



Committee for Cooperative Moose Management
Meeting Minutes (Final Version)
February 16, 2017
MB Sustainable Development Office, Lac du Bonnet

Present:

Brian Kotak (MBMF)	Kelly Leavesley (MBSD)
Cam Neurenburg (MB Wildlife Federation)	Stu Jansson (LdB Fur Council)
Mike Adey (MLOA)	Daniel Dupont (MBSD)
Ron Missyabit (MBSD)	Earl Simmons (MBSD)

1. Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves at the beginning of the meeting.

2. Review/Additions to the Agenda

Brian reviewed the agenda and indicated that we would not likely do any work on the draft recommendations tonight, as there were not very many members at the meeting.

3. Minutes from the January 26, 2017 Meeting

Other than a few typos, there were no errors in the minutes.

4. Update from MB Sustainable Development and MBMF

Cam: Last fall when Brian identified issues with funding for the committee, all CCMM members felt that there was great benefit in keeping the CCMM going. This is especially important with provincial direction on development of a wildlife co-management regime. MWF feels that whoever administrates the CCMM, must be arms-length. Cam indicated that the MB Wildlife Federation is not arms-length, nor is MB Sustainable Development. Cam suggested that the MBMF needs to be funded to continue to administer the CCMM.

There was a question of whether the Fisheries and Wildlife Enhancement Fund could be a funding mechanism for the moose committee. What about Habitat Stewardship Program (HSP)? Brian indicated that the intake for HSP proposals is in the fall. The FWEF would be the only funding program with an application deadline this spring.

There was discussion on funding of CCMM to complete the GHA26 status report and recommendations. Cam indicated that he could take this idea to MWF executive. Brian to produce a budget for completion of the status report and recommendations. Brian thought that we could get the process completed in 2-3 meetings, plus some time to revise status report. With respect to paying for CCMM meetings, Kelly indicated that she would

look into the possibility to pay for mileage. MB Sustainable Development is currently providing supper at the meetings.

Other sources of funding - Community Spirit Fund (South Beach Casino), holding a fundraising raffle, with the main prize being participation in a moose or wolf capture/collaring?

Brian indicated that regardless of funding, he would commit to chairing the next meetings in April and May to complete the recommendation process, and to finalize the status report. Brian would like to have all of this done in May. His contract as the General Manager of the MBMF will have already come to an end on March 31.

Kelly advised the CCMM that the moose aerial surveys in the Duck and Porcupine Mountains were flown. The surveys went well. The surveys were conducted with the help of volunteers. No data available yet from the surveys. GHA17A was not flown. There was not enough snow. An elk survey in the Vita area will start on Saturday and will take 4-5 days. Minnesota DNR is also flying a survey on the US side of the border. A few elk will be collared.

Daniel advised that 24 moose collars are being deployed next week in GHA26.

There was a question about whether moose can develop immunity to brainworm. The moose population in New Brunswick is recovering after being devastated by brain worm. Moose population is now thriving despite high infection rate of brain worm in deer.

Cam would like a fire map for Beresford fire. Kelly indicated that she would get him a map.

There was a discussion about co-management of wildlife and the direction that the province wants to take. Currently, there is uncertainty on how the province will proceed. Kelly indicated that a policy paper is being developed to take forward for Cabinet discussion. This ensures that members of Cabinet have information on co-management before submitting any requests to Treasury Board. Kelly further clarified that the funding proposal to Treasury Board that we had discussed at previous meetings was not actually submitted to Treasury Board for consideration. While the Sustainable Development Executive does support the proposal, they thought the proposal would stand a better chance of being funded if a policy paper is provided to Cabinet first.

Ron M indicated that Lake Dauphin is a good example of a co-management regime for fisheries and that discussions about wildlife co-management could benefit by understanding the process for Lake Dauphin.

Brian informed the CCMM that the MBMF and Black River FN have submitted a funding proposal to Health Canada to conduct a vulnerability assessment on the potential impacts of climate change on community health, including the use of modeling to examine how climate change could affect future habitat for moose and the moose

population in the region. Other partners in the project include Joro Consultants (Doug Schindler) and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) and University of Winnipeg (Prairie Climate Centre). Brian indicated that they would find out if the proposal is successful by the end of March. He thinks that there is a good chance it will be funded, as Black River was invited to give a presentation on their previous climate change project at a recent regional Health Canada workshop, and was also encouraged to submit a proposal.

5. Draft Recommendations

There was no further work on the recommendations.

6. Next Meeting

April 12. Brian to contact people ahead of time. Brian to see if we can use the Winnipeg River Learning Centre in Pine Falls.