

NICC Meeting Minutes

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

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

Members Present: 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. Action Item: Andrew Potter/Ron Alton/Tim Giesbrecht to get venue contact info from Judy to book the venues for the dinner & classroom day.
 - b. Action Item: 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. 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.
 - 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
 - Bob Hodgkinson – Spruce Beetle
 - Could possibly do an office session as well.
 - 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.
 - Possible presenters
 - 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.
 - Loss factors & NVAF (office session)
 - **Action Item:** Tim P. to look into finding someone.
 - 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.

- **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