

AGENDA

Business Meeting - PM, Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Field Tour - AM, Thursday, September 24, 2015

Location:

PRT Growing Services
Armstrong Nursery and Seed Orchards
668 St. Anne Road, Armstrong, BC (SEE MAP FILE SENT AS SEPERATE ATTACHMENT)
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Time	Length (min.)	#	Item	Presenter
1:00	10	1	Review agenda	
1:10	10	2	Membership review and announcements	
1:20	15	3	Minutes, old business and action items from June 17, 2015	Jack / Brian
1:35	20	4	Presentation on CBST scientific foundation (unconfirmed)	Dr. Greg O'Neill
1:55	10	5	Succession planning - Update on breeder hire - Prog. Manager	Michael/Brian/Jack
2:05	20	6	Annual Report for 2014/15	Jack
2:35	10	7	2015/16 Business Plan document update	Jack
2:45	20		Break	
3:05	30	8	Strategic Plan; Pest objective overview	Brian/ Jack
3:35	40	9	Interior seed supply and demand analysis	Jack
4:15	20	10	FGC & TACs: improving and streamlining annual business planning, process and delivery	Brian
4:35	5	11	Funding request for BC Seed Orch. Assoc. meeting	Jack
4:40	10	12	Next meeting	
4:50			Adjourn	

TOUR - AM September 24, 2015

8:30 - Meet and park near the entrance to the PRT Armstrong property

Welcome and informal introduction of participants (FGC members, SelectSeed Board, orchard managers)

8:45 - Demonstration of the Kirogn crown pruning machine purchased by SelectSeed Ltd. and operated by Rick Hansinger of Hansinger Irrigation and the Kettle River seed orchards.

9:45 Tour of orchards operated in partnership between PRT Growing Services and SelectSeed Co. Ltd.:

- Douglas-fir Nelson low elevation (orchard 321)
- Lodgepole pine Thompson Okanagan low elevation (orchard 338)
- Douglas-fir Thompson Okanagan low (orchard 354) - this is a new orchard planted in 2015.
- Lodgepole pine Nelson low elevation (orchard 337)

11:00 - Seed orchard tour ends. A tour of the nursery is available for those interested.

Item 3. Old business and action items

A resolution approving minutes from June 17th is needed.

Responsibility	Action	Action taken
Jack	Canvas FGC members to find a conference call date prior to September for a presentation on, and discussion of, the new pest resistance objective (objective 5) in the Strategic Plan.	Deferred to Sept. FGC mtg.
Extension Review Committee (Annette, Mark T., Scott, Brian)	Continue discussion on a model for the delivery of extension and bring a report to Council at the September, 2015 FGC meeting.	Ongoing
Jack	Continue discussions about program support with the company wishing to access Class A seed for carbon-offset projects.	Ongoing
Stephen	Canvas ITAC members regarding their views on the need for a cone and seed management workshop for interior licensees.	Pending
Gernot	Contact the organizing committee of the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations to see if a presentation on seed and seed supply can be added to their October, 2015 meeting.	Done
Jack	Complete the Interior Class-A seed supply and demand report for presentation at the September, 2015 FGC meeting.	Done
Mark Tamas, Jack	Work out a schedule for the September 23/24, 2015 FGC meeting and communicate it with FGC members and the SelectSeed Board.	Done

4. Presentation on climate-based seed transfer scientific foundation - Dr. Greg O'Neill

Greg led a technical committee that developed a report outlining the scientific foundation for the development of new standards for seed transfer that will be based on climate and will allow for adjustments to accommodate new climates and anticipated future changes to climate.

5. Succession planning - Michael / Brian / Jack

The Ministry has hired Dr. Trevor Doerkson to support interior tree breeding efforts. Trevor will initially focus on the interior Douglas-fir and western larch breeding programs and work with Barry Jaquish. SelectSeed Ltd. is providing funds for this position.

Jack is getting old. We need to begin discussion of a succession plan for FGC program management services and for the management of SelectSeed Ltd. The SelectSeed Board will also be discussing this issue. Collaboration is needed.

6. FGC Annual Report for 2014/15

A report on 2014/15 performance indicators will be presented. The Annual Report document is mostly prepared.

7. FGC 2015/16 Business Plan document

This document is being printed now and will be distributed as soon as possible. Jack will provide an overview of updates on information used to develop "species plans".

8. FGC Strategic Plan for 2015-2020 and the new Pest Objective

A draft of the Strategic Plan was sent as a separate file.

An objective for the development and production of genetically pest resistant seed is new in this plan. A presentation will be made on how this objective was developed. Other parts of the Strategic Plan will be reviewed.

A formal motion to accept this plan will be requested.

9. Interior seed supply and demand analysis

This item has been discussed at previous Council meetings. Data originally collected by West Fraser Timber and Canfor on expected seed demand and supply was given to Jack to update with more recent information on expected seed supply. A report will be presented that incorporates all available information on seed supply and demand for Fdi, Pli, and Sx. The focus of this report will be identifying seed planning units (SPU) where seed supply is not expected to meet demand. These seed planning units are:

- Pli Prince George
- Pli Bulkley Valley
- Pli Central Plateau
- Sx Prince George low elevation

Other seed planning units with issues will be discussed. To meet long term FGC objectives actions on these seed supply - demand disparities is needed.

10. Improving and streamlining annual business planning, process and delivery for the FGC and TACs - Brian

Brian will lead a discussion on Council development of issues and priorities that should be given to Technical Advisory Committees prior to their development of budget requests for next fiscal year. This issue was raised at the March FGC meeting by Mark, Raoul, and Stephen.

11. BCSOA meeting funding request

The following request was received from Bevin Wigmore on behalf of the BC Seed Orchard Association:

Last year the FGC gave \$4000 towards the BCSOA biennial conference. The planning committee for the 2016 meeting is wondering if they would be able to receive similar support. The meeting will be held June 21-22, 2016 in Langley, focusing on the seed centre and the theme of cone harvest, handling and storage.

12. NEXT MEETING - Conference call

Currently scheduled for December 16th.