

NICC Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: April 7th, 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), Andrew Potter (IFS), Tim Giesbrecht (IFS), Alex Burkinshaw (Geoterra), Ron Alton (MFLNRO – Omineca Region), David Morrow (Canfor), Ralph Ottens (Retired from MFLNRO – Skeena Region), Eric McCormick (Westland Resources - Terrace)

Members Absent: Brandon Collison (Canfor), Phil Smith (Conifex), Tim Penninga (West Fraser), Susan Willis (Canfor – Fort St. John)

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
2. Action Items from the Previous Meetings
3. 2015 AGM Planning
4. Any Other Business
5. Next Meeting Date & Time
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Minutes:

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Approved. No changes.

2. Action Items from Previous Meeting

Item #	Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Status	Comments
B	Find a place for the field day.	Brandon Collison Alex Burkinshaw	Completed	2015-01-13: ○ Still in progress. ○ Thinking about Dusty Trails (Blackwater Road) looking for an area with Spruce Beetle and lots of parking. ○ There is lots of beetle around, even at West Lake. ○ Kerry Lake (Spruce Beetle Infestation Site) is about 1 hour away. We can toss that site out for being too far away. 2015-02-03: ○ Still in progress, waiting for snow conditions to be better. 2015-03-03:

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brandon & Judy going out on Thursday to check them out. Approx. 25 cm of snow still. Don't think snow is going to be an issue for the AGM. ○ Need parking space for approximately 45 vehicles. ○ Also need to consider space to fly the site by a drone. <p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will use the Shesta Lake site @ 6km on the Pelican FSR. Brandon will look for an alternate site just in case something doesn't work out. ○ Brandon to send shape file to Tim P. to work with drones guy to see if site is suitable to fly. <p>2015-04-07:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Good to go with Shesta Lake Site.
Q	See what Geoterra can donate for prizes.	Alex Burkinshaw	Completed	<p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should be able to donate a few things like hats. <p>2015-04-07:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will give to Andrew closer to date.
S	Figure out door prizes.	Andrew Potter	Completed	<p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Haven't talked to custom stitch yet but will get it done ASAP. <p>2015-04-07:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Andrew talked to Custom Stitch and prizes have been ordered. ○ IRL stepped up and donated some prizes as well.
U	Change signing officers (Tim Nowe needs to be removed) & check on banking fees.	Tim Giesbrecht	Completed	<p>2015-02-03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be done after AGM <p>2015-03-03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current account costs \$6.50/month and the signing officers are Tim G, Ron A, & Andrew P. ○ The term account is dormant (it is a separate account) and the signing officers are Tim G & Tim Nowe. ○ Tim G to take a letter to the bank confirming the committee members and signing authorities to get the account reactivated. <p>2015-03-17:</p>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Kelly at BMO has documents ready to be signed. Tim will call tonight. o Ron to sign papers to remove Tim Nowe from account. <p>2015-04-07:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Scheduled to be done tomorrow. Tim G, Ron A, & Andrew P will be signing officers.
V	Posted AGM Agenda on website by March 20 th .	Tim Giesbrecht Andrew Potter	Completed	<p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Will tweak and send out on Friday. <p>2015-04-07:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Agenda has been updated and loaded onto website.
W	Update AGM Agenda	Andrew Potter	Completed	<p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Updated & looks good but Don needs a half hour. o Andrew to update and post the Agenda. <p>2015-04-07:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The minor changes were made to accommodate the time needs for the speakers.
X	Send out email for coast area appraisal group regarding NICC meeting.	Ralph Ottens Erik McCormick	In Progress	<p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Still working on it. <p>2015-04-07:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Erik to send out email.
Y	Find site captains and organize them.	Phil Smith	In Progress	<p>2015-04-07:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Email has been sent for suggestions. Still working on

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.**
 - Ron will ask Bob Hodgkinson to attend to find a site suitable for his Spruce Beetle presentations.
- For the AGM Day we have a projector for speaker presentations but will need a computer available.
 - **Action Item:** Judy to bring her work computer for use at the AGM.
- There are currently 20 people registered to date.
 - **Action Item:** Tim G to send out email reminder for NICC registration with the updated Agenda attached.
- Are all of the speakers ready for their presentations?
 - **Action Item:** Phil to follow up with Harry Gairns regarding dinner speaker presentation.
 - **Action Item:** Ron Alton to follow up with Bob (Robert) Hodgkinson, Don Rorrison, Richard Reich, & Ron Mecredy to confirm presentations and send updated agenda/scheduled presentation time to them.
 - **Action Item:** Tim G & Andrew to follow up with Mike Trepanier regarding his Consulting Foresters presentation.
 - **Action Item:** Tim Penninga to follow up with John Rankin to confirm his presentation and send updated agenda.
 - **Action Item:** Andrew to follow up with Jim Wilson to confirm his presentation and send updated agenda.

4. Any Other Business

- No other business discussed.

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Meeting Adjourned: 5:23 pm