

## NICC Meeting Minutes

**Date & Time:** January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 5:00 pm @ IFS (1595 5<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> & Thurs. May 14<sup>th</sup>)
  - 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.
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    - 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 13<sup>th</sup> & Thurs. May 14<sup>th</sup>)
  - SITCA is booked for May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>
  - 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 6<sup>th</sup> & Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>.**
- 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.

- Kim Iles would be good but not sure he would want to get into it.
      - 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.
      - International Industry – Asia markets – Brink
        - **Action Item:** Ralph to look into it.
    - Possible dinner presenters
      - Flights/accommodations/expenses can be covered for the dinner presenter. Same as last year.
      - 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.
      - 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.
    - **Action Item:** Tim G. to get distribution list for membership.
    - Do we want to send it out to the group? It looks like a good course. YES.
    - **Action Item:** Tim G. to send out information to membership.
- 5. Any Other Business**
- Expected attendance
    - Last year approx. 118 paid and the total name count was approx. 135.
  - Rates
    - 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.

**6. Next Meeting Date & Time**

- February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 @ 5:00 pm @ IFS

Meeting Adjourned: 5:52 pm

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    - b. Field Site Location
    - c. Budget
  4. Any Other Business
  - 5.
  6. Next Meeting Date & Time
    - Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 @ 5:00 pm @ IFS

### **Minutes:**

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - No changes. Minutes 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.
    - We have UNBC for the office day. The lounge area near the theatre for lunch and refreshments is included.
    - We have the Sandman for dinner.
    - Almost the same price as last year, slightly higher overall, but the per person rate is the same.
  - b. **Action Item:** Brandon Collison/Alex Burkinshaw to find a place for the field day.
    - Still in progress, waiting for snow conditions to be better.
  - c. **Action Item:** Andrew to follow up with Jim Wilson for a presentation on Compilation.
    - Jim wants more information from Andrew. Andrew is still working on this item.
  - d. **Action Item:** Ron Alton to look into getting Ron McCready or Grant Schellenberg for a presentation on Coastal Call Grade Net Factoring - Coastal implementation, lessons learned, and implications for interior implementation.
    - Ron Mecredy is willing to do a field site and about a ½ hour office day on CGNF (including differences between CGNF and loss factors and the use of NVAF).
    - MFLNRO is working on approval for his attendance.
    - Grant Schellenberg recommended Ron Mecredy as it would be difficult to get travel funding from Port Alberni to Prince George.

- Ron to confirm travel allowance for and attendance by Ron Mecredy closer to AGM date.
- e. **Action Item:** Tim P. to look into finding someone for a presentation on Loss factors & NVAF (office session).
  - Keith Tudor suggested a couple guys for the NVAF talk but we'll have to be careful that it won't overlap too much with the CGNF speech.
  - Will wait to see if Ron Mecredy confirms and talk to him before calling these speakers so we're clear on who's speaking to what.
- f. **Action Item:** Andrew/Tim G. to talk to Jim Wilson about doing a presentation on How Taper Equations were Designed.
  - Limitations of cruise compilations with respect to taper equations.
  - New cruisers need to understand the limitations of data.
  - This is to be tied in with the compilation discussion in Action Item c above.
- g. **Action Item:** Tim P. to look into it getting someone for a technical topic presentation on Drones for Remote Sensing, Density, & Tree Heights.
  - John Rankin, JR Canadian Mapping Ltd will give a half hour presentation on using unmanned aerial vehicles (aka drones) to collect imagery and processing it to determine tree densities, heights, etc.
  - He'll also try to fly the field site and process it in time for the office presentation.
- h. **Action Item:** Ralph to look into getting someone from Brink for a presentation on the International Industry – Asia markets.
  - Haven't been able to get a hold of them yet, they should be available in next week or two. Will try to get in touch with them then.
- i. **Action Item:** Ron Alton will look into getting Alec Orr-Ewing for a dinner presentation on Where it Started, History, & Cruiser Integrity.
  - Alec respectfully declined to be a dinner speaker.
  - But offered to give a short presentation on "things your mother never taught you" (actually on cruising).
  - But with that, he has requested that air fare, hotel costs, seminar and banquet cost be covered/waived due to time considerations and cost (poor consultant).
  - All decided that this is not an appropriate option/use of NICC funds for a short presentation. It also would set a precedent of covering costs for speakers that isn't foreseeably affordable or budgeted for.
- j. **Action Item:** Tim P. to look into it getting Forintek for a dinner presentation on Alternative Uses for Wood Fibre.
  - Left a voice message with FP Innovations (formerly Forintek).
  - Requested a speaker for the latest research on new and exciting uses of wood and wood fibre or alternatively an update on the latest research that relates to forest operations.

- FP Innovations declined the request to be a dinner speaker.
- k. **Action Item:** Phil Smith to look into getting Lakeland/UNBC/Conifex for a dinner presentation on Bioenergy Uses.
  - Spoke with Harry Gairns (ex IFS big wig) and he has agreed to be our dinner speaker... something along the lines of “the good ol’ days of bush work.”
  - He will be able to put on a good entertaining talk.
  - Tim G. is willing to discuss the topic with Harry and help if needed.
  - On a related note, William Shatner is unable to attend unless we have \$150,000 to spend on bringing him in.
- l. **Action Item:** Tim G. to get a distribution list for membership.
  - Tim G. is working on it. He will use the most recent list from Tim Nowe as it should still be fairly up to date.
- m. **Action Item:** Tim G. to send out the 2015 Variable Probability Sampling Workshop information to the NICC members.
  - Not done yet. Will do ASAP.
- n. **Action Item:** Tim G. will update the website to include the dates and rates when we have the venues booked/confirmed.
  - It is up and running and ready to go. It can be viewed at [www.nicc.ca](http://www.nicc.ca) or [www.nicc2.ca](http://www.nicc2.ca). We have both domains again and the one routes you to the other.

## 2. 2015 AGM Planning

- a. Guest Speakers/Presenters
  - Confirmed Field Presenters
    - Bob Hodgkinson – Spruce Beetle
      - Could possibly do an office session as well.
    - Ron Mecredy – CGNF
      - Including differences between CGNF and loss factors and the use of NVAF.
      - Pending government travel approval.
  - 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.
    - Ron Mecredy – CGNF - About a ½ hour
      - Including differences between CGNF and loss factors and the use of NVAF.
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    - John Rankin, JR Canadian Mapping Ltd. – Drones – ½ hour



- Presentation on using unmanned aerial vehicles (aka drones) to collect imagery and processing it to determine tree densities, heights, etc.
    - He'll also try to fly the field site and process it in time for the office presentation.
  - Confirmed Dinner Presenters
    - Harry Gairns (ex IFS big wig) – The good ol' days of bush work.
    - Tim G. is willing to discuss the topic with Harry and help if needed.
  - Possible Presenters
    - Topics/Presents currently being looked at:
      - International Industry – Asia markets – potentially Brink
      - Cruise compilations – How Taper Equations were Designed – Jim Wilson
      - Loss factors & NVAF – Tim P.'s contacts
    - Don Rorison – updates on new things coming down the pipe.
      - **Action Item:** David to look into this.
    - Beth Eagles – to talk about the new rules – how it is going, is it working.
      - Group decided to leave it alone for now.
    - Possible Field topics
      - E & G blowdown codes
      - Broken tops - when to stop calling them
      - Projecting tree heights
      - Chopping in blowdown - sound vs unsounds. Will look for clear examples( 10-30% for sounds and rotten 70% and up for unsound).
      - **Action Item:** Brandon to make a list of the current issue and email it out.
- b. Field Site Location
  - Still in progress. Alex & Brandon are working on it.
- c. Budget
  - Venues budget is on track with what we had last year.
  - Door Prizes
    - Tim G: One of the bet comments received was from John Bell – it is good to give back to cruising community and a highlight of the AGM.
    - We should see what we can get donated.
      - Geoterra & Canfor can donate some things.
      - **Action Item:** Alex to see what Geoterra can donate.
      - **Action Item:** Brandon to see what Canfor can donate.

- GC's from Industrial Reproductions (\$360 spent for \$400 worth of GC's).
  - \$1860 available spending for door prizes
  - We will get 1 big draw item again – last year it was an ipad.
  - **Action Item:** Andrew to figure out prizes.
  - Budget is good to go as is.
  - **Action Item:** Tim G to send email out that NICC is up and ready to go for sign up.
- 3. Any Other Business**
- Changing Signing Officers – Tim Nowe needs to be removed – to be done after AGM
  - Check on Banking Fees – to be done with signing changes after AGM
- 4. Next Meeting Date & Time**
- Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 @ 5:00 pm @ IFS

Meeting Adjourned: 5:40 pm

## NICC Meeting Minutes

**Date & Time:** March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 5:00 pm @ IFS (1595 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

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Via Phone: Tim Penninga (West Fraser), Phil Smith (Conifex), David Morrow (Canfor), Ralph Ottens (Retired from MFLNRO – Skeena Region)

**Members Absent:** Susan Willis (Canfor – Fort St. John), Eric McCormick (Westland Resources)

### Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
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3. 2015 AGM Planning
4. Any Other Business
5. Next Meeting Date & Time
  - Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 5:00 pm @ IFS

### Minutes:

#### 1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Minutes approved by all.

#### 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	In Progress	2015-01-13: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Still in progress.</li> <li>○ Thinking about Dusty Trails (Blackwater Road) looking for an area with Spruce Beetle and lots of parking.</li> <li>○ There is lots of beetle around, even at West Lake.</li> <li>○ Kerry Lake (Spruce Beetle Infestation Site) is about 1 hour away. We can toss that site out for being too far away.</li> </ul> 2015-02-03: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Still in progress, waiting for snow conditions to be better.</li> </ul>

				<p>2015-03-03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brandon &amp; 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.</li> <li>○ Need parking space for approximately 45 vehicles.</li> <li>○ Also need to consider space to fly the site by a drone.</li> </ul> <p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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.</li> <li>○ Brandon to send shape file to Tim P. to work with drones guy to see if site is suitable to fly.</li> </ul>
D	<p>Look into getting Ron McCready or Grant Schellenberg for a presentation on Coastal Call Grade Net Factoring - Coastal implementation, lessons learned, and implications for interior implementation.</p>	Ron Alton	<p>Completed 2015-03-03</p>	<p>2015-02-03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ron Mecredy is willing to do a field site and about a ½ hour office day on CGNF (including differences between CGNF and loss factors and the use of NVAF).</li> <li>○ MFLNRO is working on approval for his attendance.</li> <li>○ Grant Schellenberg recommended Ron Mecredy as it would be difficult to get travel funding from Port Alberni to Prince George.</li> <li>○ Ron to confirm travel allowance for and attendance by Ron Mecredy closer to AGM date.</li> </ul> <p>2015-03-03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As a back-up plan, we will pay for the flights to ensure we have him as a speaker. Wait until mid-April for confirmation and then we will book the flights regardless of MFLNRO approval.</li> </ul>
H	<p>Look into getting someone from Brink for a presentation on the International Industry –</p>	Ralph Ottens	<p>Completed 2015-03-17</p>	<p>2015-02-03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Haven't been able to get a hold of them yet, they should</li> </ul>

	Asia markets.			<p>be available in next week or two. Will try to get in touch with them then.</p> <p>2015-03-03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Possibility of it but don't want to have too many speakers not directly related to cruising.</li> </ul> <p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not happening this year.</li> </ul>
O	Look into having Don Rorison from branch present – updates on new things coming down the pipe.	Ralph Ottens Ron Alton	Completed 2015-03-17	<p>2015-03-03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ He is in Victoria and will be retired from the MFLNRO when the AGM is.</li> <li>○ There is a possibility to pay for him to come up and talk about his 35-40 years in the forest industry.</li> <li>○ We would possibly have to pay for Jim Wilson to come as well.</li> <li>○ Ron McCready will most likely get approval.</li> <li>○ It would cost approx. \$1000 per person for flights and accommodations.</li> <li>○ Committee Motion: To pay for flights and accommodations to have Ron McCready and Jim Wilson attend NICC this year if no other funding options are available.</li> <li>○ Vote: Opposed: 1, In Favor: 3.</li> <li>○ Result: Motion Carried.</li> </ul> <p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Don is coming for sure. All good to go.</li> </ul>
P	Make a list of the current field related cruising issue and email it out.	Brandon Collison	Completed 2015-03-17	<p>2015-03-03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Still in progress.</li> </ul> <p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Done</li> </ul>
Q	See what Geoterra can donate for prizes.	Alex Burkinshaw	In Progress	<p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Should be able to donate a few things like hats.</li> </ul>
S	Figure out door prizes.	Andrew Potter	In Progress	<p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Haven't talked to custom stitch yet but will get it done ASAP.</li> </ul>

U	Change signing officers (Tim Nowe needs to be removed) & check on banking fees.	Tim Giesbrecht	In Progress	<p>2015-02-03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be done after AGM</li> </ul> <p>2015-03-03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current account costs \$6.50/month and the signing officers are Tim G, Ron A, &amp; Andrew P.</li> <li>The term account is dormant (it is a separate account) and the signing officers are Tim G &amp; Tim Nowe.</li> <li>Tim G to take a letter to the bank confirming the committee members and signing authorities to get the account reactivated.</li> </ul> <p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kelly at BMO has documents ready to be signed. Tim will call tonight.</li> <li>Ron to sign papers to remove Tim Nowe from account.</li> </ul>
V	Posted AGM Agenda on website by March 20 <sup>th</sup> .	Tim Giesbrecht Andrew Potter	In Progress	<p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will tweak and send out on Friday.</li> </ul>
W	Update AGM Agenda	Andrew Potter	In Progress	<p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated &amp; looks good but Don needs a half hour.</li> <li>Andrew to update and post the Agenda.</li> </ul>
X	Send out email for coast area appraisal group regarding NICC meeting.	Ralph Ottens	In progress	<p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Still working on it.</li> </ul>

### 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.
- Site Captains should review field site before the field day for everyone to be in agreement on discussion points.
  - Site Captains should meet after field day to go over site discussions.
  - Site captains are to meet at 7 am at the field site.
  - **Action Item:** Phil to find site captains and organize them.

#### 4. Any Other Business

- Dave has too many commitments on his plate right now and will need to step down. He can stay on until after the AGM.

#### 5. Next Meeting Date & Time

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Meeting Adjourned: 5:38 pm

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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"> <li>○ Brandon &amp; 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.</li> <li>○ Need parking space for approximately 45 vehicles.</li> <li>○ Also need to consider space to fly the site by a drone.</li> </ul> <p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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.</li> <li>○ Brandon to send shape file to Tim P. to work with drones guy to see if site is suitable to fly.</li> </ul> <p>2015-04-07:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Good to go with Shesta Lake Site.</li> </ul>
Q	See what Geoterra can donate for prizes.	Alex Burkinshaw	Completed	<p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Should be able to donate a few things like hats.</li> </ul> <p>2015-04-07:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Will give to Andrew closer to date.</li> </ul>
S	Figure out door prizes.	Andrew Potter	Completed	<p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Haven't talked to custom stitch yet but will get it done ASAP.</li> </ul> <p>2015-04-07:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Andrew talked to Custom Stitch and prizes have been ordered.</li> <li>○ IRL stepped up and donated some prizes as well.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>○ To be done after AGM</li> </ul> <p>2015-03-03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current account costs \$6.50/month and the signing officers are Tim G, Ron A, &amp; Andrew P.</li> <li>○ The term account is dormant (it is a separate account) and the signing officers are Tim G &amp; Tim Nowe.</li> <li>○ Tim G to take a letter to the bank confirming the committee members and signing authorities to get the account reactivated.</li> </ul> <p>2015-03-17:</p>

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

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- See the draft AGM Agenda for field session and AGM presenters & details.
- **Field site set up will be WEDNESDAY APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

#### 5. Next Meeting Date & Time

- Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 @ 5:00 pm @ IFS

Meeting Adjourned: 5:23 pm

## NICC Meeting Minutes

**Date & Time:** April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 @ 5:00 pm @ IFS (1595 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

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

**Members Present:** Judy Carlson (MFLNRO – PG District), Tim Giesbrecht (IFS), Andrew Potter (IFS), Brandon Collison (Canfor), Susan Willis (Canfor – Fort St. John), David Morrow (Canfor), Phil Smith (Conifex), Alex Burkinshaw (Geoterra), Eric McCormick (Westland Resources - Terrace),

**Members Absent:** Ralph Ottens (Retired from MFLNRO – Skeena Region), Tim Penninga (West Fraser), Ron Alton (MFLNRO – Omineca Region)

### Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
2. Action Items from the Previous Meetings
3. 2015 AGM Planning
  - Field site set up materials – what do we need?
  - Field site handout
  - Registration update
4. Any Other Business
5. Next Meeting Date & Time
  - The AGM on Wednesday & Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

### Minutes:

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - No changes – Approved.
2. **Action Items from Previous Meeting**

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X	Send out email for coast area appraisal group regarding NICC meeting.	<del>Ralph Ottens</del> Erik McCormick	Completed	2015-03-17: • Still working on it. 2015-04-07: • Erik to send out email. 2015-04-21: • Done
Y	Find site captains and organize them.	Phil Smith	In Progress	2015-04-07: • Email has been sent for suggestions. Still working on 2015-04-21: • Have a list of a half dozen names and need to confirm with people

				<p>by email.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will invite site captains to our site set up next Wednesday.</li> <li>For those that can't make it we can get site info package sent to them prior to the field day.</li> </ul>
Z	Bring work computer for use at the AGM.	Judy Carlson	Completed	<p>2015-04-08:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer desktop is cleaned of and computer will be ready to go at UNBC prior to the start of the AGM on May 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
AA	Send email reminder for NICC registration with the updated Agenda attached.	Tim Giesbrecht	Completed	<p>2015-04-08:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email sent to NICC contacts.</li> </ul>
BB	Follow up with Harry Gairns regarding dinner speaker presentation.	Phil Smith	In Progress	<p>2015-04-21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phil will follow up ASAP.</li> </ul>
CC	Follow up with Bob (Robert) Hodgkinson, Don Rorrison, Richard Reich, & Ron Mecredy to confirm presentations and send updated agenda/scheduled presentation time to them.	Ron Alton	Completed	<p>2015-04-08:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmation emails sent.</li> </ul>
DD	Follow up with Mike Trepanier regarding his Consulting Foresters presentation.	Tim Giesbrecht Andrew Potter	Completed	<p>2015-04-21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Might put Mike after Jim on the agenda before the open form.</li> </ul>
EE	Follow up with John Rankin to confirm his presentation and send updated agenda.	Tim Penninga	Completed	<p>2014-04-21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Done</li> </ul>
FF	Follow up with Jim Wilson to confirm his presentation and send updated agenda.	Andrew Potter	Completed	<p>2014-04-21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Done</li> </ul>

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- See the draft AGM Agenda for field session and AGM presenters & details.
- **Field site set up will be WEDNESDAY APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>. Meet @ 0800 at CN Centre parking lot.**
- Currently have 63 people registered.
- UNBC & Sandman confirmed and good to go.
- Field site setup – what do we need to bring?
  - GPS - Brandon
  - Wooden stakes – Andrew
  - Ribbon (blue/yellow)/paint (orange) - Brandon
- North Fraser field site - not a good alternate location
- Field site package – who will put it together this year? - Alex
  - Package to include:
    - a map with all the site locations
    - Information for each site – manual section(s), additional information & what main points we want to get across to the group.
- Don Rorrison – not going to attend, did Ron get the letter/info from Don and is Ron going to present it. – Judy to find out/confirm.

#### 4. Any Other Business

- None noted.

#### 5. Next Meeting Date & Time

- Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> for field setup and last things to discuss.
- Brandon, David, Susan, Phil, Alex, Judy, Andrew, Tim, Ron plus possible site captains.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:25 pm

## NICC Meeting Agenda

**Date & Time:** April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 1:00 pm @ NICC Field Site (Sheshta Lake area, Pelican FSR)

**Conference Call Information:** Not available for this meeting

**Members Present:** Judy Carlson (MFLNRO – PG District), Ron Alton (MFLNRO – Omineca Region), Andrew Potter (IFS), Phil Smith (Conifex), Alex Burkinshaw (Geoterra), Brandon Collison (Canfor), David Morrow (Canfor), Susan Willis (Canfor – Fort St. John), Tim Penninga (West Fraser)

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**Minutes:**

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will pick a couple of extra site captains at the field site if needed depending on final registration numbers.</li> </ul>
BB	Follow up with Harry Gairns regarding dinner speaker presentation.	Phil Smith	Complete	<p>2015-04-21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phil will follow up ASAP.</li> </ul> <p>2015-04-29:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Done</li> </ul>
GG	Field Site Packages	Alex Burkinshaw	In Progress	<p>2015-04-29:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alex took notes and pictures today while setting up the field sites. He will put the packages together by Monday to be sent out to the NICC Committee and Site Captains by Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
HH	Do we have Don Rorrison's letter/blurb & who is going to present it.	Judy Carlson Ron Alton	Complete	<p>2015-04-28:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judy spoke with Ron. He will get the blurb from Don and see if Beth will present it for us.</li> </ul> <p>2015-04-29:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beth Eagles has a few words from Don that she will speak on his behalf for us at the AGM.</li> </ul>

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- Field Site Set Up & Workings
  - We will have Roaming Captains so they get to participate in all sites too. They will get the package info from Alex by Monday May 4, 2015. We have about 10 already (NICC committee) and we rope a few others in on the field day.
  - We have 15 sites selected in a circular layout starting and ending at the road.
  - Alex took notes & pictures to make up the site package.
    - **Action Item: Alex will include an access map and a site map with the site information.**
  - **Action Item: Tim P. will try to get some arrow directional signs for people coming from out of town to find the site easier.**
  - How long do we need at each site? - 20 minutes should be good enough to discuss the points and move onto the next site.
  - How are we going to know when to change stations? – An Air Horn would work. If someone is in the middle of the group of sites we should be able to hear the horn at all sites.
    - **Action Item: Judy will get an air horn.**
  - **We will have a prize from the field day for “The Closest Estimated Gross Volume to the Drones Gross Volume”** to be handed out on the office day. Andrew will pick the prize for this.
- We will need to do a call for membership at the AGM as we are losing 4 members (Dave, Phil, Ron & Susan).

**4. Any Other Business**

- None noted.

**5. Next Meeting Date & Time**

- The AGM on Wednesday & Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:30 pm