



NORTHERN INTERIOR CRUISING COMMITTEE

P.O. Box 2016, Station B, Prince George, B.C. V2N 2J6

Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2014

In Attendance: Tim Nowe _____ Ron Alton _____

Chris David _____ Ralph Ottens _____ Tim Penninga _____ Dave Morrow _____

Agenda Items

- Ron/Tim to give update on future leadership for this year and in the future
- Review success/failure/non attempts of recruiting new people to the NICC board (everybody)
- How did we do financially last year?
- Need to pick a building for the AGM this year
- Discuss a few brainstorming ideas suggested by Tim P plus any other ideas
 - Lidar presentation (borrowed from SITCA)
 - preparing a cruise plan 101
 - call grading
 - Pipeline construction 101: how will they impact forestry?
 - What does a check cruiser look at?
 - statistics for dummies
 - field cruise plot: quickest team to build a fire and boil water
 - balsam beetle code life cycle and recognition
 - similarities and differences between cruising and scaling
 - using a scale stick to determine % sound
 - 1976 loss factors versus VRI NVAF adjustments
 - GPS plot establishment procedures



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Meeting Wrap-Up

- Dave was able to find 1 new person to join the board and may have a second. The rest of us had no success
- Phil Smith will present how to put together a cruise design at the 2014 AGM
- Ron and Tim Penninga will present the similarities and differences between cruising and scaling
- The bullets highlighted in yellow above were thought to be good ideas for the next AGM
- Next meeting February 11th, 2014
- Due dates for action items January 28th, 2014

Action Items

- Ron will:
 - Look into recruiting possibilities at CNC
 - Talk with Martin G., Will S. And Kim Iles
- Tim Nowe will:
 - Look in to how we did financially last year and our current situation
 - Talk to Frank Craig
- Chris will look into the venue possibilities
- Dave, Ron and Tim will look into LIDAR and presentation possibilities
- Tim Penninga will PhD person (name unknown) to talk about Balsam beetle



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Meeting Minutes April 8, 2014

In Attendance: Ralph Ottens Phil Smith Tim Nowe Andrew Potter Dave Morrow
Chris David Tim Penninga

Agenda Items

- Banquet dinner was discussed, specifically how we are going to deal with the seating if we have a high attendance. It was decided that it will be the first 130 to confirm their spot during the morning registration.
- The LIDAR talk has been confirmed.
- There was some discussion over what are appropriate expenses to cover for guest speakers. It was decided that one of the big values of these AGM's are the guest speakers and if we stop paying expenses speakers will start saying no. Also if a speaker draws in 3 people then they have essentially paid for their cost
- Discussed sending personal invitation from the committee to Don for his help over the years as this is potentially his last NICC AGM before retirement.
- Andrew has confirmed that IRL will be providing some gear for door prizes
- All those available to help with the field site set-up will meet May 1 in the CN centre parking lot across from the DPG office @8:00 am. Whatever doesn't get done on the first will be done the following day
- A review field sites with site captain will take place on May 2
- Group captains need to be invited to see the site prior to the field day to give them a chance to prepare themselves
 - We decided the best way would be to have stationary captain especially for Marten and Archer.
 - Most committee members are willing to be site captains. We will need to make a list to ensure we have enough people
- The cost for the university (based on 150 people) is \$5,712.01. This includes:
 - A/V equipment for the day

- Weldwood Lecture Theatre (Cap. 160ppl)
- Breakfast buffet
- Lunch buffet
- Cafeteria for both meals
- Prices for the different components are shown in the attachment
- The person at the hotel was not in the office so I was unable to come up with the exact price but I provided an estimate below. Hopefully we can get some of the cost waived like last year such as AV equipment. The cost for the banquet dinner (based on 130 pp) is ~\$5003.59. This includes:
 - A/V equipment for the day \$75.00
 - Dinner buffet \$30/plate (to be negotiated)
 - Banquet hall \$375.00

Total AGM venue and food cost estimate is ~ \$10,715.60. hopefully a little lower depending on what the hotel is willing to negotiate on.

Action Items

- Chris to add pay parking and first come first serve comments to the schedule **(done)**
- Ron the email schedule to public and confirm that Beth Eagle is available to talk about the TPB changes to the manual **(done)**
- Tim Giesbrecht to post AGM schedule on the NICC site (schedule is attached to the email)
- Phil to talk to Kim about books for the door prizes

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

Meeting Minutes

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.