

NICC Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: Tuesday December 12, 2023 @ 5 pm at IFS or via Zoom

Members:

Member	Company	NICC Board Position	Attendance
Andrew Potter	Industrial Forestry Service Ltd. – PG	President, Website	Present
Greg Jonuk	Ministry of Forests – PG	Vice-President	Absent
Judy Carlson	Seabridge Gold – PG	Secretary	Present
Tim Giesbrecht	Industrial Forestry Service Ltd. – PG	Treasurer	Present
Neil Brooks	Canfor – PG	Registrar	Present
Mike Kozak	Spectrum Resource Group Inc. – PG	Director at Large	Absent
Jeff Ernst	Ministry of Forests (North Area) – PG	Director at Large	Present
Tiana Hooker	West Fraser – Smithers	Director at Large	Present
David Lenton	RDL Forestry Consultants – PG	Director at Large	Present
Taylor-Jean Rankin	DSS Resource District – Smithers	Director at Large	Present

Agenda:

1. Introductions
 - Andrew Potter: Works for Industrial Forestry Service Ltd here in PG.
 - Judy Carlson: Works for Seabridge Gold, a mining exploration company, based out of the Smithers, but works remotely from PG.
 - Tim: Works for Industrial Forestry Service Ltd here in PG.
 - Taylor-Jean Rankin: Works for DSS Resource District out of Smithers.
 - Jeff Ernst: Works for Ministry of Forests North Area here in PG.
 - Niel Brooks: Works for Canfor PG.
 - David Lenton: Works for RDL Forestry Consultants here in PG.
 - Tiana Hooker: Works for West Fraser out of Smithers.
 - Not able to join us today are:
 - Greg Jonuk: Works for Timber Pricing for Provincial Cruising & Waste here in PG.
 - Mike Kozak: Works for Spectrum Resources Group here in PG.
2. Director Positions
 - Note: For a meeting to proceed we need to have a quorum of 3 people in attendance. We have met this so we can proceed with the meeting today.
 - President: Andrew
 - Vice-President: Greg
 - Secretary: Judy
 - Treasurer: Tim
 - Registrar: Neil
 - Above positions have been elected unanimously.
 - All other members are directors at large.
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Judy
 - N/A
4. Action Items from Previous Meeting Minutes – Judy
 - N/A

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5. Financial Update – Tim
 - From recollection, costs were up a bit and we lost a bit on the event as a whole last year.
 - Our savings account is just shy of \$16,000.
 - Our GIC is rolling over for 4.5% and at approximately \$6,500.
 - Workshop Registration fee was \$175 last year with approximately 100 paid attendees.
 - We are not in the business of making money, but it is good to have a bit of a cushion.
 - It costs approximately \$22-25,000 to run everything for the year. Workshop, door prizes, GIC, Bursaries, etc.
6. Website Update– www.nicc.ca – Andrew
 - Deferred to next meeting.
7. BC Societies Update – Tim
 - 2023 Annual Report is complete and sent to BC Societies. We are in good standing for another year.
8. AGM Planning – Judy
 - Workshop Dates: We typically do Wednesday and Thursday so people can travel on Tuesday and Friday during the regular work week.
 - **Field Day: Wednesday May 8th, 2024**
 - **Classroom Day: Thursday May 9th, 2024**
 - **Venue (Banquet Dinner & Classroom Day):**
 - UNBC – Canfor theatre is a good lecture venue. It needs to be booked early. We need to pay for parking. Food prices were high last year and there wasn't enough.
 - Ramada – Can stay at the hotel and don't have to travel to the dinner or for the classroom day. Parking downtown can be an issue.
 - Dave: I am willing to try the Ramada.
 - Tim: Last year we ran out of food and got charged extra for what they brought.
 - Neil: I like the Ramada idea. More food and a better selection. We can fit people in tables easily there.
 - Tiana: I think the Ramada is a good idea too.
 - Group Decision: Look into the Ramada for the venue this year.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Andrew to contact the Ramada for booking the venue for the banquet dinner and the classroom day.**
 - **Food Options:** Deferred to next meeting.
 - **Registration Cost:**
 - 2022-2023 Workshop registration was \$175/person.
 - **Field Location:**
 - 2022-2023 Workshop was at Kwitzil Lake (Gravel Pit Lake).
 - We aren't opposed to using the same location as it is close to town, has good parking, and there are lots of things to discuss at that site.
 - **Field Stations**
 - Reminder that everyone typically leads a station so if there is a topic you are keen on leading let us know.
 - Jeff: I see comparative cruises mostly for fire.
 - Fire codes are a current issue still and need to review at the field site again.

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- Tim: John Armstrong from SITCA, wants to go back to basics for training as there is a generational gap. This might be a good approach for us as well.
- **Speakers/Presenters**
 - If you have idea for who/what you want to see presented start reaching out to folks to see what we can line up.
 - Traditionally we have approximately 7 half hour time slots.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Jeff to reach out to Victoria for CM changes/updates and see if someone wants to speak.**
- 9. Any Other Business – All
 - Nothing this meeting.
- 10. Next Meeting Date & Time
 - Tuesday January 9th, 2024 @ 5 pm@ IFS & via Zoom
 - Tuesday February 13th, 2024 @ 5 pm@ IFS & via Zoom
 - Tuesday March 12th, 2024 @ 5 pm@ IFS & via Zoom
 - Please mark your calendars. Judy will try to send out a meeting reminder about a week before the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:57 pm