

MINUTES

Forest Genetics Council – Meeting December 17, 2008

Conference Call

Attending:, Brian Barber, Mike Carlson Frank Gundersen, Scott King, Joe Leblanc, Bruce MacNicol, Al McDonald, Larry Promnitz, Annette Van Niejenhuis, Alvin Yanchuk

Regrets: Gary Hogan, Chris Hawkins, Mike Madill.

Others: Keith Thomas and Jack Woods

Action Items

Responsibility	Action
Jack	Send a list of membership status to FGC members for review, as well as background on the expectations for the FGC Co-Chair.
Industry members	An Industry Co-Chair will be recommended by current industry members on Council in advance of the March 2009 meeting
Brian and Jack	Follow-up with the CFS with respect to renewing membership on Council
Brian and Jack	Review all membership and member terms and bring for discussion at the March FGC meeting
Brian and Jack	Review membership with Jim Snetsinger
Jack	Invite Don Pigott to make a presentation to Council regarding why the BCTSDA should have membership on Council
Jack	Review FGC bylaws to determine how changes in membership structure are dealt with
Council members	Forward comments on industry's role in seed orchards, and on options, to Jack prior to the January 16, 2009 meeting in Prince George.
Jack	Combine key parts of the Discussion Paper, comments received, and options for distribution in advance of the January 16, 2009 meeting in Prince George
Jack	Keep FGC members informed on developments regarding the industry participation in seed orchards discussion
Council members	Provide written comments on the 2009-2014 Strategic Plan to Jack by January 5 th , 2009
Jack	Jack to post members names on the FGC website by the end of December
Joe and Bruce	Joe and Bruce will discuss the FGC Industry Co-Chair issue with Archie McDonald (COFI) and Les Kiss (CFPA) to keep them informed.

Summary of Motions:

1. **MOVED** (Promnitz / MacNicol): Minutes of the meeting held September 17, 2008 are hereby approved. **CARRIED.**
2. **MOVED** (MacDonald / Carlson): Don Pigott, representing the BCTSDA, will be invited to make a presentation on what they hope to contribute and get out of membership on the FGC . **CARRIED.**

Meeting called to order at 09:00 A.M. by Brian Barber (Co-Chair)

1. **Agenda:** Brian suggested a re-ordering of the agenda. Accepted as amended.
2. **Approval of Sept 17, 2008 minutes:**
 1. **MOVED** (Promnitz / MacNicol): Minutes of the meeting held Sept 17, 2008 are hereby approved. CARRIED.

3. Old Business and Action Items from September 17, 2008

Action items from the September 17, 2008 FGC meeting were reviewed. The following action items remain outstanding.

Responsibility	Item	Status
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
	Brian to report back to Council on the outcome of an audit of the seed selection standard.	Underway

4. Seed Transfer TAC progress – Jack Woods

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 STTAC 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, 11, 2009 meeting.

5. FGC Industry Co-chair status –

Bruce, Scott, Annette and Joe reported that, due to economic status, COFI and the CLMA will not be able to financially support travel and a day rate for John Elmslie as FGC Co-Chair. Brian reported that Jim Snetsinger is not willing to have the Industry Co-Chair supported through FIA funds.

It was agreed that a new Co-Chair should be found from the current membership of Council. Other membership issues are also outstanding. A FIA rep appears in the FGC Bylaws, but this position has not been filled.

Action items:

1. Send a list of the membership status to FGC members for review, as well as background on the expectations for the FGC Co-Chair (**Jack**)
2. An Industry Co-Chair will be recommended by current industry members on Council in advance of the March 2009 meeting.
3. Follow-up with the CFS with respect to renewing membership on council (**Jack and Brian**)
4. Review all membership and member terms, and bring for discussion at the March FGC meeting (**Brian and Jack**)

5. Review membership with Jim Snetsinger (Brian).

6. Letter from the Tree Seed Dealers Association – Brian Barber

A letter was received from Don Pigott, 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.

2. **MOVED** (MacDonald / Carlson): Don Pigott, representing the BCTSDA, will be invited to make a presentation on what they hope to contribute and get out of membership on the FGC. **CARRIED.**

Action: Jack to invite Don Pigott to make a presentation to Council regarding why the BCTSDA should have membership on Council

Action: Jack to review bylaws to determine how changes in membership structure are dealt with.

7. 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 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 briefly reviewed. No further action.

8. 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

A meeting has been set-up with Jim Snetsinger for January 16th, 2009, in Prince George, to discuss models and options of Seed Orchard Structure.

Action: FGC members to forward comments on industries role in seed orchards and on options to Jack prior to the January 16, 2009 meeting in Prince George.

Action: Jack will combine key parts of the Discussion Paper, comments received, and options for distribution in advance of the January 16, 2009 meeting in Prince George.

Action: Jack will keep FGC members informed about discussions on this matter.

9. FIA budget update and expectations –Barber \ Thomas

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. FGC subcommittees will require guidance for preparing their business plans.

10. FGC Strategic Plan for 2009-2014

A draft plan was sent as a separate attachment and presented by Jack. It is based on the GRM Challenge Dialogue document, input from various other plans, and discussions at the FGC and subcommittee levels. Review by Jim Snetsinger will be sought after FGC comment.

Action: Councillors to provide written comments on the 2009-2014 Strategic Plan to Jack by January 5th, 2009.

11. New Business**a. Communication with Council members - Barber**

Brian asked the question on how to improve communication

Action: Jack to post members names on website by end of December

b. FGC Industry Co-Chair

With John Elmslie no longer in the position of FGC Industry Co-Chair, it was agreed that industry members should find a temporary replacement from within the ranks of current industry members. Following discussion, Joe Leblanc was asked to take on the role. He will need to check with his boss within Interfor before accepting.

Action: Joe and Bruce will discuss this issue with Archie McDonald (COFI) and Les Kiss (CFPA) to keep them informed.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Next meeting: March 11th, 2009 in Richmond

Minutes prepared by,

Keith Thomas and

