  - Problems with the administration of credit card purchases still not resolved.
  - Moving to a user pay system for Partnership trucks (based on mileage)
  - Incinerating toilet now at Scotty Creek, although not functional yet

6. Committee member project updates

### **Andrew Applejohn**

- The CWM program is at a good time. Emergency Management Plan, flood

events identified.

- Trying to get attention for infrastructure to support the need to support of science in the Sahtu
- Secured funding for flying into 7 or 8 sites in the Sahtu that may be good as field infrastructure (e.g. fire stations, patrol cabins, field stations along the Canol Road). Tentative flight dates July 23-24. Miltenberger to go. There is room for an additional 6 people. **Contact Andrew if you would like to go.** Trying to get someone from Conoco or Husky to go.

#### **Bill Quinton**

- Finishing touched on CRD NSERC
- Including a site in northern BC, south of Scotty to act as a more southern site with increased human activity
- Local bidders for the boardwalk at Scotty
- CWN – happy Brian Sieben is keen to take on modeling position, integrate community input and previous training. Thanks A.A. for rolling out this initiative.

#### **Phil Marsh**

- Making progress on CFI proposal and is on track.
- Need to incorporate GNWT component
- Working on new draft of Science Document

#### **Pete Cott**

- Helped Jenn Baltzer and Aaron Berg (U of Guelph) with Scotty logistics
- Journal of Great Lakes Research Special issue on Northern Lakes approved. Can be used to satisfy #14 of partnership commitments (producing journal special issues)
- Update on project to rehabilitate Frame Lake – was fish bearing prior to 1930's (found out through TK)

#### 7. Science Committee travel updates

- A.A. Through Toronto July 14-15. Possible to go to WLU as well.
- P.C. Away first 3 weeks of August. Conference and holiday.
- P.M. Late July to Trail Valley to install Eddie Covariance
- P.M. Lake August/Early September installing new equipment with students
- B.Q. Scotty End of August, maybe July

#### 8. Important Dates:

- Flight for selecting GNWT sites for CFI grant July 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> (tentative) **contact Andrew Applejohn for more information and seat availability.**

#### 9. Additional business

None

#### 10. Next meeting date

July 3, 2014 - 9:00 AM in Yellowknife, 11:00 AM in Ontario.