

Meeting Location:	Online
Chair:	Katherine Spencer
Minute Taker:	Jenny Taylor
Proof Read By:	

<b>MINUTES</b>		
<b>Members Present:</b>	Stephen Joyce (FIRM)	Hillary Graham (Select Seed)
Katelyn Hengel (FIRM)	Tia Wagner (VSOC)	Lance Loggin (WFM)
Todd Schmidt (WFM)		Dan Gaudet (VSOC)
Nicholas Ukrainetz (FIRM)	Greg O’Neill (FIRM)	Dan Livingston
David Kolotelo (FIRM)	Alan Rasmussen (BCTS)	
Scott King (LP)	Marie Vance (FIRM)	Trevor Doerksen (FIRM)
<b>Regrets:</b>	Richard Reich (CNC)	Neil Spendiff
<b>Guests:</b>	Marilyn Cherry (FIRM)	Amy Vallarino (FIRM)
Brian Barber (Select Seed)	Kevin Astridge (FIRM)	Sabina Donnelly (FIRM)
Kat Gunion (Forsite)	Pat Martin (FIRM)	Keith Thomas (FIRM)

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.	<p><i>Welcome and Agenda Review: Katherine Spencer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank you for all coming to the new platform so the 2021 meeting could happen online</li> <li>If it works well, it would be beneficial to consider online and in-person events in the future</li> <li><b>Motion to accept Agenda: Scott King</b> <b>Seconded: Nicholas Ukrainetz</b></li> <li>Approval of previous minutes will wait until edits are made.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Katherine Spencer will update the prior minutes with all changes and re-circulate to ITAC members.</i></p>
2.	<p><i>ITAC Membership: Katherine Spencer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walter Tymkow has expressed that he is no longer able to be a member and has requested that Neil Spendiff be added in his place.</li> <li>Katherine Spencer proposed removal of Walter and inclusion of Neil.</li> <li>There were no objections.</li> </ul>	
3.	<p><i>Jan 23, 2020 Minutes and Action Items: Katherine Spencer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are changes to be made to the previous minutes – approval will be at a later date.</li> <li>Process for new seed orchards – still in progress, and Katherine will update in the early spring.</li> </ul>	<p>Katherine to circulate updated 2020 minutes</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The budget ask for 2021 meeting was not required due to COVID restrictions and moving the meeting to an online platform.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><i>FIRM Tree Breeding and Resilience Program Budgets 2020/21: Keith Thomas</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This past year the program took a hit of \$500,000.00 and adjustments had to be made.</li> <li>Nick Ukrainetz worked with the Kalamalka scientists to determine the priorities.</li> <li>Moving forward they are requesting a regular budget, and will adjust depending on the allocation.</li> </ul>  <p>FGS_Interior Breeding_ITAC_Jan 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FGC Co-Chairs submitted a letter to the ADM in December requesting adequate funding for tree improvement. The LBIS group are evaluating proposals, and govt will not deliver its budget until April, so there is no expectation for answers for several weeks.</li> <li>Keith presented an updated interior breeding program Gantt chart that identifies approximate timelines associated with data collection and analysis, and release of new materials to seed orchards. These timelines are for future planning purposes and may be updated.</li> <li>Nick confirmed that Pli selections can now be made for other breeding zones, including forest health selections for BV and CP.</li> <li>The process for allocating new materials will be confirmed by FIRM.</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><i>CBST Species Plans: Kat Gunion, RPF and Brian Barber, RPF</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project underway to to create tools and information that parallel former hardcopy species plans.</li> <li>Information to be presented in web-based platform with tables ,maps, charts and graphs.</li> <li>Designed to compare seed use and production actuals and forecasts.</li> <li>Still working on Improvements and additions – Please contact Kat Gunion if you would like to contribute input.</li> <li>Will be presented at the SISCO event April 6-7, 2021</li> <li>The target date for completion August 1, 2020 to guide seed selection for 2022 seedling requests.</li> </ul>  <p>Species Plan ITAC Business Mtg Jan 21</p>	
6.	FGC Strategic Plan and Select Seed Updates: Brian Barber	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of the draft FGC Strategic Plan was provided – still in progress.</li> <li>• This year’s strategic plan encompasses 3 main goals – Conservation, Adaptation and Health and Productivity.</li> <li>• New FGC members – Gord Chipman (Small Tenures), Caitlin Harrison (BCTS Rep.) and Dr. Daniel Mazerolle (Federal Rep.)</li> <li>• All meetings for FGC were online this year; no fall field trip</li> <li>• Approved FGC Minutes can all be found at <a href="https://forestgeneticsbc.ca/meetings/minutes-and-agenda">https://forestgeneticsbc.ca/meetings/minutes-and-agenda</a></li> </ul>  <p>Barber FGC SelectSeed Update I</p>	
7.	<p><i>Safety Round Table</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID has had a big impact and created a large learning curve for the past year.</li> <li>• Alan Rasmussen noted that he was very impressed with the foreign labor workers and their commitment to safety, especially COVID protocols.</li> <li>• AGsafe Program has great tools for safety information and support.</li> <li>• Lance Loggin noted hazard assessments are available on-line in foreign languages.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><i>New Business</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Kolotelo mentioned that it has been a long time since a tree seed roadshow. Any ideas to be included for a new roadshow would be appreciated – send ideas to David.</li> <li>• It was suggested to break up ITAC Meetings due to Meeting fatigue. It will help to break up the workload. Perhaps have more outreach sessions throughout the year.</li> <li>• Nicholas Ukrainetz suggested to bring back species committee meetings</li> <li>• ITAC could utilize NCS and SISCO email lists to help reach out to the community.</li> <li>• Todd Schmidt recalled that in past meetings the group voted to adopt the budget as presented – To be consistent, Keith Thomas re-presented the budget numbers.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion to Endorse 2021 Budget: Todd Schmidt</b> <b>Seconded: Tia Wagner</b> <b>All in favor – Zero opposed</b></p>	
9.	<p>Wrap Up and Adjourn: Katherine Spencer</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online meeting format was efficient thank you for participation</li><li>• TSC Update was appreciated</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion to Adjourn: Keith Thomas</b> <b>Seconded: Dave Kolotelo</b> <b>Meeting Adjourned at 14:34</b></p>	
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