



British Columbia Food and BioProducts Technology & Commercialization Network

Minutes
Governance Sub-Committee
Meeting #1
April 2, 2009
12:00pm – 1 pm

Sub-Committee Members

Nico Human (NH) – BCFPA - Chair
Greg Edgelow (GE) - WCFN
Nelson Barsi (NB) - SSFPA

Rebecca Robertson (RR)
Ron Wasik (RW)
Debbie Hellbach (DH) - minutes

Background from RR

The objective of this project is to establish the network as an entity by the time project is complete. The first phase of the network will involve bringing together existing spokes virtually ie. the spokes will be the bricks and mortar of the network.

Discussion

RW suggested that a non profit structure would be best, i.e. the organization will not be trying to make a profit. A user-pay model will be set up.

The subcommittee needs to look into the best practices of other centres. DH is to find out whether or not they are non profit. The group thought that the Guelph Food Technology Centre might be the best model in Canada as it is the only self sustaining centre. The Feasibility Study will be reviewed for comments on the centre's business model.

GE suggested looking at the Canadian Sport Centre -Pacific <http://www.pacificsport.com> as a potential model. This program facilitated partnerships between Provincial Sport Organizations [PSOs], Local Sport Organizations [LSOs] and regional sport partners to create Centres that offered a greater number and variety of sport opportunities for British Columbians living in all regions of the Province.

RR, NH, RW & DH agreed to work together to develop an RFP. This group will also confirm which groups will be sent the RFP (which may include Association Management Consultants).

To do for next meeting

- Everyone to email suggestions for management consulting companies to RR
- DH talk to Dave Zepponi of the NWFPA. According to NH, they would have set up the centre differently.
- DH to confirm the governance structure of other centres in Canada and NWFPA.

Next meeting

12:00 noon April 16, 2009

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