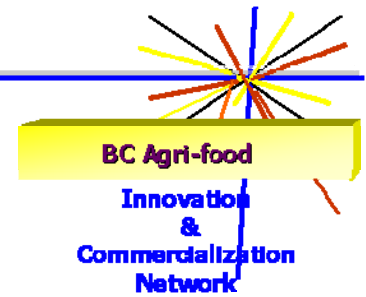


**British Columbia Agri-food Innovation
& Commercialization Network**



Minutes
**Resource Database Sub-Committee
Meeting #3**
April 30, 2009
11:00am – 12:00pm

Present

Greg Edgelow (GE)
Rebecca Robertson – Chair (RR)
Richard Hallman (RH)

Nelson Barsi (NB)
Debbie Hellbach – minutes (DH)
Ron Wasik (RW)

Apologies

Andy Dolberg (AD), Paula Brown (PB)

1. Welcome

2. Discussion

Project Workplan

RR reported that she met with Mario Anda regarding the web platform project. This meeting indicated that the Web Platform is a large, comprehensive project that will, ideally, include most of BC's agri-food groups. Based on this meeting, RR stated that we must make sure the project stays true to the stated project activities.

RH indicated that he has met with Nico/BCFPA and Andy/ BCAC and there are plans to merge the web platform and this project together – more information will be available next week.

RH also provided a list of existing databases that were populated by MAL staff in 2007-08. All are MS access based, fairly recent and have live links. There probably are information gaps with regard to food processing resources.

1. Funding sources
2. Change agents (technical and business resources, at institutions, professionals, finance etc.)
3. Portals – approximately 200 portals with Agri-Food Information
4. Agriculture organizations and contacts >200

RH also advised that Michele Lo has been laid off by MAL and might be available to work on this project.

RH advised that the Innovation Council is hosting an Agri-Food Innovation Round Table on June 17 at the Wosk Centre in Vancouver. It may be possible to complete an interactive needs assessment at this event.

3. Next steps

NB proposed that we wait one week to hear back from RH before planning next steps.

Next meeting

11 am Thursday May 14, 2009
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