

NICC Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: April 21st, 2015 @ 5:00 pm @ IFS (1595 5th Avenue)

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

Members Present: Judy Carlson (MFLNRO – PG District), Tim Giesbrecht (IFS), Andrew Potter (IFS), Brandon Collison (Canfor), Susan Willis (Canfor – Fort St. John), David Morrow (Canfor), Phil Smith (Conifex), Alex Burkinshaw (Geoterra), Eric McCormick (Westland Resources - Terrace),

Members Absent: Ralph Ottens (Retired from MFLNRO – Skeena Region), Tim Penninga (West Fraser), Ron Alton (MFLNRO – Omineca Region)

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
2. Action Items from the Previous Meetings
3. 2015 AGM Planning
 - Field site set up materials – what do we need?
 - Field site handout
 - Registration update
4. Any Other Business
5. Next Meeting Date & Time
 - The AGM on Wednesday & Thursday May 6th & 7th

Minutes:

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - No changes – Approved.
2. **Action Items from Previous Meeting**

Item #	Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Status	Comments
X	Send out email for coast area appraisal group regarding NICC meeting.	Ralph Ottens Erik McCormick	Completed	2015-03-17: • Still working on it. 2015-04-07: • Erik to send out email. 2015-04-21: • Done
Y	Find site captains and organize them.	Phil Smith	In Progress	2015-04-07: • Email has been sent for suggestions. Still working on 2015-04-21: • Have a list of a half dozen names and need to confirm with people

				<p>by email.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will invite site captains to our site set up next Wednesday. For those that can't make it we can get site info package sent to them prior to the field day.
Z	Bring work computer for use at the AGM.	Judy Carlson	Completed	<p>2015-04-08:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer desktop is cleaned of and computer will be ready to go at UNBC prior to the start of the AGM on May 7th.
AA	Send email reminder for NICC registration with the updated Agenda attached.	Tim Giesbrecht	Completed	<p>2015-04-08:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email sent to NICC contacts.
BB	Follow up with Harry Gairns regarding dinner speaker presentation.	Phil Smith	In Progress	<p>2015-04-21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phil will follow up ASAP.
CC	Follow up with Bob (Robert) Hodgkinson, Don Rorrison, Richard Reich, & Ron Mecredy to confirm presentations and send updated agenda/scheduled presentation time to them.	Ron Alton	Completed	<p>2015-04-08:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation emails sent.
DD	Follow up with Mike Trepanier regarding his Consulting Foresters presentation.	Tim Giesbrecht Andrew Potter	Completed	<p>2015-04-21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Might put Mike after Jim on the agenda before the open form.
EE	Follow up with John Rankin to confirm his presentation and send updated agenda.	Tim Penninga	Completed	<p>2014-04-21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Done
FF	Follow up with Jim Wilson to confirm his presentation and send updated agenda.	Andrew Potter	Completed	<p>2014-04-21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Done

3. 2015 AGM Planning

Possible Field Topics Being Looked At		
1	E & G blowdown codes	Shatter rule for G codes.
2	Broken tops	When to stop calling them. 10 cm or greater.
3	Projecting tree heights	
4	Chopping in blowdown - sound vs unsounds.	Will look for clear examples (10-30% for sounds and rotten 70% and up for unsound).
5	Pitch Outs	NPB in comments ...but no pitch tubes. Discussion: it probably is trouble with blue stain vs black stain.
6	Blind Conks	It is always great to have an example in Pine (or Spruce).
7	Spruce Beetle	Overcalling Insect Codes 5 and 7 with no evidence of

		beetle and not chopping to confirm call.
8	Borderline Trees	Accounting for slope (to calculate HD) when measuring borderline trees. Also the importance and implications of not accounting for slope.
9	Calculating Horizontal Distance on Slopes	
10	Path on BI	Not calling Broken Tops (>10 cm diameter) on dead potential (TC = 7).
11	Felled and bucked up trees as a result of Oil & Gas/Seismic activity being picked up in plots.	What to/not to measure, down codes, tree class, missing pieces, heights
12	If you find Red attack greater than 5% trees...	Still getting a lot of grey calls instead of red...possibly due to rush, sun or inexperience?
13	Blowdown trees	Estimating height instead of calculating with a vertex or measuring with an Elson tape. Is this important?

- See the draft AGM Agenda for field session and AGM presenters & details.
- **Field site set up will be WEDNESDAY APRIL 29th. Meet @ 0800 at CN Centre parking lot.**
- Currently have 63 people registered.
- UNBC & Sandman confirmed and good to go.
- Field site setup – what do we need to bring?
 - GPS - Brandon
 - Wooden stakes – Andrew
 - Ribbon (blue/yellow)/paint (orange) - Brandon
- North Fraser field site - not a good alternate location
- Field site package – who will put it together this year? - Alex
 - Package to include:
 - a map with all the site locations
 - Information for each site – manual section(s), additional information & what main points we want to get across to the group.
- Don Rorrison – not going to attend, did Ron get the letter/info from Don and is Ron going to present it. – Judy to find out/confirm.

4. Any Other Business

- None noted.

5. Next Meeting Date & Time

- Wednesday April 29th for field setup and last things to discuss.
- Brandon, David, Susan, Phil, Alex, Judy, Andrew, Tim, Ron plus possible site captains.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:25 pm