NICC Meeting Minutes

<u>Date & Time:</u> January 13th, 2015 @ 5:00 pm @ IFS (1595 5th Avenue)

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

<u>Members Present:</u> Tim Giesbrecht (IFS), Andrew Potter (IFS), Judy Carlson (MFLNRO – PG District), Ron Alton (MFLNRO – Omineca Region), Brandon Collison (Canfor), Alex Burkinshaw (Geoterra), Ralph Ottens (Retired from MFLNRO – Skeena Region), Susan Willis (Canfor – Fort St. John), David Morrow (Canfor), Eric McCormick (Westland Resources), Tim Penninga (West Fraser)

Members Absent: Phil Smith (Conifex)

Agenda Items:

- 1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- 2. Action Items from Previous Meeting
 - a. <u>Action Item:</u> Andrew Potter/Ron Alton/Tim Giesbrecht to get venue contact info from Judy to book the venues for the dinner & classroom day.
 - b. <u>Action Item:</u> Brandon Collison/Alex Burkinshaw to find a place for the field day.
- 3. 2015 AGM Planning
 - a. Confirm Dates (SITCA booked for same time Wed. may 13th & Thurs. May 14th)
 - b. Guest Speakers/Presenters
 - c. Field Site Location
 - i. Kerry Lake (Spruce Beetle Infestation Site)
- 4. Distribute information for the 2015 Variable Probability Sampling Workshop
- 5. Any Other Business
- 6. Next Meeting Date & Time
 - February 3rd, 2015 @ 5:00 pm @ IFS

Minutes:

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes look good, no issues noted, approved by all.

2. Action Items from Previous Meeting

- a. <u>Action Item:</u> 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.
- b. Action Item: Brandon Collison/Alex Burkinshaw to find a place for the field day.
 - 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.

3. 2015 AGM Planning

- a. Confirm Dates (SITCA booked for same time Wed. may 13th & Thurs. May 14th)
 - SITCA is booked for May 13th & 14th
 - Kim Iles & MFLNRO Branch are booked for SITCA
 - We might want to change the dates so branch can come.
 - Snow depth is a consideration for early May.
 - Typically we hold the AGM the first week in May. Let's go with that.
 - NICC Dates will be: Wednesday May 6th & Thursday May 7th.
- b. Guest Speakers/Presenters
 - Confirmed field presenters
 - o Bob Hodgkinson Spruce Beetle
 - Could possibly do an office session as well.
 - Confirmed office presenters
 - o 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.
 - Possible presenters
 - o Jim Wilson Compilation
 - Action Item: Andrew to follow up with him.
 - Ron McCready or Grant Schellenberg Coastal call grade net factoring
 - Coastal implementation, lessons learned, and implications for interior implementation.
 - Either a ministry or industry presenter would work.
 - Could possibly tie it into scale data as well. There is not much knowledge in the interior so far. It would need to be fairly basic information. Like an overview.
 - Action Item: Ron Alton to look into it.
 - o Loss factors & NVAF (office session)
 - Action Item: Tim P. to look into finding someone.
 - o Cut to Cruise Issues
 - Ron: Might be a can of worms. Provincially and district wise you are okay but on a license/permit level I'm not so sure. Might be possible to showcase the differences & you can be very ambiguous.

- Kim Iles would be good but not sure he would want to get into it.
- o Jim Wilson How were Taper Equations Designed
 - It is good for exposure for younger cruisers.
 - 20-30 minutes for the topic.
 - Action Item: Andrew/Tim G. to talk to Jim about this.
- Any technical topics Drones for remote sensing, density, & tree heights
 - Action Item: Tim P. to look into it.
- o International Industry Asia markets Brink
 - Action Item: Ralph to look into it.
- Possible dinner presenters
 - o Flights/accommodations/expenses can be covered for the dinner presenter. Same as last year.
 - o Alec Orr-Ewing Where it started, history, & cruiser integrity
 - Action Item: Ron Alton will look into it.
 - Might need a backup speaker
 - Possibly a motivational speaker or outdoor enthusiast.
 - Possibly something with Sawmilling or in the Value Added end of things.
 - o Forintek Alternative uses for wood fibre.
 - Action Item: Tim P. to look into it.
 - Lakeland/UNBC/Conifex Bioenergy Uses
 - Action Item: Phil Smith to look into.
- c. Field Site Location
 - See Action Item above for information.

4. Distribute information for the 2015 Variable Probability Sampling Workshop

- Information was sent to NICC Committee but not to NICC Members yet.
 - o **Action Item:** Tim G. to get distribution list for membership.
 - o Do we want to send it out to the group? It looks like a good course. YES.
 - o **Action Item:** Tim G. to send out information to membership.

5. Any Other Business

- Expected attendance
 - o Last year approx. 118 paid and the total name count was approx. 135.
- Rates
 - o Let's keep it the same as last year, \$150 again.
 - We can send an invoice for the person/company not able to do online banking/pay pal (i.e. MFLNRO)
 - Pay Pal cost us approx. \$350-500 per year. This is reasonable when compared to the time it saves us.

• **Action Item:** Tim G. will update the website to include the dates and rates when we have the venues booked/confirmed.

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Meeting Adjourned: 5:52 pm