

NICC Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: November 25, 2014 @ 5:00 pm

Members Present: Tim Giesbrecht (IFS), Andrew Potter (IFS), Ron Alton (MFLNRO – Omineca Region), Ralph Ottens (MFLNRO – Skeena Region), Judy Carlson (MFLNRO – PG District), Phil Smith (Conifex), David Morrow (Canfor), Brandon Collison (Canfor), Alex Burkinshaw (Geoterra), Eric McCormick (Westland Resources)

Members Absent: Tim Penninga, Susan Willis

Agenda Items:

1. Election of Committee Positions
2. Financial Summary
3. Planning for 2015 AGM
4. GPS Cruising Issues
5. NICC2.ca Web Site
6. Any Other Business
7. Next Meeting Date & Time

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1. Election of Committee Positions

- **Chair:** David Morrow
- **Vice Chair:** Ron Alton
- **Secretary:** Judy Carlson
- **Training Officer:** Phil Smith
- **Treasurer:** Tim Giesbrecht
- **Executive Members:** Andrew Potter, Ralph Ottens, Brandon Collison, Alex Burkinshaw, Eric McCormick, Tim Penninga, Susan Willis

2. Financial Summary

- Signing Authority:

- Ron Alton, Tim Giesbrecht, Andrew Potter
- Tim Nowe to be removed
- Draft Financials
 - GIC Term Account is at 1% interest rate which basically covers monthly fees (\$6/month to have the account at the bank plus \$1 per transaction)
 - Pay Pal cost increased \$475, the cost vs. ease of registration makes the expense okay and reasonable to continue use
 - BMO Current account is at approx. \$14,200
 - Last AGM had income of approx. \$20,600 with approx. expenses of \$16,400 with a revenue gain of approx. \$4,200

3. Planning for 2015 AGM

- Possible speakers & topics:
 - Bring up Richard Riech for Pathology
 - Jim Wilson for Cruise Compilation
 - No Timber Pricing Branch as of now
 - Robert Hodgkinson - Spruce Beetle
- Possible AGM Formats: Full Discussion Day & Field Day or 2 - ¾ Days
 - Decided to aim for 2 - ¾ Days with a proposed 9am - 4 pm schedule to allow for travel time to and from the AGM for out of town attendees
- AGM Date: sometime in the beginning of May
 - Decided to aim for the 2nd week of May – Wednesday May 13th & Thursday May 14th.
- This year's AGM venue, meals and misc. expenses were:
 - ~\$4,800 for the dinner @ the Sandman, and
 - ~\$7,000 for the breakfast & lunch at UNBC
 - ~3,100 Door Prizes & misc. expenses
 - \$1,500 for CNC & UNBC Scholarships

- Venue considerations for this year:
 - UNBC
 - Parking is good - lots of space, pay parking.
 - Lecture theatre is good - good size & space for seeing/hearing speakers
 - Decided to use same lecture theatre this year.
 - Sandman
 - Limited seating in conference room but proved suitable when factoring in the high number of “no shows”
 - Parking can be tight
 - **Action Item: Andrew Potter/Ron Alton/Tim Giesbrecht to get venue contact info from Judy to book the venues for the dinner & classroom day**
- Field Location
 - Last year’s location was good – close to town, good variety in topics to discuss.
 - Also looked at Ferguson Lake last year
 - **Action Item: Brandon Collison/Alex Burkinshaw to find a place for the field day**

4. GPS Cruising Issues

- Issues noted at Canfor (and with other licensees) include:
 - Some companies can’t afford new GPS units but have to;
 - Not meeting specifications set up by MFLNRO;
 - Cruisers having issues using new GPS units;
 - Bought one and had an issue with it, then bought 2 more because they had to;
 - Traditional chain and compass method has been sidelined due to previous northern tree anchor method use and needs to be relearned; and
 - No time for training employees in work and how to meet parameters as there are no experts in the use of the GPS units and method.

- We are hoping for a grace period with getting everyone on board but it doesn't appear to be likely
- Professional reliance should be used instead of being instructed how to do the work

5. NICC2.ca Web Site

- Need to update Executives List and contacts
- Can use nicc.ca or nicc2.ca to find web site

6. Any Other Business

- New email address, Rottens45@yahoo.ca, to be used for Ralph Ottens as he will be retiring from MFLNRO soon.

7. Next Meeting Date & Time

- Tuesday January 13th, 2015 at 5:00 pm at IFS.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.