



AGENDA

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Wednesday, December 17, 2008

Meeting by Conference Call:

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Time	Length (min.)	#	Item	Presenter
9:00	5	1	Review agenda	
9:05	5	2	Approval of minutes from September 17, 2008	
9:10	15	3	Old business and action items from Sept 17, 2008	
9:25	15	4	FGC Industry Co-Chair status	Bruce / Joe / Jack
9:40	30	5	FGC Strategic Plan	Jack
10:10	10	6	Seed Transfer TAC progress	Jack
10:20	50	7	Private sector seed orchard participatio	Jack
11:10	15	8	FIA budget update and expectations for 2009/10	Keith / Brian / Jack
11:25	10	9	Jack's submission to the Forestry Roundtable	Jack
11:35	10	10	Letter from the Tree Seed Dealers Association	Brian
11:45	15	11	New business	
12:00			Adjourn	
Next meeting – March 18, 2009 in Richmond				

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Agenda item 2 – Minutes from September 17, 2008

Minutes sent as a separate attachment.

Agenda item 3 – Old Business

Action items from the September 17, 2008 FGC meeting

Responsibility	Item	Action taken
Program Manager	Organize a vote to elect a 5th SelectSeed board member after contacting one of the nominees from the June FGC meeting.	Completed. Henry Benskin elected
	Send the Discussion Paper on industry participation in seed orchards to FGC, Coast TAC and Interior TAC members for comment. Comments to be presented to the FGC in December 2008.	Done (see below)
	Draft a new strategic plan for the period 2009/10 and send to FGC by November 15th. Councilors will return comments to Jack by December 1st. Jack will incorporate comments, seek input from Jim Snetsinger, and present a draft at the FGC December 2008 meeting.	Draft completed. Input from Jim Snetsinger not completed.
Council members	Brian to follow-up with Jim Snetsinger and Craig Sutherland on getting an audience for the FGC with Minister Pat Bell.	Follow-up completed. Waiting for an audience with Pat Bell
	Councilors to submit to Brian tree improvement ideas that are incremental to current activities, and will improve forest productivity and value.	Done
	Annette and Michael to put the Discussion Paper on industry participation in seed orchards on the agendas for the fall 2008/winter 2009 CTAC and ITAC meetings.	Done for CTAC ITAC meeting in February
	Brian to report back to Council on the outcome of an audit of the seed selection standard.	Underway
	Options for John to continue as industry Co-Chair will be discussed with COFI by Bruce and Scott and with CFPA by Annette and Joe . They will report back to Council on or before the December 2008 Council meeting.	Complete (see below)
Program Financial Coordinator	Mail-out 2008/09 Business Plan	Done

Agenda item 4 – FGC Industry Co-chair status

At the September 17th FGC meeting, Bruce, Scott, Annette and Joe were asked to approach COFI and the CLMA regarding support for John Elmslie to stay on as FGC Industry Co-Chair. This was done, and due to economic conditions neither organization was able or willing to provide funding support. It was recommended that a request go to Jim Snetsinger regarding FIA support for John. Jim's response was that he preferred to not set a precedent with FIA support for industry

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participation. Subsequent discussions with industry members of the FGC concluded that the best approach now would be to assign a temporary industry co-chair from among existing FGC members while seeking a longer-term solution. FGC discussion and guidance will be sought. John Elmslie has been kept up-to-date with this discussion and is currently willing to continue as FGC Co-Chair should support be forthcoming.

Agenda item 5 – FGC Strategic Plan for 2009-2014

A draft plan was sent as a separate attachment. This plan was prepared by J. Woods based on the GRM Challenge Dialogue document, input from various other plans, and discussions at the FGC and subcommittee levels. It has been reviewed only by Brian Barber at this stage. Review by Jim Snetsinger will be sought after FGC comment.

Draft plan sent as a separate document. Input and guidance from FGC members is needed. It is envisioned that a final document will be published with appropriate graphics and photos. Questions to consider now are:

- Are objectives reasonable?
- Is the format and layout appropriate?
- Too long or too short?
- Sections to add or remove?

Agenda item 6 – Seed Transfer TAC progress

Based on the FGC-approved plan for genecology and seed transfer, the new Seed Transfer TAC (chaired by Lee Charleson) is working to develop a genecology research and seed transfer system call for proposals. The SITAC met twice by conference call, and several subcommittee groups are actively preparing components of the call. It is anticipated that a call for proposals will be let in January and that project and budget recommendations will come to Council at the March, 18, 2009 meeting.

Agenda Item 7 – Private sector seed orchard participation

The discussion paper entitled “Private-sector participation in orchard-seed production; issues, impacts on FGC objectives, and potential solutions” was presented at the September 17th FGC meeting (re-sent as a separate document in support of this meeting). Since September input was sought from a broad range of stakeholders. Two subsequent documents have also been sent, and will be discussed:

- Summary of Discussion Paper responses
- Seed Orchard Organizational Models



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Agenda item 8 – FIA budget update and expectations

There is a high probability that the 2009/10 FIA budget will be reduced and that the Forest Genetic Conservation and Management Program will face a reduction. Keith Thomas and Brian Barber will provide further information.

FGC subcommittees will require guidance for preparing their business plans.

Agenda item 9 – Forestry Roundtable submission sent in by Jack

Following discussion with Brian Barber and John Elmslie, Jack Woods prepared a submission for the Forestry Roundtable. As time did not allow discussion and review of the submission by Council members, it was felt that it would be better sent as a personal submission rather than one from the FGC. The submission was received by the Roundtable, but there is no expectation of follow-up at this point.

The 2-page submission was sent to Council members along with this agenda.

Agenda item 10 – Letter from the Tree Seed Dealers Association

A letter was received from Don Piggot, representing the Tree Seed Dealers Association. The Association has requested membership on Council. A copy of the letter was sent as a separate document.

Jim Snetsinger is seeking advice on this request.