

MINUTES

Forest Genetics Council – Meeting June 17, 2015

Meeting held by conference call

Attending: Brian Barber, Domenico Iannidinardo, Rob Guy, Mark Hays, Stephen Joyce, Joe LeBlanc, Gerry MacDougall, Michael Stoehr, Annette van Niejenhuis, Gernot Zemanek

Regrets: Scott King, Chris Stagg, Mark Tamas, Raoul Wiart

Others: Jack Woods

Summary of action Items

Responsibility	Action
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.
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.
Jack	Continue discussions about program support with the company wishing to access Class A seed for carbon-offset projects.
Stephen	Canvas ITAC members regarding their views on the need for a cone and seed management workshop for interior licensees.
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.
Jack	Complete the Interior Class-A seed supply and demand report for presentation at the September, 2015 FGC meeting.
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.

Summary of Motions:

1. **MOVED** (Iannidinardo / LeBlanc): That the prepared agenda is hereby approved as presented. **CARRIED.**
2. **MOVED** that minutes from the March 12, 2015 meeting are hereby approved. (Guy / Stoehr). **CARRIED.**
3. **MOVED** that the recommendation of the committee report on non-THLB use of Class A seed is accepted and that CTAC and ITAC chairs are hereby asked to implement these recommendations. (Iannidinardo / van Niejenhuis) **CARRIED.**
4. **MOVED** that having completed all the business scheduled for the meeting it is hereby adjourned. (Zemanek / MacDougall) **CARRIED.**

Meeting called to order at 10:45 A.M. by Brian Barber (FLNRO Co-Chair)

1. Agenda and previous minutes:

MOVED (Iannidinardo / LeBlanc): That the prepared agenda is hereby approved as presented. **CARRIED.**

MOVED that minutes from the March 12, 2015 meeting are hereby approved. (Guy / Stoehr). **CARRIED.**

2. FGC membership update:

Brian announced that A/Chief Forester Diane Nicholls has appointed Mark Tamas as FGC Industry Co-Chair and Chris Stagg (Canfor) as the Northern Interior Industry Seed Producer representative on Council.

3. Old Business and Action Items from March 12, 2015

Jack reviewed action items from the March 12, 2015 meeting:

Responsibility	Action	Action taken
Annette, Mark T., Scott, Lee, Jack	Review the extension governance model as per motion 3, and make a recommendation to the FGC at the June, 2015 meeting.	Report prepared
Committee on Class-A seed use for non-THLB land	The Committee was asked to complete their report and bring a recommendation to Council at the June, 2015 meeting.	Report prepared
Tree Imp. Branch	Prepare options for the soliciting and reviewing of a call-for-proposals for the Genecology, Applied TI and Biotechnology, Cone and Seed Pest Management, and Genetic Conservation programs for the June, 2015 FGC meeting.	In progress
Jack	Complete the Interior Class-A seed supply and demand report for presentation at the June, 2015 FGC meeting.	Not completed
Strategic Planning Committee (Brian, Annette, Raoul, Mark, Jack)	The Strategic Planning Committee is asked to finalize the outstanding items in the new Strategic Plan and present a new draft to Council at the June, 2015 meeting.	Draft prepared
Joe	Discuss the issue of class B seed inventories with Dave Jackson, Interfor,	Done
Jack	Put an item on the June, 2015 agenda about the FGC / SelectSeed role in class B seed supply.	Done
Jack	Poll FGC members to determine if the June FGC meeting can be held on June 17th rather than 18th as currently scheduled.	Done
Jack	Present Matador trial results at the September, 2015 meeting.	Pending

4. FGC Strategic Plan 2015-2020

The current draft of the FGC Strategic Plan was presented and discussed. The new Pest objective (Objective #5) is not well understood by FGC members and it was proposed that a conference call be scheduled to review this.

Action: Jack will canvas FGC members to find a conference call date prior to September for a presentation on and discussion of the new pest resistance (objective 5) in the Strategic Plan.

5. Extension governance model

A report from the Extension Review Committee was presented by Annette. The following resolution was made:

MOVED that recommendations from the Extension Review Committee are hereby accepted and the Decision Support TAC and Extension TAC will be temporarily amalgamated until the December, 2015 FGC meeting. (van Niejenhuis / Joyce).

Following discussion on the motion it was withdrawn. Concern was expressed regarding how extension obligations will be met in the FLNRO and how the Decision Support TAC would deal with extension work that might be added. Brian Barber will replace Lee Charleson on the Extension Review Committee.

Action: The Extension Review Committee will continue discussion on a model for the delivery of extension and bring a report to Council at the September, 2015 FGC meeting.

6. Committee report on non-THLB seed use

Domenico outlined options presented in the report circulated prior to the meeting. The following recommendation was made:

Improved FGC seed production coordination: The Coastal and Interior Technical Advisory Committees (CTAC and ITAC, respectively) will review seed supply and availability together with seed needs annually. Producers and owners of quality seed that is in short supply will be encouraged by CTAC and ITAC to sell to BC licensees with Crown land THLB reforestation obligations, in line with Chief Forester Principle #10 (from "Guiding Principles Respecting Public and Private Seed Orchard Management in BC).

MOVED that the recommendation of the committee report on non-THLB use of Class A seed is accepted and that CTAC and ITAC chairs are hereby asked to implement these recommendations. (Iannidinaro / van Niejenhuis) CARRIED.

Jack updated Council on discussions with a company that has been purchasing Class A seed for the use in carbon-offset projects. Their models show a clear value to the use of Class A seed and they would like to be able to continue to access this seed. They inquired about supporting the provincial forest genetics program in some way to be able to continue to access the seed.

Action: Jack will continue discussions about program support with the company wishing to access Class A seed for carbon-offset projects.

7. SelectSeed Ltd. role in class B seed supply

Joe reported on discussions he had with Interfor staff from the southern Interior regarding supply and access to class B seed. He said this is a short-term seed supply issue in some areas and it is partially due to lack of experience with managing seed supply and with cone collections among smaller operators. It was agreed that there is no role in class B seed supply management for SelectSeed Ltd., as it is a licensee responsibility and they are better positioned to manage this themselves or to collaborate with other licensees through existing organizational structures. It was felt that there may be a Council role to provide a workshop on cone collection and seed management.

Action: Stephen will canvas ITAC members regarding their views on the need for a cone and seed management workshop for interior licensees.

Action: Gernot will contact the organizing committee of the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations to see if there is interest in adding a presentation on seed and seed supply to their October, 2015 meeting.

8. Ministry interior breeder update

Michael announced that the Ministry has completed the recruiting process for an interior tree breeder and the successful candidate is Dr. Trevor Doerkson. Trevor will begin in early September. Brian acknowledged that financial support for this position will come from SelectSeed Ltd., and that a MOU between SelectSeed and the Ministry is being prepared.

9. Interior Class-A seed supply and demand

Jack reported that this project is still in progress. New data on sowing factors and on orchard production expectations have been prepared, but have not yet been incorporated into the analysis. The report will be ready for the September, 2015 FGC meeting.

Action: Complete the Interior Class-A seed supply and demand report for presentation at the September, 2015 FGC meeting (Jack).

10. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Vernon on September 23rd and 24th, 2015, and will include a business meeting and a field tour. Tolko Ltd. and Mark Tamas will host the meeting. Jack inquired whether the SelectSeed board could join Council for the field tour component of the meeting. This was supported by Council members.

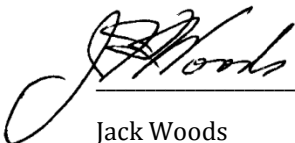
Action: Mark and Jack will work out a schedule for the September 23/24, 2015 FGC meeting and communicate it with FGC members and the SelectSeed Board.

Motion to adjourn:

MOVED that having completed all the business scheduled for the meeting it is hereby adjourned. (Zemanek / MacDougall) CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Minutes prepared by Jack Woods



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