

NICC Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: March 17th, 2015 @ 5:00 pm @ IFS (1595 5th Avenue)

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

Members Present: Brandon Collison (Canfor), Ron Alton (MFLNRO – Omineca Region), Alex Burkinshaw (Geoterra), Judy Carlson (MFLNRO – PG District), Andrew Potter (IFS), Tim Giesbrecht (IFS)

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
2. Action Items from the Previous Meetings
3. 2015 AGM Planning
4. Any Other Business
5. Next Meeting Date & Time
 - Tuesday April 7th, 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"> ○ 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still in progress, waiting for snow conditions to be better.

				<p>2015-03-03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brandon & 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. ○ Need parking space for approximately 45 vehicles. ○ Also need to consider space to fly the site by a drone. <p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. ○ Brandon to send shape file to Tim P. to work with drones guy to see if site is suitable to fly.
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"> ○ 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. <p>2015-03-03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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.
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"> ○ Haven't been able to get a hold of them yet, they should

	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"> ○ Possibility of it but don't want to have too many speakers not directly related to cruising. <p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not happening this year.
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"> ○ He is in Victoria and will be retired from the MFLNRO when the AGM is. ○ There is a possibility to pay for him to come up and talk about his 35-40 years in the forest industry. ○ We would possibly have to pay for Jim Wilson to come as well. ○ Ron McCready will most likely get approval. ○ It would cost approx. \$1000 per person for flights and accommodations. ○ 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. ○ Vote: Opposed: 1, In Favor: 3. ○ Result: Motion Carried. <p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Don is coming for sure. All good to go.
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"> ○ Still in progress. <p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Done
Q	See what Geoterra can donate for prizes.	Alex Burkinshaw	In Progress	<p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should be able to donate a few things like hats.
S	Figure out door prizes.	Andrew Potter	In Progress	<p>2015-03-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Haven't talked to custom stitch yet but will get it done ASAP.

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

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.

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Meeting Adjourned: 5:38 pm