

NICC Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: February 3rd, 2015 @ 5:00 pm @ IFS (1595 5th Avenue)

Conference Call Information: Phone Number: 1-877-353-9184 Password: 6207347

Members Present: Tim Giesbrecht (IFS), Judy Carlson (MFLNRO – PG District), Alex Burkinshaw (Geoterra), Brandon Collison (Canfor), Susan Willis (Canfor – Fort St. John), David Morrow (Canfor), Ralph Ottens (Retired from MFLNRO – Skeena Region)

Members Absent: Ron Alton (MFLNRO – Omineca Region), Phil Smith (Conifex), Andrew Potter (IFS), Eric McCormick (Westland Resources), Tim Penninga (West Fraser)

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
2. Action Items from the Previous Meetings
 - a. **Action Item:** Andrew Potter/Ron Alton/Tim Giesbrecht to get venue contact info from Judy to book the venues for the dinner & classroom day.
 - i. Andrew has last year's venue information now and will work on booking the venues.
 - b. **Action Item:** Brandon Collison/Alex Burkinshaw to find a place for the field day.
 - c. **Action Item:** Andrew to follow up with Jim Wilson for a presentation on Compilation.
 - d. **Action Item:** Ron Alton to look into getting Ron McCready or Grant Schellenberg for a presentation on Coastal Call Grade Net Factoring - Coastal implementation, lessons learned, and implications for interior implementation.
 - e. **Action Item:** Tim P. to look into finding someone for a presentation on Loss factors & NVAF (office session).
 - f. **Action Item:** Andrew/Tim G. to talk to Jim Wilson about doing a presentation on How Taper Equations were Designed.
 - g. **Action Item:** Tim P. to look into it getting someone for a technical topic presentation on Drones for Remote Sensing, Density, & Tree Heights.
 - h. **Action Item:** Ralph to look into getting someone from Brink for a presentation on the International Industry – Asia markets.
 - i. **Action Item:** Ron Alton will look into getting Alec Orr-Ewing for a dinner presentation on Where it Started, History, & Cruiser Integrity.
 - j. **Action Item:** Tim P. to look into it getting Forintek for a dinner presentation on Alternative Uses for Wood Fibre.
 - k. **Action Item:** Phil Smith to look into getting Lakeland/UNBC/Conifex for a dinner presentation on Bioenergy Uses.
 - l. **Action Item:** Tim G. to get a distribution list for membership.

- m. **Action Item:** Tim G. to send out the 2015 Variable Probability Sampling Workshop information to the NICC members.
 - n. **Action Item:** Tim G. will update the website to include the dates and rates when we have the venues booked/confirmed.
3. 2015 AGM Planning
 - a. Guest Speakers/Presenters
 - b. Field Site Location
 - c. Budget
 4. Any Other Business
 - 5.
 6. Next Meeting Date & Time
 - Tuesday March 3rd, 2015 @ 5:00 pm @ IFS

Minutes:

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - No changes. Minutes approved by all.
2. **Action Items from Previous Meeting**
 - a. **Action Item:** Andrew Potter/Ron Alton/Tim Giesbrecht to get venue contact info from Judy to book the venues for the dinner & classroom day.
 - Andrew has last year's venue information now and will work on booking the venues.
 - We have UNBC for the office day. The lounge area near the theatre for lunch and refreshments is included.
 - We have the Sandman for dinner.
 - Almost the same price as last year, slightly higher overall, but the per person rate is the same.
 - b. **Action Item:** Brandon Collison/Alex Burkinshaw to find a place for the field day.
 - Still in progress, waiting for snow conditions to be better.
 - c. **Action Item:** Andrew to follow up with Jim Wilson for a presentation on Compilation.
 - Jim wants more information from Andrew. Andrew is still working on this item.
 - d. **Action Item:** Ron Alton to look into getting Ron McCready or Grant Schellenberg for a presentation on Coastal Call Grade Net Factoring - Coastal implementation, lessons learned, and implications for interior implementation.
 - Ron Mecredy is willing to do a field site and about a ½ hour office day on CGNF (including differences between CGNF and loss factors and the use of NVAF).
 - MFLNRO is working on approval for his attendance.
 - Grant Schellenberg recommended Ron Mecredy as it would be difficult to get travel funding from Port Alberni to Prince George.

- Ron to confirm travel allowance for and attendance by Ron Mecredy closer to AGM date.
- e. **Action Item:** Tim P. to look into finding someone for a presentation on Loss factors & NVAF (office session).
 - Keith Tudor suggested a couple guys for the NVAF talk but we'll have to be careful that it won't overlap too much with the CGNF speech.
 - Will wait to see if Ron Mecredy confirms and talk to him before calling these speakers so we're clear on who's speaking to what.
- f. **Action Item:** Andrew/Tim G. to talk to Jim Wilson about doing a presentation on How Taper Equations were Designed.
 - Limitations of cruise compilations with respect to taper equations.
 - New cruisers need to understand the limitations of data.
 - This is to be tied in with the compilation discussion in Action Item c above.
- g. **Action Item:** Tim P. to look into it getting someone for a technical topic presentation on Drones for Remote Sensing, Density, & Tree Heights.
 - John Rankin, JR Canadian Mapping Ltd will give a half hour presentation on using unmanned aerial vehicles (aka drones) to collect imagery and processing it to determine tree densities, heights, etc.
 - He'll also try to fly the field site and process it in time for the office presentation.
- h. **Action Item:** Ralph to look into getting someone from Brink for a presentation on the International Industry – Asia markets.
 - Haven't been able to get a hold of them yet, they should be available in next week or two. Will try to get in touch with them then.
- i. **Action Item:** Ron Alton will look into getting Alec Orr-Ewing for a dinner presentation on Where it Started, History, & Cruiser Integrity.
 - Alec respectfully declined to be a dinner speaker.
 - But offered to give a short presentation on "things your mother never taught you" (actually on cruising).
 - But with that, he has requested that air fare, hotel costs, seminar and banquet cost be covered/waived due to time considerations and cost (poor consultant).
 - All decided that this is not an appropriate option/use of NICC funds for a short presentation. It also would set a precedent of covering costs for speakers that isn't foreseeably affordable or budgeted for.
- j. **Action Item:** Tim P. to look into it getting Forintek for a dinner presentation on Alternative Uses for Wood Fibre.
 - Left a voice message with FP Innovations (formerly Forintek).
 - Requested a speaker for the latest research on new and exciting uses of wood and wood fibre or alternatively an update on the latest research that relates to forest operations.

- FP Innovations declined the request to be a dinner speaker.
- k. **Action Item:** Phil Smith to look into getting Lakeland/UNBC/Conifex for a dinner presentation on Bioenergy Uses.
 - Spoke with Harry Gairns (ex IFS big wig) and he has agreed to be our dinner speaker... something along the lines of “the good ol’ days of bush work.”
 - He will be able to put on a good entertaining talk.
 - Tim G. is willing to discuss the topic with Harry and help if needed.
 - On a related note, William Shatner is unable to attend unless we have \$150,000 to spend on bringing him in.
- l. **Action Item:** Tim G. to get a distribution list for membership.
 - Tim G. is working on it. He will use the most recent list from Tim Nowe as it should still be fairly up to date.
- m. **Action Item:** Tim G. to send out the 2015 Variable Probability Sampling Workshop information to the NICC members.
 - Not done yet. Will do ASAP.
- n. **Action Item:** Tim G. will update the website to include the dates and rates when we have the venues booked/confirmed.
 - It is up and running and ready to go. It can be viewed at www.nicc.ca or www.nicc2.ca. We have both domains again and the one routes you to the other.

2. 2015 AGM Planning

- a. Guest Speakers/Presenters
 - Confirmed Field Presenters
 - Bob Hodgkinson – Spruce Beetle
 - Could possibly do an office session as well.
 - Ron Mecredy – CGNF
 - Including differences between CGNF and loss factors and the use of NVAF.
 - Pending government travel approval.
 - Confirmed Office Presenters
 - Richard Riech – Pathology
 - He is more inclined to do an office session than a field session as he can go over more things in a classroom setting than in a field location.
 - He can only commit to one day.
 - Ron Mecredy – CGNF - About a ½ hour
 - Including differences between CGNF and loss factors and the use of NVAF.
 - Pending government travel approval.
 - John Rankin, JR Canadian Mapping Ltd. – Drones – ½ hour

- Presentation on using unmanned aerial vehicles (aka drones) to collect imagery and processing it to determine tree densities, heights, etc.
 - He'll also try to fly the field site and process it in time for the office presentation.
 - Confirmed Dinner Presenters
 - Harry Gairns (ex IFS big wig) – The good ol' days of bush work.
 - Tim G. is willing to discuss the topic with Harry and help if needed.
 - Possible Presenters
 - Topics/Presents currently being looked at:
 - International Industry – Asia markets – potentially Brink
 - Cruise compilations – How Taper Equations were Designed – Jim Wilson
 - Loss factors & NVAF – Tim P.'s contacts
 - Don Rorison – updates on new things coming down the pipe.
 - **Action Item:** David to look into this.
 - Beth Eagles – to talk about the new rules – how it is going, is it working.
 - Group decided to leave it alone for now.
 - Possible Field topics
 - E & G blowdown codes
 - Broken tops - when to stop calling them
 - Projecting tree heights
 - Chopping in blowdown - sound vs unsounds. Will look for clear examples(10-30% for sounds and rotten 70% and up for unsound).
 - **Action Item:** Brandon to make a list of the current issue and email it out.
- b. Field Site Location
- Still in progress. Alex & Brandon are working on it.
- c. Budget
- Venues budget is on track with what we had last year.
 - Door Prizes
 - Tim G: One of the bet comments received was from John Bell – it is good to give back to cruising community and a highlight of the AGM.
 - We should see what we can get donated.
 - Geoterra & Canfor can donate some things.
 - **Action Item:** Alex to see what Geoterra can donate.
 - **Action Item:** Brandon to see what Canfor can donate.

- GC's from Industrial Reproductions (\$360 spent for \$400 worth of GC's).
 - \$1860 available spending for door prizes
 - We will get 1 big draw item again – last year it was an ipad.
 - **Action Item:** Andrew to figure out prizes.
 - Budget is good to go as is.
 - **Action Item:** Tim G to send email out that NICC is up and ready to go for sign up.
- 3. Any Other Business**
- Changing Signing Officers – Tim Nowe needs to be removed – to be done after AGM
 - Check on Banking Fees – to be done with signing changes after AGM
- 4. Next Meeting Date & Time**
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Meeting Adjourned: 5:40 pm