



Canadian Forum for Biological Control

Forum Canadien pour la Lutte Biologique

Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting
Canadian Forum for Biological Control
Sunday, October 19, 2008
6pm
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Ottawa ON

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Bruce Broadbent. 16 members were present, including executive members: Bruce Broadbent, Leslie Cass, Kevin Floate, James Coupland, and Michelle Roy.

1) **Approval of 2007 minutes.** By a show of hands, the 2007 minutes were accepted without amendment. Moved: Kenna MacKenzie, Seconded: Leslie Cass **Approved**

2) **President's Report.**

I would like to start my brief 2008 report with a thank you to our fine CFBC Executive, who represent biological control in 4 Provinces of Canada and from various perspectives [Federal and Provincial Governments and Industry]: Leslie Cass (VP), Kevin Floate (Past President), Gary Peng (Treasurer), James Coupland (Secretary), Michelle Roy and Tobias Langle (Members at large). We are part of the Forum with 94 members from most provinces in Canada and from Government, University and Industry backgrounds. We are all volunteers with enough to do in our daily jobs but we all share a passion to promote biological control in Canada.

Our mandate is 'to study, advance and promote/advocate biological control in Canada', so we are most active in organizing and sponsoring Symposia to this end. This year we were involved in 3 symposia: Nov. 1/07 Joint Meeting of the Assoc. of Natural Biocontrol Producers [ANBP] and the IOBC Global Working Group on Arthropod Mass-rearing and Quality Control in Montreal [Organized by the Biocontrol Network], 'Effectiveness of commercial natural enemies/microbials impact performance'; June 17/08 Canadian Phytopathological Society in PEI, 'Development of microbial pest-control agents-from research to application' [Organized by Gary Peng]; Oct. 18/08 ESC in Ottawa, 'Biology and biological control of established invasive plants in Canada' [Organized by Rob Bouchier and Sandy Smith].

Another major achievement this year was drafting changes to our CFBC By-Laws, to simplify them. Thank you Kevin Floate for your work on this over several years. In July 2008 Industry Canada approved our changes and now a final vote of acceptance is required.

I encourage all members to continue their support for the CFBC by renewing their memberships and please take part in the Forum's activities.

Bruce Broadbent, President, Canadian Forum for Biological Control (2007-09)

Moved Acceptance of the President's Report: Leslie Cass, Seconded: Neil Holliday **Approved**

3) **Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer's report (Appendix I) was presented by Bruce Broadbent for Gary Peng. Copies were distributed to attendees. By a show of hands, the treasurer's report was accepted without amendment. Moved Acceptance: Neil Holliday, Seconded: Rose DeClerk-Floate **Approved**

4) **New business.**

i) Revision of By-Laws. Bruce Broadbent presented the revisions of the CFBC by-laws [to simplify them] and stated that the amendments had been submitted to Industry Canada, Ottawa and had received 'Ministerial approval as of July 29, 2008'. The revisions were circulated to the membership for comment prior to the 2007 AGM via email on June 22, 2007. These actions followed from a request at the 2005 AGM that the Executive review the by-laws, propose changes as appropriate, and then send the proposed changes to the membership for consideration and finally a vote. Moved Acceptance: James Coupland, Seconded: Kenna MacKenzie **Approved**

ii) CFBC Dues. Kevin Floate recommended that due to our financial situation we should increase dues to \$20. This year dues will remain at \$15 but members can choose to pay \$20 if they wish. Moved Acceptance: Kenna MacKenzie, Seconded: Leslie Cass **Approved**

iii) CFBC Website. We need to upgrade the Forum's website. The website is hosted by the Biocontrol Network at: <http://www.biocontrol.ca/>. However, the link to the CFBC content is easily overlooked and the status of the Biocontrol Network's website may be in jeopardy given that federal funding for the Network has not been renewed. No movement on a website design has been carried out in 2007-08 though 2 students expressed a desire to help out on this project. It was decided to send a mail out to our membership to find a person willing to take on this project.

vi) CFBC Awards. There was quite an animated discussion on the way the CFBC Award for the best poster in Biological Control in Canada should be awarded and when and where. Due to the differences of opinion a Sub-Committee was setup to deliver several proposals to the Executive and members. The subcommittee members are Kevin Floate, Neil Holliday, Kenna MacKenzie and Sue Boyetchko.

[ACTION: CFBC Subcommittee]

vii) Venue for CFBC AGM 2009. It was recommended that the CFBC Executive follow up on this in a Conference Call early in the New Year. **[ACTION: CFBC Executive]**

iv) Other business. Newsletter - The *Biocontrol Files* was the quarterly newsletter of the Biocontrol Network, and was co-published with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the World Wildlife Fund Canada. However this funding ceased in 2008. There has been discussion with Dr. Les Shipp, the new President of the Nearctic division of the IOBC, that this could potentially be amalgamated with the IOBC newsletter. There was broad support for this initiative and a proposal will be made to our membership to comment on.

5) **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned as promised at 7 pm.

Appendix 1:

**CANADIAN FORUM FOR BIOLOGICAL CONTROL
Treasurer's Report**

Financial Statement for Oct. 1, 2007 - Oct. 19, 2008
[AGM, Saskatoon] [AGM Ottawa]

	Income	Expenditures	Balance
Income and Expenditures			
Balance carried forward Oct. 1, 2007			2829.80
Membership dues collected in 2007-08 22 members paid @ \$15 = \$330.00	330.00		
CFBC AGM Saskatoon refreshments Oct. 1		161.40	
IOBC/ANBP Meeting in Montreal Oct.31/07 sponsor of Symposium & coffee break		300.00	
Industry Canada Filing fee 2008 [June 1/08]		30.00	
CPS 2008 sponsored Symposium, Charlottetown, PEI on June 17/08		500.00	
Totals	330.00	991.40	2168.40
	Assets	Liabilities	Net Worth
Assets and Liabilities at Oct. 19, 2008			
Current assets			
Bank balance at Bank of Montreal, London [<i>no fee "community chequing account"</i>] with interest included	2169.78		
Interest earned [Oct.07 - Sept.08]	[1.38]		
Current liabilities		0	
Net Worth			2169.78

N.B. The CFBC co-sponsored Symposium on Biological Control of Invasive Plants plus coffee break \$350.00 at ESC meeting in Ottawa on Oct.18/08 has not yet been included in this statement.

Respectfully submitted on Oct. 19, 2008

Gary Peng - Treasurer, CFBC

