

Minutes of the FGC Pest Management Technical Advisory Committee

Tuesday, 12 February 2008: 10:30 AM – 12:10 PM PST

Telephone conference

Present: Robb Bennett (Chair), BC MoFR
 Chris Walsh, BC MoFR
 Ward Strong, BC MoFR
 Jim Corrigan, BC MoFR
 Staffan Lindgren, UNBC
 Peter de Groot, CFS Sault Ste Marie
 Dave Kolotelo, BC MoFR
 Jack Woods, SelectSeed

Coast pest management
 MoFR orchards
 MoFR pest management research
 Interior pest management
 University pest management research
 CFS pest management research
 Nursery and seed pest management
 Forest Genetics Council

Guests: none

Regrets: Dan Gaudet, Vernon Seed Orchard Company
 Tim Crowder, Timberwest Forest Company

Interior industry orchards
 Coast industry orchards

ACTIONS:

Bennett	Organize individual member reporting for Fall 2008 meeting
Bennett (with Douglas)	Accumulate project reports, <i>etc.</i>
Strong, Bennett, et al.	Resolve URMULE issues
Bennett	Update Business Plan
Bennett, Strong	<i>Contarinia</i> proposal for 2009/10 fiscal year.
Bennett	Ensure field guide progress report is prepared
Lindgren	Course of action for <i>Fusarium</i> manuscript, Version 2.0
Bennett	Prepare final draft of budget request for review by PM TAC
Bennett	Present budget request to FGC
Bennett	Ensure timely production and filing of annual progress reports
Bennett	Organize next "face-to-face" for Winter 2009

IMPORTANT DATES:

2008/09 budget to be revised as required for presentation to FGC on **12 March 2008**.
 Next PM TAC meeting tentatively scheduled for **18 March** to discuss FGC budget decision (and relevant action items above).

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 10:30 AM (PST). After call to order, a quick roll call and review of agenda and previous minutes followed. Bennett announced that Dave Kolotelo is resigning from the PM TAC – time constraints and priorities dictate a reduction in his volunteer activities. In addition to the considerable time and effort he has expended as a member of PM TAC, he is very active in other areas of the FGC, serving as Chair of Gene Conservation TAC and member of Interior and Coastal TACs. Bennett has accepted his resignation with regret. PM TAC members individually voiced their thanks and appreciation to Dave.
2. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM 9 JANUARY 2008 MINUTES.**
 - a. ***Fusarium* manuscript editing (Corrigan, Strong, Kolotelo).** Further work is on hold pending PM TAC decision on how to proceed. See Item 3a below.
 - b. ***Dioryctria* trap catches vs. day/degrees (Strong).** This is just one of several research data issues that will be dealt with in due course. PM TAC agreed to drop this from the list of on-going action items.

- c. **Research technical assistance (Strong, Woods).** Further discussion has occurred between Strong, Woods, and Alvin Yanchuk. Other Ministry FTE issues are of higher priority than pest management research needs. Walsh has offered to continue to make Kalamalka Seed Orchard auxiliary staff available as needed for research help; this should work for now. Strong will raise the issue again if necessary.
- d. **Fall 2008 – individual reports from members (Bennett).** See also Item 4c below. **Carry forward.**
- e. **Accumulate project reports, etc. (Bennett, Douglas).** On-going. **Carry forward.**
- f. **Resolve URMULE issues (Strong, Bennett, Douglas, Corrigan).** No recent progress. **Carry forward.**
- g. **Edit business plan (Bennett).** No major progress to report. **Bennett will complete his work and present the revised business plan at next PM TAC meeting.**
- h. **Ensure proposal budgets follow funding guidelines (Strong & Bennett).** Proposal budgets revised as necessary. See Item 3b and attachments for budget summaries and details respectively.
- i. **2009/10 *Contarinia* proposal (Bennett & Strong).** Bennett & Strong will continue to discuss this with Gries lab (SFU). **Carry forward.**
- j. **Future of *Synanthedon* research sites (Strong).** Strong discussed future of Kalamalka Pli plantations containing *Synanthedon* research plots. Future of the “Stronghold” plantations has now been assured.
- k. **Revise proposals & budgets (Bennett & Strong).** Done. See Item 3b and attachments.
- l. **Circulate Okanagan University College *Leptoglossus* report (Bennett).** This was done before the end of the last PM TAC meeting.
- m. **Field Guide progress report (Bennett).** Bennett has discussed report contents with J. Brooks and will produce a comprehensive report at fiscal year end. See also Item 4c below. **Carry forward.**

3. 2008/09 PROJECTS PLANNING (All).

- a. ***Fusarium* manuscript (Bennett).** Manuscript has been reviewed by Kolotelo, Corrigan, de Groot, Lindgren, and Bennett; it requires significant work before it will be publishable. Various options were discussed. Interest remains high in publishing a *Fusarium* “Where are we now and where do we need to go?” manuscript as a co-authored technical note through the FGC. Lindgren volunteered to lead the effort. **Kolotelo and Corrigan will forward relevant versions of the *Fusarium* document to Lindgren. Lindgren will review documents and propose a course of action at next meeting of PM TAC.**
- b. **2008/09 project proposals & budgets (Bennett & Strong).** See table below and proposal attachments. Bennett briefly reviewed revisions to budget amounting to a reduction of about \$35,000. Considerable work has gone into revising adelgids, *Dioryctria*, and *Leptoglossus* (mark/release/recapture) work plans. *Dioryctria* project, in particular, has been very well done (thanks in part because of input from de Groot). No further concerns expressed over work plans or budgets. **Bennett will prepare budget request based on budget table (below). PM TAC will have opportunity to review request prior to Bennett’s presentation of it to FGC. PM TAC will meet shortly after FGC budget awards announcement to discuss outcome.**

Draft budget table PM TAC 2008/09 fiscal year

		9 Jan 2008	12 Feb 2008	
Current proposals & budgets		Subtot		Subtot
1	Research tech support	25,000		12,800
2	Research lab operations	20,000		15,000
3	<i>Dioryctria</i> pheromones studies (UoA)	52,775		40,740
4	<i>Leptoglossus m/r/r</i> (UNBC & OUC)	53,175		54,088
5	<i>Leptoglossus</i> IR & visible light (SFU)	33,440		33,653
6	Adelgids – species composition (UBC)	34,448		33,800
		218,83		190,08
	SUBTOTAL - Research	8		1
7	Interior pest management program	29,400		25,000
8	Pesticide trials	17,430		15,000
9	Field Guide development	28,000		28,000
	SUBTOTAL – Other projects	74,830		68,000
		293,66		258,08
	TOTAL (proposals)	8		1
	Strong & Bennett salary costs	170,00	170,00	170,00
	(approx)	0	0	0
		463,66		428,08
	TOTAL budget (incl. salary costs)	8		1

4. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Next meeting (Bennett).** Teleconference tentatively scheduled for 18 March 2008. Main agenda items will be
 - discussion of FGC budget award and, if necessary, revisions to work plans
 - revised business plan.
- b. **Replacement for Dave Kolotelo.** Pathology and nursery issues are not currently a high priority for PM TAC business. The need for someone with nursery and/or pathology skills can be revisited at a later date, if required. No action necessary.
- c. **“Accountability and transparency” issues.** The meeting ended with an impromptu discussion of PM TAC procedural issues relating to accountability and transparency of the TAC and its business. General agreement was reached that improvements to formal project progress reporting as well as PM TAC’s profile within the seed production community are required. **Bennett will assume responsibility for improving production and filing of annual project reports and will make program presentations to other TACs upon request. Furthermore, Bennett will remind PM TAC orchard representatives to canvas their constituents for input (e.g., emerging issues) for presentation at future Fall PM TAC meetings (as per first action item in**

opening list). To improve development of proposals, next “face-to-face” meeting will be held in winter to review first drafts of next round of proposals.

5. ADJOURN. Business meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM PST.

Minutes compiled by R. Bennett, 12 February 2008. (revised 18 March 2008)