

Minutes of the FGC Pest Management Steering Committee

Tuesday, January 28, 2003 9:00 AM - 12:00
Saanich Seed Orchard, 7380 Puckle Road, Saanichton BC

Present: Robb Bennett (Chair), BCMoF	Coast pest management
John Borden, SFU	University pest management research
Tim Crowder, Timberwest Forest Products	Coast industry orchards
Dan Gaudet, Vernon Seed Orchard Company	Interior industry orchards
Dave Kolotelo, BC MoF	Nursery and seed pest management
Ward Strong, BCMoF	Interior pest management
Jack Woods, SelectSeed	Forest Genetics Council
Roger Painter, BC MoF	FGC (guest)
Regrets: Dave Reid, BCMoF	Ministry Orchards
Vacant:	Canadian Forest Service

ACTIONS:

Bennett	Prepare and manage 'Call for Letters of Interest'
Bennett	Continue drafting of business plan.
Bennett	Process presentation to FGC, March 5 meeting.
Woods	Budget request to FGC at March 5 meeting.
All	Review Letters of Interest and draft of 03/04 workplan.

CONVENED at 9:00 AM to discuss 2nd draft of Business Plan for Pest Management. Subprogram of the Forest Genetics Council.

ITEM: Business Plan.

Committee members discussed current draft of business plan and concentrated on developing realistic headings with measurable indicators of progress for research on individual pest issues. Bennett will continue with drafting. Bennett will discuss process and progress at next Forest Genetics Council meeting.

ITEM: Funding Allocation Process

Strategy for obtaining 2003/04 fiscal year research funding was discussed. Decision was made to write and post on the Tree Improvement Branch website a call of 'Letters of Interest' with tight deadline for responses. Based on current business plan priorities, quality of the proposals, and input from Committee members, Bennett and Strong will provide initial review and ranking of incoming proposals and develop a budget workplan with subsequent review and approval by Committee. Workplan will incorporate three options for funding requests based on ranking of proposals rating. Approved workplan will be presented to Forest Genetics Council. For 2004/05, call for proposals will be merged with Operational Tree Improvement Program call.

ITEM: Timeline for development of Pest Management Subprogram 2003/04 workplan.

- 31 January Web posting of call for 'Letters of Interest'
- 14 February Deadline for receipt of responses
- 19 February Recommendations and draft workplan to Committee for approval
- 26 February Committee response deadline
- 28 February Approved workplan + 3 funding options to Jack Woods
- 5 March Workplan presentation to Forest Genetics Council

NEXT MEETING: Fall 2003.

ADJOURNED at approximately noon.

Minutes compiled by R. Bennett