

## 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)

**Members Absent:** Eric McCormick (Westland Resources - Terrace), Ralph Ottens (Retired from MFLNRO – Skeena Region), Tim Giesbrecht (IFS)

**Agenda Items:**

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
2. Action Items from the Previous Meetings
3. 2015 AGM Planning
  - Field site set up – are we done?
  - 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. Minutes approved.
2. **Action Items from Previous Meeting**

Item #	Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Status	Comments
Y	Find site captains and organize them.	Phil Smith	Complete	<p>2015-04-07:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email has been sent for suggestions. Still working on</li> </ul> <p>2015-04-21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a list of a half dozen names and need to confirm with people by email.</li> <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> <p>2015-04-29:</p>

				<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>

### 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%	Still getting a lot of grey calls instead of red...possibly due

	trees...	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 29<sup>th</sup>. Meet @ 0800 at CN Centre parking lot.**
- 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