



Canadian Forum for Biological Control

Forum Canadien pour la Lutte Biologique

Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting
Canadian Forum for Biological Control
Monday, October 19, 2009
3:15 pm
Fort Garry Hotel
Winnipeg, MB

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm by Bruce Broadbent. 20 members were present, including executive members: Bruce Broadbent, Leslie Cass, Kevin Floate, and Michèle Roy.

1) **Approval of 2008 minutes.** By a show of hands, the 2008 minutes were accepted without amendment. Moved: Michèle Roy, Seconded: Kenna MacKenzie **Approved**

2) **President's Report**

I would like to start my 2009 end of presidency report with a thank you to our fine CFBC Executive, who represent biological control in 4 Provinces of Canada and from various perspectives [i.e. Federal and Provincial Governments and Industry]: Leslie Cass (VP), Kevin Floate (Past President), Gary Peng (Treasurer), James Coupland (Secretary), Michèle Roy and Tobias Längle (Members at large).

With 94 members in the CFBC from most of the provinces in Canada and representing Government, University and Industry, our mandate is 'to study, advance and promote/advocate biological control in Canada'. To this end we are most active in organizing and sponsoring Symposia at key Society Meetings. Last year we sponsored 3 Symposia but this year just the 1 Symposium this afternoon entitled: "Putting the 'I' Back into IPM - How to Integrate Biological Control Effectively in IPM Programs" with speakers, Michèle Roy (Berries), Imre Otvos (Forestry) and Hector Carcamo (Field Crops).

Les Shipp, President of the Nearctic Region of the IOBC has asked for our input at the upcoming Biological Control Conference in Niagara Falls, next May 11-13, 2010. Our Executive will decide if we will be a sponsor or organize a Symposium for this event.

In 2009, we voted in favour of changing and thereby simplifying our CFBC By-Laws.

There are many other things I would have liked to have achieved in my short presidency, but the salary was not adequate! I will leave that to the next generation – things such as a better website, a student poster prize, and better salaries for all the Exec!

As funding and hiring for biological control is diminishing in Canada, our role as advocates of biocontrol has become more important and more urgent! Please stay active in the CFBC and share your passion for the biological control of weeds, pathogens and/or insects.

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

Moved Acceptance of the President's Report: Noubar Bostanian, Seconded: Dave Gillespie **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: Michèle Roy, Seconded: Owen Olfert **Approved**

4) New business

i) **CFBC Dues.** Attention was drawn to the fact that the CFBC annual dues are now officially \$20 as of this 2009 AGM. A reminder for members to pay their dues will be sent together with the minutes from the AGM to encourage payment from a greater proportion of members.

ii) **CFBC Website.** Bruce updated the group on the new website which was put in place by Tobias Längle as a stand alone site for the CFBC (Thank you Tobias). This was seen to be a positive development, and it was agreed that the site would benefit from some design work and updated content such as the slide presentations from the CFBC symposium, if speakers agree to this.

The new website address is www.biocontrolforum.org

ACTION: Leslie to follow up with symposium speakers and post their presentations if agreed.

iii) **CFBC Awards.** Kevin Floate reported on the recommendations of the subcommittee which was struck following the 2008 AGM to look at this issue. Members of the subcommittee were Kevin Floate, Neil Holliday, Kenna MacKenzie and Sue Boyetchko. The following recommendations were brought forward to the executive of the CFBC in May 2009:

- 1) One award per year, for the best submitted poster on the topic of biological control, presented at any Canadian meeting (regional or national) during the period of consideration.
- 2) Applicants to email PDFs of their posters to the CFBC Secretary for consideration. A Selection Committee appointed by the CFBC identifies a short list of the top posters, based on content and layout. This Committee to compile a set of questions for these posters, which are asked of the applicant by the Committee Chair via telephone or in-person. Responses to be relayed to the committee members for final selection of the winning poster.
- 3) The winner to be awarded \$100-\$250 (CFBC Exec to decide) and have their name engraved on the CFBC Poster Prize plaque. A PDF of the winning poster be posted on the CFBC website. If possible, and for a period of one year, links to this PDF be placed in the Student Area web page for the ESC, the CPS, and regional societies as appropriate. The winner also to be announced via brief notices in the ESC Bulletin and other Society newsletters as appropriate.
- 4) The CFBC commit to funding the award for a trial period of at least three years. This will give time for word to get out.

Concern was voiced that the review and interview process may create a large burden on the members of the poster selection committee. The suggestion was made that all

submissions would be reviewed, and only a short list of the best would be followed-up with an interview to establish the best overall poster. Protocol is needed to streamline the poster award process.

The membership carried a motion to support the proposal in principle: Moved by Kenna MacKenzie, seconded by Michèle Roy. **Approved**

[ACTION: CFBC Poster Selection Subcommittee to be established]

iv) Venue for CFBC AGM 2010. Three options were brought forward as possible venues: the ESC meeting in Vancouver, October, 2010, the CPS meeting, also in Vancouver, in June 2010, and the IOBC meeting being held May 11-13, 2010 in Niagara Falls. It was recommended that the incoming CFBC Executive follow up on this in a Conference Call early in the New Year. It was also noted that a request made by the IOBC Niagara Falls meeting organizers for CFBC funding support would be considered by the new executive as well. **[ACTION: CFBC Executive]**

v) CFBC New Executive. Bruce introduced the slate of candidates (below) for the executive positions of the CFBC. He called for any new candidates but none were nominated from the floor.

Leslie Cass (President), Bruce Broadbent (Past President), Mary Leggett (Vice President) Gary Peng (Secretary), Antonet Svircev (Treasurer), Tobias Längle and James Coupland (Members at large)

Peter Mason moved acceptance of the candidates as the new executive for the CFBC, the motion was seconded by Lars Andreassen. **Approved**

5) Other business.

A suggestion was made to include a student representative on the Executive of the CFBC. The membership agreed to this idea in principle.

[ACTION: CFBC Executive to review Bylaws to determine if another Director at Large (2 year) position can be included as a means of establishing a seat on the executive for a student member of the CFBC.]

Suggestion to publish Biocontrol Files-type articles in the IOBC Newsletter or on the new CFBC website.

[ACTION: CFBC Executive to look into]

6) Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 pm. Move to adjourn: Owen Olfert, seconded Leslie Cass.

Appendix I

CANADIAN FORUM FOR BIOLOGICAL CONTROL
Treasurer's Report

Financial Statement for Oct. 19, 2008 - Oct. 19, 2009

[AGM, Ottawa] [AGM, Winnipeg]

| | Income | Expenditures | Balance |
|---|---------|--------------|----------------|
| Income and Expenditures | | | |
| Balance carried forward Oct. 19, 2008 | | | 2169.78 |
| Membership dues collected in 2008-09 27 members paid: 14 @ \$20 and 13 @ \$15 = \$475.00 | 475.00 | | |
| CFBC Symposium on Invasive Plants, Ottawa + Coffee Break at ESC on Oct. 18/08 | | 350.00 | |
| Industry Canada Filing fee 2009 [May 29/09] | | 30.00 | |
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| Totals | | | 2264.78 |
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| | Assets | Liabilities | Net Worth |
| Assets and Liabilities at Oct. 19, 2009 | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Bank balance at Bank of Montreal, London [<i>no fee "community chequing account"</i>] with interest included | 2265.59 | | |
| Interest earned [Oct.08 - Sept.09] | [0.81] | | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| | | 0 | |
| Net Worth | | | 2265.59 |

Respectfully submitted on Oct. 19, 2009
Gary Peng - Treasurer, CFBC