



AGENDA

Wednesday, June 17, 2009 9:00 AM – 12:00

Meeting by conference call:

**Call in #: 1 866 596 5278
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THREE SEPARATE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD:

- 1. SelectSeed Co. Ltd. Annual General meeting**
- 2. FGC meeting**
- 3. BC Forest Genetics Society Annual General meeting**

Time	#	Attachments	Item
9:00	SelectSeed Co. Ltd. AGM		
	1	Separate file sent	Approval of minutes from the last AGM (June 11, 2008)
	2	2 files sent	SelectSeed Annual Report and financial statements to March 31, '09
	3	Information below	Members resolution appointing Directors / election of Director
	4	Information below	Directors resolution appointing officers
	5	Information below	Appointment of an auditor
9:30	Forest Genetics Council Meeting		
	6	Information below	Welcome to new Council members and introductions
	7	Separate files sent	Approval of minutes from March 11 and April 30, 2009
	8	Information below	Old business and action items
	9	Separate file sent	Seed orchard options paper
	10	Information below	Budget updates; update on grant holdups, etc.
	11	Information below	5-year Strategic Plan – next steps
	12	Information below	Chief Forester requests regarding program reviews
	13	Information below	Info items: ABS Discussion Paper and FN engagement workshops
	14	Information below	Next meeting September 16, 2009 at the Cowichan Lk. Res. Stn.
	13		New business
11:30	BC Forest Genetics Society AGM		
	14	Separate file sent	Approval of minutes from last AGM (June 11, 2008)
	15	Information below	Election of Directors
	16	Information below	Directors report
	17	Information below	Appointment of auditor and accountant
	18	Separate file sent	Society financial statements
	19	Information below	Housekeeping item
	20	Information below	Directors resolution

Attachments to the agenda (June 11, 2009)

SelectSeed Co. Ltd. Annual General Meeting

1. Approval of minutes from the last Annual General Meeting

Suggested resolution:

RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the June 11, 2008 Annual General Meeting are hereby approved.

2. Annual Report and financial statements to March 31, 2009

The Annual Report and financial statements, for the year ending March 31, 2009 were distributed as a separate files. The financial statements were prepared by the firm Hayes Stewart Little and Co., and books of account were audited by Nancy McMahon CGA of the same firm. Both the Annual Report and the financial statements were approved by the SelectSeed Board of Directors on June 9th, 2009.

Suggested resolution:

RESOLVED THAT the audited financial statements of SelectSeed Company Ltd. for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009, together with the Report of the Auditors' thereon, in the form submitted to this meeting, are approved and the action of two Directors of the Company in signing the statements as evidence of such approval is hereby ratified and confirmed.

RESOLVED THAT the Annual Report of the Company for the year ending March 31, 2009 is hereby approved.

3. Members resolution appointing Directors

Members of the BC Forest Genetics Society elect SelectSeed Directors to 2-year terms. The terms for Reid Carter and Russ Clinton end August 31, 2009. Both Reid and Russ have agreed to stand for a further 2-year term ending August 31, 2011. The procedure for electing Board members is:

1. Identify candidates – FGC can nominate other candidates if they wish
2. JW contact candidate(s), discuss duties, and determine if the person is willing to stand for election (done for Reid and Russ)
3. Election by shareholders (FGC members).

Suggested resolution:

RESOLVED THAT Reid Carter and Russ Clinton are hereby elected to the SelectSeed Board of Directors for a further two-year term ending August 31, 2011.

4. Directors resolutions appointing officers

The following resolutions were passed by the SelectSeed Board during it's meeting held June 9, 2009, and are included here for information.

RESOLVED THAT Glen Dunsworth is hereby appointed an officer of the company (President) for the year 2009/10, or until his successor is elected or appointed. (Russ Clinton / Jim Burbee) CARRIED.



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RESOLVED THAT Reid Carter is hereby appointed an officer of the company (Secretary) for the year 2009/10, or until his successor is elected or appointed. (Russ Clinton / Jim Burbee) CARRIED. (note that if Reid is not re-elected as a director, his term as Secretary will end August 31, 2009 and a new secretary will have to be appointed by the Board)

5. Appointment of an auditor

Suggested resolution:

RESOLVED THAT the firm Hayes Stewart Little and Co. is hereby appointed as the auditor for SelectSeed Company Ltd. for the ensuing year.

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Forest Genetics Council Meeting

6. Welcome to new FGC members

Current Council membership is as follows:

MFR Co-Chair - Brian Barber

Industry Co-Chair - Vacant

MFR members - Madeline Maley, Gerry Still, Al McDonald (BCTS)

Industry

- Bruce MacNicol (interior industry, orchard owner)
- Scott King (S. interior industry, seed buyer)
- Larry Promnitz (coast industry, orchard owner)
- Joe Leblanc (coast industry, seed buyer)
- N. interior industry or woodlot owner - vacant)

TAC reps

- Annette van Niejenhuis (Coastal TAC)
- Tim Lee (Interior TAC)

University - Rob Guy

CFS - Judi Beck (newly appointed, or soon to be appointed)

7. Approval of minutes

Suggested resolution:

RESOLVED THAT minutes of the meeting held March 11 and April 30, 2009 are hereby approved.

8. Action items from April 30, 2009

1. A budget recommendation from the FGC, as approved at the April 30, 2009 FGC meeting, was sent to Chief Forester, Jim Snetsinger.
2. JW sent a response to the Pacific Carbon Trusts request for information. This response outlined a cooperative approach, coordinated by SelectSeed Ltd. and the FGC, for capturing carbon credits from the use of select seed and flowing the benefits back to seed buyers and to seed producers. The submission was previously distributed to Council members.
3. A letter-of-support from the FGC for the nomination of Sally Aitken for the CIF Scientific Achievement Award was forwarded to Annette on April 30th.
4. Brian Barber informed Shawn Mansfield that the FGC is not able to provide support for the Whistler biotechnology conference.

9. Seed orchard options discussion paper.

Discussion paper sent as a separate file

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See recommendations in the paper. These recommendations require discussion and endorsement or modification by the FGC, followed by a recommendation to the Provincial Chief Forester. There may be significant business implications for SelectSeed Ltd., and future budget implications for the FGC. The SelectSeed Board of Directors is aware of this issue and of the recommendations in the discussion paper. Their view is that SelectSeed needs to maintain its expectation and principle of a modest return on capital employed should any discussions or investments take place with regard to coastal orchards.

Suggested resolution:

RESOLVED THAT the report entitled "Public and Private Participation in BC's Seed Orchards: Issues and Options", is hereby approved and recommendations contained therein will be recommended to the Provincial Chief Forester.

10. Update on budgets and grant holdups

Council completed its 2009/10 FIA Forest Genetic Conservation and Management budget recommendation on April 30th. This was forwarded to Jim Snetsinger. Since that time, MFR staff have been working to move money to approved projects both within and outside the MFR. Internal MFR funds have not been an issue. Some contracts have been difficult due to central government rules imposed on all Ministries. The biggest issue to date is an inability to provide funds to Universities through grants. This has had a serious impact on the following programs:

- Genetic Conservation: No funds have been transferred to the UBC Centre for Forest Conservation Genetics. Risks include the ClimateBC model.
- White pine blister rust screening - CFS, David Noshad: Normally supported through funds supplied via the Breeding Subprogram. No funds transferred to date. CFS has tried to temporarily support this, and solutions are being sought.
- Cone Induction and Seed Set - UVic, von Aderkas: No funds transferred to date. This project is in year 4 of about 4.5 years. The Tree Improvement Branch is attempting to support this through a contract.
- Applied Biotechnology - UBC, El-Kassaby: No funds transferred to date.

11. FGC Strategic Plan (2009-2014)

The plan is complete but still requires final endorsement by Jim Snetsinger. Meeting scheduled for July 7th to finalize. Assuming endorsement, the plan will proceed for printing.

12. Chief Forester requests regarding program reviews

Chief Forester, Jim Snetsinger, during his address to Council on April 30, 2009, asked that program reviews be undertaken. The following is from the April 30th minutes:

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Future budgets will be tighter than in the past. As a result, Council should consider the following questions:

- Is the tree improvement priority list for species and seed planning units still relevant in light of declining planting #s, MPB, and climate change?
- How much genetic gain is enough? Are there missing gaps and opportunities?
- Can we stop investments in breeding for some seed planning units and just let existing orchards continue to produce seed with acceptable levels of gain?
- Do we have the right balance in funding being directed to conservation vs. seed transfer vs. breeding, and the supporting subprograms?

13. Information updates:

- a. Asset and Benefit Sharing – Brian
- b. First Nations engagement workshop – Brian

14. Next FGC meeting September 16th, 2009

The next meeting of Council is proposed as a face-to-face at the Cowichan Lake Research Station on Vancouver Island. It would be held to provide overlap with a Tree Improvement History get-together on the evening of the 16 (still tentative). There would also be a Station tour. Accommodation and meals would be available at the Research Station.

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BC Forest Genetics Society (the “Society”)

Annual General Meeting -- Agenda and Resolutions

June 17, 2009

The Society currently has three Directors (all Councilors are members):

Frank Gundersen (President)

Chris Hawkins (Secretary)

Brian Barber (Treasurer)

Items of business:

13. Approval of minutes from the last Society AGM

Suggested resolution:

RESOLVED THAT minutes from the June 11, 2008 AGM are hereby approved.

14. Election of Society Directors

Current Directors are Brian Barber, Frank Gundersen, and Chris Hawkins. Directors must be member of the FGC, therefore new directors are needed. This position does not involve any work, but directors must be reported on annual Society report filings under the Societies Act. Nomination and election of 2 new directors is needed.

Suggested resolution:

RESOLVED THAT the following persons are hereby elected Directors of the Society to hold office until the date of the next Annual General Meeting or until their successors have been duly elected or appointed.

Brian Barber, _____, _____

15. Report of Directors of the Society

- a. AGM filing requirements with the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations were met for 2008.
- b. The Society continues to have full ownership of all voting and value shares of SelectSeed Company Ltd. There is no change in status with respect to share ownership.

Suggested resolution:

RESOLVED THAT the report of the Directors to the Members of the Society is hereby approved.

16. Appointment of an accountant; waiver of the need for an audit:

Suggested resolution:

RESOLVED THAT the firm of Hayes Stewart Little Ltd., 823 Canada Avenue, Duncan, BC V9L 1V2, is appointed as the Societies accountant for the ensuing year.



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Suggested resolution:

RESOLVED THAT the appointment of an auditor is waived for the current financial year until the close of the next Annual General Meeting.

17. Society financial statements to March 31, 2009:

There were no transactions during the fiscal year.

Suggested resolution:

RESOLVED THAT financial statement of the Society for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 is hereby approved, and that the Chair of the Society is authorized to sign a consent resolution of the members of the Society concerning member acceptance of these financial statements.

18. Housekeeping

This resolution is required for the formal filing of the Society report. No appointments, contracts, or payments were made.

RESOLVED THAT all acts, appointments, contracts and payments of money made or done by the Directors of the Society since the last Annual General Meeting, are hereby ratified.

19. Resolution of the Directors of the Society (only voted on by Directors)

RESOLVED THAT the following persons are appointed officers of the Society to hold the office shown opposite their names until their successors are elected or appointed:

_____	-	President
_____	-	Secretary
Brian Barber	-	Treasurer