

NICC Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: Thursday March 2nd, 2017 @ 5:00 pm @ IFS

Conference Call Information: 1-877-353-9184 Participant ID: 6207347

Members Present:

- Judy Carlson, MFLNRO – PG District
- Tim Giesbrecht, IFS
- Alex Burkinshaw, Allnorth
- Eric McCormick, Westland Resources – Terrace Andrew Potter, IFS
- Andrew Potter, IFS
- Luke Wichrowski, MFLNRO – FS James
- Sheena Colton, CANFOR – Chetwynd
- Tyler Suel, IFS
- Greg Jonuk, MFLNRO – Omineca Region
- Eric Kishkan, West Fraser - Quesnel
- Brandon Collison, CANFOR – PG

Members Absent:

- David Morrow, CANFOR – FS John
- Calvin Strom, CONIFEX – Mackenzie

Minutes:

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Last meeting was February 14th, 2017.
 - Minutes are okay as is.
2. Action Items from the Previous Meetings

Item #	Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Status	Comments
4	2016-10-27: Tim to get the website updated (by Hans) to reflect the new board of directors.	Tyler Suel	Completed 2017-03-02	2016-12-08: Tim is aiming to have this done by the end of December. 2017-01-12: Tyler has agreed to take this on for Tim as he is swamped with work right now. 2017-02-14: Almost done. It should be completed by next meeting. 2017-03-02: Most updates are completed rest to be done tomorrow.
5	2016-10-27: Everyone to think about questions for survey to build the topic base for the 2017 AGM.	Everyone	Completed 2017-03-02	2016-12-08: We discussed the questions that Luke has written down and Greg and Luke will work on finalizing the questions for the next meeting. Perhaps making a few of them multiple choice questions instead of all open ended answers. Eric M. suggested questions related to field topics and guest speakers for the office day. 2017-01-12: Alex would prefer to have less open ended questions as it can be difficult to compile them. Sheena said people are more likely to complete a survey if it is more multiple choice questions. ACTION: Everyone to review the questions and propose changes by

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				<p>January 27th.</p> <p>ACTION: Greg to review and revise questions by the next meeting.</p> <p>2017-02-14: The group reviewed the questions for the survey and made some tweaks.</p> <p>ACTION: Greg to review and finalize. It has been suggest that we will do a paper evaluation at the AGM and possibly do a raffle draw for those that have contributed something.</p> <p>2017-03-02: Greg has done up a draft evaluation and Luke has reviewed it and tracked some changes. Judy sent it out to the group and we reviewed it and everyone is okay with it as it is.</p>
12	2017-01-12: Everyone to bring a topic or idea for the AGM to next meeting.	Everyone	Completed 2017-03-02	<p>2017-02-14: Everyone to bring topic and guest speakers suggestions to next meeting.</p> <p>2017-03-02: We brainstormed at the meeting for the last few spots on the agenda. Presenters need to be confirmed by board members asap.</p>
13	2017-01-12: Brandon & Alex to locate a suitable field site for the AGM.	Brandon Collison & Alex Burkinshaw	In Progress	<p>2017-02-14: No update yet on possible locations.</p> <p>2017-03-02: Alex looked at a few options in Google Earth and they will go out and look at them soon.</p> <p>Judy suggested that the Pidherny area could be an option.</p> <p>Alex suggested further down the Nechako might work too.</p> <p>Eric said that a site with Spruce Beetle would be good again as they are starting to see it his way in Terrace now.</p> <p>Tim said the furthest we have gone out for a field site is about 45 minutes from town. We wouldn't want to go further than an hour for sure.</p>
17	2017-01-12: Everyone to review the draft NICC Policies & Principles document for the next meeting.	Everyone	In Progress	<p>2017-02-14: Only one person gave comments. Others to send comments to Tim by February 21st.</p> <p>2017-03-02: Tim hasn't received any more comments. Greg has committed to sending comments to Tim by the next meeting.</p>
18	2017-02-14: Do up letter and take to bank.	Tim Giesbrecht	Completed 2017-03-02	<p>2017-03-02: Tim finished the letter for the meeting and got the required</p>

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				signatures on it at the meeting.
19	2017-02-14: Go to bank and sign documents.	Greg Jonuk	In Progress	2017-03-02: Tim will take the letter to the bank and let Greg know when it is ready to go at the bank.
20	2017-02-14: Send out last year's agenda for review and blank one out and have ready for next meeting.	Judy Carlson	Completed 2017-03-01	

3. Financial Summary

- See action Items above.
- 3 people have paid online so far for the AGM.

4. Website Update

- See action Item above.

5. 2017 AGM Planning

- Date for AGM - Wednesday May 3rd & Thursday May 4th 2017.
- UNBC Canfor Theatre is booked for May 4th.
- The Sandman is tentatively booked for dinner on May 3rd (already an event booked for the evening).
- Field Day Topics – Stationary Captains
 - GPS station (Greg has a suggested by John Armstrong & Alex agrees with it)
 - Cruise manual changes (Tyler)
 - Risk Group Changes (Sheena)
 - Eric: In all FIZ zones with BA & HE all trees are in risk group 1.
 - What check cruisers look for (Judy)
 - Walk-through plot (Greg)
 - Alex: it is topical with NCB_r patches and Sx stands
 - Sound wood calculations (Luke)
 - What do you do when a tree is long dead and standing – do you call beetle even if there aren't signs still visible on the tree? (Greg)
- We discussed the suggestions above and a few new ones during the meeting. We came up with a list of sites that we will look at finding for the field session.
- Refer to the draft agenda which has the list.
- Guest Speaker Topics
 - Migratory Birds – Canfor biologist (Brandon)
 - It might be difficult to condense a course like this into a short ½ hour or hour. This topic has flown away.
 - Bioenergy Fibre Supply (Tim)
 - Cruise to less than 12.5 to get more data about fibre supply.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Greg to see if Tai is willing to talk about bioenergy.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Greg to see if he can get someone to talk about waste.
 - Timber Supply - John Pousette (Andrew)
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Andrew to confirm that John is available.
 - Jeff Mycock could be an alternative presenter for this topic.

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- Cruising History - It is neat to see the history aspect of things. This was well received last time. (Eric M.)
 - Where we've been and where we're going.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Greg to see if the Research/Innovation group at UNBC can do a presentation.
- White Bark Pine Management Group– Randy Moore, chair (in Kamloops) showed a lot of interest in speaking to a group about White Bark Pine Management. (Luke)
 - Not much White Bark Pine in our northern interior region.
- Cruising Manual Updates - Beth Eagles (Greg)
 - Greg has ensured use that Beth will be coming to update us on the Cruise Manual.
- Expansion of Cruise Based Billing – expanding to Spruce and perhaps green conifer – Beth Eagles or Jim McLean (Greg)
 - Beth might also be able to speak to this briefly.
- Southern Interior update – What is going on with SITCA anything interesting or relevant to NICC? (Greg)
- Alex could also see about getting his comedian friend to come for a dinner thing.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Alex to see if someone from FP Innovations will come and do a steep slopes presentation with a focus on cruising.
- We could also do a presentation on leadership and professionalism.
- We discussed the suggestions above and a few new ones during the meeting. We came up with a list of topics that we will look at finding presenters for.
- Refer to the draft agenda for the list of topics and presenters.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Greg to confirm if Jewel Yurkewich is willing to do a Pathology presentation for the AGM.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Eric McCormick to see if Hampton can present on Ce/Pl Poles process involved with cruisers.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Tim to see if Harry will do a dinner presentation for us.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Judy to finalize the AGM Evaluation Form.
- **Swag for Door Prizes for the AGM**
 - Andrew has put forth a motion to be approved to spend \$2,000 again for door prizes.
 - Motion seconded by Alex and approved by all.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Andrew to purchase door prizes.
 - **Everyone to let Judy know what you have so we can ensure we have enough items for prizes this year.**
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Brandon will see if he can get some things from CANFOR in PG.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Alex will see if he can get some things from All North in PG.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Eric will see if he can get some things like water bottles and hats from West Fraser in Quesnel.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Luke will see if he can get some things from MFLNRO in FS James.

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- **ACTION ITEM:** Sheena will see if she can get some things from CANFOR Chetwynd.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Judy will see if she can get some things from MFLNRO in PG.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Dave will see if he can get some things (like hatchets again) from CANFOR in FS John.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Calvin Strom will see if he can get some things from Conifex.
- **Beer for Door Prizes for the Dinner**
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Alex will see if he can get some beer again this year from PWB.
- 6. Any Other Business
 - None
- 7. Next Meeting Date & Time
 - Thursday March 30th, 2017 @ 5 pm @ IFS. (after spring break)

Meeting Adjourned: 6:13 pm