

Minutes - FGC Business Meeting

8:30 am – 3:30 pm, March 15, 2018

Location: Pacific Forestry Centre, 506 Burnside Rd W, Victoria, BC.

Members present:

Patrick Martin, Mark Tamas, Annette van Niejenhuis, Dan Peterson, Domenico Iannidinardo, Kori Vernier, Gernot Zemanek, Joe LeBlanc, Mark Hay, Rob Guy (via phone), Scott King, and Tony Hopkin.

Regrets (and proxy):

Jeff Mycock (Joe) and Shane Ford (Pat)

Others present:

Shane Berg, Deputy Chief Forester, Brian Barber, FGC Program Mgr/CEO SelectSeed, and Leslie McAuley and Darrell Wood, FLNR.

Summary of Motions:

Motion: The minutes of the December 8, 2017 are hereby approved. Annette/Dan. CARRIED

Motion: Budget Scenario 2 and its program allocations totaling \$2.7M are hereby approved. Annette/Joe. CARRIED

Summary of Action Items:

Person	Actions	Date
FGC	Discuss forest health objective and its performance measure.	June mtg.
Pat	Consider input received from FGC, staff and others, and determine LBIS-funding eligibility for Pli orchard replacement proposals submitted to OTIP.	ASAP
Annette & Kori	Prepare a discussion paper on OTIP eligibility for FGC's consideration.	June mtg
Brian	Draft letter to Diane Nicholls, CF, conveying FGC's LBIS budget and recommendations for 2018/19	ASAP
Shane F	Share 20-year breeding plans with ITAC and CTAC	When completed
TAC Chairs & FGC Prog. Mgr	Adjust and improve budget and business planning process for next fiscal year.	Dec. Mtg
FGC Prog. Mgr & TAC Chairs	Recommend process and timelines for updating Species Plans to reflect CBST and changes in future seed demand, with input from FIRM and others	Sept. or Dec Mtg
Brian	Circulate SelectSeed's 2018/19 Business Plan, as approved by its Board, to FGC for review and approval.	ASAP
FGC	Review laws and principles governing seed pricing.	Future meeting

Brian	Issue Doodle Poll for FGC, SelectSeed AGM and BC Forest Genetics Society AGM in June, and provide details regarding Golden Field trip for Sept 26-27	ASAP
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1. Proceedings

FGC and SelectSeed Board members, and others, gathered for dinner the previous evening to recognize Jack Woods, former FGC Program Manager, and CEO, SelectSeed. Diane Nicholls, Chief Forester, presented Jack with FGC’s Achievement Award for his outstanding contributions to forest genetics in BC over the past 35 years. Approximately 35 persons were in attendance.

Tony welcomed members to the Pacific Forestry Centre and provided housekeeping and safety instructions. There being a quorum of members entitled to attend and vote, and proper notice having been given, Pat declared the meeting properly constituted and called it to order at 8:35 am. Attendance, regrets and proxies were noted.

Pat informed council that Jennifer Davis, *ex officio* member representing the ministry’s LBIS funding program, resigned from FGC due to recent organizational changes. There is no immediate plans for the CF to appoint another *ex officio* representative at this time.

Shane Berg attended 9-10:30 am. Domenico and Leslie departed the meeting at the lunch break.

2. Agenda

An agenda and supporting materials were provided in advance of the meeting.

Motion: The agenda as presented is hereby approved. Scott/Gernot. CARRIED.

3. Action Items and Minutes from December 8, 2017

Draft minutes of FGC’s meeting held in Richmond on December 8, 2017 were circulated for review and comment in advance.

Motion: The minutes of the December 8, 2017 are hereby approved. Annette/Dan. CARRIED.

The following action items from the December 8, 2017 were summarized.

Who	Actions	Status
FGC	Review new model and update FGC Bylaws following 2018/19 budget submission – as deemed necessary - in Spring 2018. (Carry forward from approved Streamlining actions)	Agenda # 9
FGC	Initiate processes to develop an FGC Communication and Extension plan in 2018/19. (Carry forward from approved Streamlining actions)	Agenda # 9
Brian	Request CoAdapTree team share the results of its GE³LS (Genomics Ethical, Environmental, Economic, Legal and Social) research with FGC.	In Press, to be provided
Margot	CBST experts to present scientific-foundation of CBST to FGC and forest professionals at various forums and meetings.	Completed See Agenda #5

Co-chairs	Reply to the VSOC and FIRM letters re 2 nd generation Pli orchard interests.	Completed
Co-chairs	Reply to the October 8 th letter from SelectSeed.	Completed
Co-chairs (& Brian)	Provide budget targets and direction to TAC chairs in preparing budget proposals for 2018/19.	Completed
Brian	Forward FGC's seed use recommendations to Diane Nicholls.	Completed Also see #4 & 11.
Brian	Issue Doodle Polls for face-to-face budget meeting in Victoria in early March and fall field trip in Golden for September.	Completed

4. Office of Chief Forester Update

Shane Berg was not present immediately, so Mark Tamas introduced this agenda item by challenging FGC to consider seed supply in consideration of the 2017 wildfires, new programs such as the Forest Carbon Initiative (FCI), and other pressures.

Dan Peterson provided an update (ppt slides) on the FCI on behalf Shane Berg. FCI objectives are to contribute to green-house gas reductions through C sequestration and forest sector emissions, and to create jobs, FN opportunities and other benefits (bioenergy, resilience & habitat). Forest Carbon projects include incremental reforestation, fertilization, increased planting densities, and improved fibre utilization (reduce slash pile burning).

Funding from Provincial and Federal Governments. Delivery of FCI will be through Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) and other partners. 10 million trees are to be sown in 2018. Goal is to sow 20 million seedlings by 2020. Research projects are also eligible. However, it is uncertain at this time if long-term tree improvement activities, such as breeding and seed orchards, would be eligible. Pat is discussing opportunities within FIRM.

Shane B. arrived during the CBST update, and provided an update on recent organizational changes within FLNR and the Office of the Chief Forester. An org. chart was circulated. Shane indicated the ministry is discussing collaboration with licensees to restore forests burned in the 2017 wildfires.

5. Climate-based seed transfer project update

Leslie McAuley provided an update (ppt slides) on the CBST project. Highlights for 2017/18 included introducing the on-line CBST tool, implementing CBST by encouraging alternatives to the CF's Seed Use Standards, advancing policy development with an external stakeholder working group, and engaging the First Nations Forest Advisory Council.

Plans for 2018/19 were also summarized. The former includes full implementation of the new CBST standards in April 2018, assessing seed supply and demand under CBST, and communications/extension, including FN engagement. The proposed CBST operational budget for 2018/19 are \$80k and \$120k, respectively. The difference (\$40k) is the estimated costs associated for SPAR and RESULTS system upgrades.

6. FGC Annual Report 2016/17

This annual report was published on-line on March 3. Hardcopies were distributed to FGC.

<http://www.fgcouncil.bc.ca/doc-02-annualreports.html>

Brian provided a ppt slide overview highlighting the reports contents including progress towards FGC strategic goals and performance measures for select seed use. SelectSeed use for 2017 sowing was 73.1% of total seed use, the closest-to-date to FGC's 2020 target of 75%. The avg. genetic gain of Class A sown in 2017 was 19.1%, also the closest-to-date to FGC's 2020 target of 20%.

However, it was noted these performance measures will drop to ~60% in 2018 due to the high number of seedling requests (~275 million) and shortage of Class A Pli seed. Reporting on FGC's performance measures for conservation, CBST and forest health (pest resistance) will be introduced in the next annual report for 2017/18. FGC expressed interest in better understanding the new forest health objective, based in part on some concerns expressed at ITAC on Feb 1.

The report also featured several retirements including Jack Woods. It also included a 1-page report on a redcedar genomics project (CeDAR) co-lead by Drs. John Russell and Joerg Bohlmann, and supported by Genome Canada, Genome BC, FLNR, Interfor, Island Timberlands, TimberWest, and Western Forest Products.

Brian welcomed comments and suggestions for improving the 2017/18 annual report, which he intends to complete for review at FGC's June or Sept. meetings.

Action: Discuss forest health objective and its performance measure at the next meeting.

7. Government funding of orchard replacements (e.g. OTIP)

Background on this topic was provided in the meeting agenda. FGC members were also encouraged to discuss several questions with their associates in advance of the meeting to inform the discussion.

The background and questions were summarized. The *Chief Forester's Guiding Principles Respecting Public and Private Sector Management in BC*, July 2010, were also cited as important guidance. It was also noted that although the OTIP call for proposals included funding eligibility criteria, the eligibility for orchard ramet replacements (grafting and holding) projects were not clearly stated.

Historically, OTIP funding was provided for replacing low-gain ramets with high-gain ramets to increase the GW of an orchard and the avg. GW of select seed used (contributing to FGC's target of an avg. GW of 20% by 2020). If an orchard's GW is above 5%, there is no financial incentive for managers to replace mature seed-producing ramets with immature ramets. Expanding orchard capacity does not reduce seed production, but it can increase total seed production and avg. GW of seed produced and used.

Council agreed clarity regarding OTIP funding eligibility for orchard replacements and expansion is required, especially in anticipation of changes required to implement CBST, and prior to the next call for proposals. In the interim, FGC agreed that the Ministry should make funding decisions for this year's applications in consideration of the information it has received and government's financial policies.

Action: Pat will consider input received from FGC, staff and others, and determine LBIS-funding eligibility for Pli orchard replacement proposals submitted to OTIP.

Action: Annette and Kori, with input from FIRM, will prepare a discussion paper on OTIP eligibility for FGC’s consideration at its June meeting.

8. LBIS Budget Recommendations for 2018/19 and TAC updates

On January 12, Pat Martin, Co-chair, sent a letter to TAC chairs with instructions and targets for preparing budget recommendations under FGC new streamlined governance model and business planning process. (Letter included with meeting materials; Scenario \$ targets in summary table below).

The Interior, Coastal, and Genetic Conservation TACs subsequently held meetings to discuss priorities, projects and budget options for 2018/19. An OTIP review committee, consisting of representatives from ITAC, CTAC, and the former Pest Management TAC, also met to review project applications submitted to the Ministry’s OTIP call for proposals, which closed in Dec. 2017.

A summary of the 3 TACs’ and OTIP budget recommendations were circulated to FGC prior to the meeting. Summaries are presented below. Observations regarding this year’s TAC and budget processes are also summarized in the Streamlining agenda item #10.

OTIP – Operational Tree Improvement Program.

Darrell and Annette provided an overview of the OTIP process used for 2018/19. This was the first year Coast and Interior proposals were reviewed together. This combined effort worked well, and the extension and information sharing also added value. Although there were no standardized costs included in this year’s call for proposals, the review committee was required to establish some for several activities for equity and fairness.

Darrell also presented the following application summaries and the OTIP committee’s budget recommendations.

Area	Total Approved 2017/18	No. proposals received	Total requested 2018/19	No. Project Recomm'd	"A" option	"B" option
Coast	\$116,049	8	\$ 52,514	8	\$ 45,345	\$45,345
Interior	\$217,152	36	\$ 287,081	35	\$ 244,877	\$211,111
Technical	\$90,383	6	\$ 61,536	5	\$ 58,436	\$58,436
Total	\$423,584	50	\$ 401,131	48	\$348,658	\$314,892

Option A includes the proposals associated with propagating new 2nd gen Pli orchards, and excluded from Option B. The budgets consist of orchard projects proposed by the Ministry (Option “A” = \$77k total) and Private companies (\$212k), and divided between the Coast (\$43k) and Interior (\$244). The technical budget includes a \$20k operational budget for Jim Corrigan, FIRM, and four projects. Darrell informed FGC that Option B total is approximately **\$325,000**.

Tree Breeding (for value and pest resistance) and Resilience (CBST) Programs

Kori and Annette provided overviews of the CTAC and ITAC meetings held Jan 31-Feb 1 and Feb. 8-9, respectively. Workplans and budgets for FGC’s Tree Breeding and Resilience Programs were reviewed and voted on by TAC members.

This year, the ministry’s research scientists presented their tree breeding and provenance proposals together (the latter were presented to the Seed Transfer and Genecology TAC in previous years).

Although this format was more efficient for the ministry scientists, proponents of the province-wide projects were required to present at both CTAC and ITAC.

Proponents were also asked to split tree breeding \$ estimates between forest health (pest resistance) and value (growth). FGC requested this split to track resources directed to its new strategic objective: 50% of all select seed used by 2035 has a pest-resistant measure. Most proponents presented only one budget option, and the split between forest health and value were approximate estimates. The CBST project, however, included 2 options of \$80k and \$120k (as noted earlier).

Area and Species	Tree Breeding		Resilience (CBST)	Total by Spp or Project
	Forest Health	Value		
Interior				
Hybrid Spruce	\$ 35,000	\$ 164,000	\$ -	\$ 199,000
Western Larch	\$ -	\$ 233,000	\$ -	\$ 233,000
Douglas-fir (interior)	\$ 20,000	\$ 137,000	\$ -	\$ 157,000
White Pine (interior)	\$ 47,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,000
Lodgepole Pine	\$ 195,000	\$ 105,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000
Pest Lab Support (Strong)	\$ 5,750	\$ -		\$ 5,750
Interior subtotals	\$ 302,750	\$ 639,000	\$ -	\$ 941,750
Coast				
Western redcedar	\$ 64,000	\$ 260,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 394,000
Douglas-fir (coast)	\$ 50,000	\$ 98,000		\$ 148,000
White pine (coast)	\$ 55,000			\$ 55,000
Hemlock		\$ 44,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 66,000
Yellow cedar		\$ 18,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 43,000
Sitka spruce	\$ 55,000			\$ 55,000
Hardwoods		\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 70,000
Abies spp.			\$ 54,000	\$ 54,000
Forest Health Assessments	\$ 60,000			\$ 60,000
Coast Subtotal	\$ 284,000	\$ 455,000	\$ 206,000	\$ 945,000
Province-wide				
AMAT/Spruce (gen)		\$ -	\$ 144,800	\$ 144,800
CoAdaptree			\$ 50,359	\$ 50,359
CBST Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
Province-wide subtotal			\$ 315,159	\$ 315,159
Grand Total	\$ 586,750	\$ 1,094,000	\$ 521,159	\$ 2,201,909

Shane Ford, who was unable to attend, also prepared a ppt slide deck outlining the proposed budget allocations for the Forest Genetics Section in a similar format, assigned to persons and tree species. He also included some \$ options aligned with the budget scenarios presented in FGC's Jan. 12 letter. Shane's estimates were reviewed and considered along with the budget scenarios for the other programs.

Conservation Program

Brian presented the Conservation TAC's proposed projects and budgets on behalf of Shane Ford. The GCTAC recommended projects are summarized below.

Projects & Activities	Proponent	2015-20 Strategic Plan	Actuals 2017/18	Scenario 2 \$220k	Scenario 1 \$200k
Ex-situ collections + seed bank mgmt	FIRM (Tree Seed Centre)	\$ 40,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 48,000
White bark pine field screening, parent tree marking, clone bank	FIRM (Cartwright)	\$ 40,000	\$ 42,500	\$ 32,000	\$ 34,000
White bark pine resistance testing, seed extraction, nursery, etc.	Region (Murray)	\$ 30,000	\$ 24,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,500
Develop BMP for Healthy Cone-bearing Whitebark Pine in Harvest Units	Region (Murray)	\$ -		\$ 26,000	\$ 30,000
Collection of Rust Resistant Seed	FIRM (Cartwright)	\$ 30,000		\$ 7,500	\$ 9,000
Conservation catalogue, AdapTree Genomics project, WBP assisted migration trial, and other.	UBC Centre for Forest Conservation Genetics	\$ 110,000	\$ 52,094	\$ 59,594	\$ 63,345
Reviewing Species Conservation priorities, fall meeting with GCTAC member and others (travel, meeting expenses)	GCTAC	\$ -		\$ 4,900	\$ -
Totals		\$ 250,000	\$ 164,094	\$ 199,994	\$ 219,845

FGC noted the number of projects and \$ associated with whitebark pine, a species at risk. Questions also arose regarding a new project to develop some best management practices (BMPs). Council, however, also noted it wanted to avoid line-by-line discussions and GCTAC had completed its task within the budget targets set by FGC.

Budget Summary

Council recognized the Ministry is responsible for the allocation of LBIS \$ to the various programs and individual projects, and that FGC's and its TACs' roles are advisory. It also acknowledged that Ministry will adjust the recommended allocations and risk manage expenditures based on available funding, and in consideration of FGC/TACs feedback and operational conditions (e.g. weather, contractor availability, access etc.).

Since no 'fixed' LBIS budget allocation to FGC's Tree Improvement Program was identified in advance (although expectations are it will again be \$2.5M), FGC recommended submitting a budget totaling \$2.7M (Scenario 2 below). This higher funding-level is required to achieve FGC's goals for increasing the value and resilience of BC's forests (e.g. tree breeding and CBST).

Program	2017/18 Allocation	Budget Targets 2018/19		TAC Recommendations		FGC Recommends	
		Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 1	Scenario 2
Genetic Conservation	\$ 164,094	\$ 200,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 199,994	\$ 219,845	\$ 199,994	\$ 219,845
Tree Breeding (Vol & Pests)	\$ 1,341,238	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,680,750	\$ 1,680,750	\$ 1,453,847	\$ 1,610,338
Resilience (e.g. CBST)	\$ 571,085	\$ 550,000	\$ 580,000	\$ 521,159	\$ 521,159	\$ 521,159	\$ 521,159
OTIP	\$ 423,584	\$ 350,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 348,658	\$ 325,000	\$ 348,658
Total	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 2,726,903	\$ 2,770,412	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,700,000

FGC also recommended that the Ministry pursue other funding sources such as the FCI to help offset pressures and protect core activities such as breeding and CBST.

Motion: Budget Scenario 2 and its program allocations totaling \$2.7M are hereby approved. Annette/Joe. CARRIED

Action: Brian to draft letter to Diane Nicholls, CF, conveying FGC's LBIS budget and recommendations for 2018/19.

9. Streamlining Review - Follow-up

Kori, Annette and Shane Ford, current TAC chairs, provided a report on this year's business planning process and TAC meetings (see separate ppt).

Continuous improvement of the OTIP business planning process was discussed earlier in the meeting, and an action item to review OTIP's eligibility criteria was previously noted.

Fewer TAC meetings and budget presentations worked well for most project proponents, with potential exception of those leading province-wide projects such as AMAT, CoAdapTree and CBST. It was suggested the budgets for these on-going commitments may not need to be reviewed annually. Seeing forecast expenditures from the previous (current) fiscal year, such as presented for the CBST project, would also be helpful. Presentation and budget formats could also be standardized to compare projects, their progress, and facilitate more discussion. Standardization would also assist TAC chairs and FGC Program Managers in rolling-up and summarizing program recommendations for FGC.

They also noted ITAC and CTAC members do not have sufficient knowledge and information to critique the tree breeders proposed projects and budgets. Questions also arose regarding how the 50% pest resistant seed use target by 2035 (background will be provided to ITAC and FGC, as per earlier action item). However, updates on breeding and provenance work completed, and proposed, are appreciated by the seed producers and users.

It was therefore recommended the breeders present, and their manager assembles and presents their budgets consistent with FGC direction to TAC chairs. Documentation for individual breeding programs would also be helpful as there is currently no plans to reference. Key performance indicators (KPIs) were once reported at TAC meetings and in FGC business plans, and are still used by tree breeders to estimate their costs. However, these details do not convey future direction for a breeding program.

Shane noted that the FIRM scientists are preparing 20-year breeding plans for each commercial species. These plans will be distributed in the weeks ahead and should assist ITAC and CTAC in commenting on proposed activities and priorities. Questions also

Priorities for breeding and genecology could also change with the implementation of CBST. Species priority rankings and individual species plans (included in FGC's annual business plan) will need to be reviewed and updated by species committees in the months (and year) ahead. Mark noted the species plans seed demand forecasts did not take into account this year's fires, changes in AAC and other initiatives, such as FCI. Brian suggested that revising species plans to account for CBST and these other scenarios could take time, and that these plans should therefore be published separately from FGC's business plan for 2018/19.

Other recommended follow-up actions from the streamlining committee's report included updating FGC's terms of reference (aka Bylaws). Brian indicated this could occur at the June AGM, where changes to the B.C. Forest Genetics Society's constitution and bylaws will be discussed.

It was also recommended that a FGC develop a 5-year Communication and Extension Plan. However, in consideration of the significant work (including extension) required to implement CBST over the next 1-2 years, this proposed action item be deferred.

Action: Shane Ford to share 20-year breeding plans with ITAC and CTAC

Action: TAC Chairs and FGC Program Managers to adjust and improve budget and business planning process for next fiscal year by Dec. 2018.

Action: FGC Program Manager and TAC Chairs, with input from FIRM and others, to recommend process and timelines for updating Species Plans to reflect CBST and changes in future seed demand for Sept or Dec meetings.

10. SelectSeed Business Plan 2018/19

SelectSeed's Board of Directors met and reviewed the company's draft business plan on March 14. Minor amendments to the plan were requested. Brian provided FGC with an overview of the plan, highlighting net income forecasts for 2017/18 and 2018/19. The former is higher than previously forecast due to higher seed sales. The latter, however, is lower due to little remaining seed in inventory and a moderate Pli cone crop forecast for 2018. Fdi and Sx crops are expected to be above average.

The company's budget for 2018/19 includes continued funding for a ministry tree breeder salary, as per FGC's earlier direction. It also includes \$50,000 for grafting Pli ramets to establish a new orchard, subject to the tree breeder's parent tree selections and a business case approved in advance by the Board and FGC.

Action: Brian to circulate SelectSeed's 2018/19 Business Plan, as approved by the Board, to FGC for review and approval.

11. FGC Priorities for 2018/19

Mark raised a few questions and topics for FGC to consider at the current meeting and as broad strategic themes for Councilors to discuss at future FGC meetings. These included pursuing other funding sources such as FCI. Pat indicated he is discussing funding opportunities with his ministry colleagues. Mark also asked about FGC's role in response to the 2017 wildfires and landscape level planning. FGC submitted its seed supply and use recommendations to Diane Nicholls following its Dec 8 meeting. Pat indicated Diane is reviewing these recommendations and will issue some related guidance soon.

Seed supply forecasting was raised again (also see action item re species plans). Seed supplies remain an area of concern. Are there sufficient supplies available to reforest areas harvested and denuded by fires and pests? Some cone collection workshops will be held in the summer of 2018 (led by the Ministry). These workshops will also inform seed users of orchard seed availability and new CBST standards to avoid excessive Class B seed collections.

Kori indicted the Swedish forest company Svenska Cellulosa AB (SCA) has offered Canfor some of its surplus Pli orchard seed. Nick Ukrainetz is assessing the suitability of its use in BC – and if deemed acceptable it could potentially be registered through an alternative to the CF's Seed Use Standards.

Questions were also raised about seed pricing. Pat noted the ministry is currently reviewing its cone and seed fee schedule. Brian also noted that this topic has come up in the past and cautioned against holding discussions that might be perceived as in contravention of the federal *Competition Act*. Since there are new members on Council, it would be good to review the laws and principles governing seed pricing.

Action: FGC to review laws and principles governing seed pricing at a future meeting.

12. New Business and Announcements

Brian announced that Don Pigott was awarded an honorary membership with the ABCFP at its AGM and Conference held in Victoria in February. His nomination was supported by a number of forest

professionals working in forest genetics. This award recognizes Don's significant contributions to improving forest practices and forest stewardship locally and abroad (e.g. tree breeding, seed collection and processing, seedling production, reforestation, restoration, and conservation), advancing the profession, and improving public understanding of forestry (e.g. Coastal Silviculture Committee, community volunteer, mentor, advocate, and the author of numerous publications).

The SelectSeed Board of Directors approved Brian's participation in tree improvement tour of Finland in June being organized by VSOC. Brian will provide an overview of the trip at FGC's June meeting.

13. Future meetings

Brian will send out a Doodle Poll for FGC's 2nd Quarter meetings in June (~3 hr conference call). Agenda will include AGMs for SelectSeed Co. Ltd. and the Forest Genetics Society of BC (Society), including review and approved audited financial statements, and proposed updates to the Societies Constitutions and Bylaws (for compliance with the [new BC Societies Act \(2016\)](#)).

FGC will also need to elect a new SelectSeed Board member as Glen Dunsworth, President and Chair, previously indicated this would be his last term (which ends on Aug 31, 2018). FGC was also reminded that 3-year terms ending in June and Sept for several members.

FGC's annual fall field trip is scheduled for Sept 26-27 in Golden. Scott and Brian provided a preview and some logistical information. FGC supported proceeding with field trip planning, including the proposed accommodation and extending an invitation to SelectSeed's Board of Directors.

Action: Brian to issue Doodle Poll for FGC, SelectSeed AGM and BC Forest Genetics Society AGM in June, and provide details regarding Golden Field trip for Sept 26-27.

14. Adjourn

Motion: Meeting is hereby adjourned. Annette/Kori CARRIED.

Draft minutes by Brian Barber, March 27, 2018 (v.1)

Draft reviewed by FGC, edits incorporated June (v.2)

Approved by FGC on June 25, 2018 (Final)