



Canadian Forum for Biological Control

Forum Canadien pour la Lutte Biologique

Minutes of 2010 Annual General Meeting - June 23, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by Mary Leggett.

1) Approval of 2009 minutes. By a show of hands, the 2009 minutes were accepted without amendment. Moved: Khalid Rashid, Seconded: Joan Cossentine. **Approved**

2) President's Report.

President's report was presented by Mary Leggett on behalf of Leslie Cass

It is my pleasure to provide my first report as President of the CFBC despite the fact that only eight months have passed since the last AGM of the CFBC, and I have been less involved in the planning for the current meeting and Symposium than I would have liked. Since April I have been away from the office on full time second language training, and I am very grateful to Secretary Gary Peng, Past President Bruce Broadbent, and in particular to Vice President Mary Leggett, all of whom have stepped in to keep the CFBC functioning in 2010.

At the 2009 AGM a number of new business items were discussed, and the decisions taken on these are summarized in the minutes of the October 2009 meeting, which were circulated via e-mail in December, and are available on the CFBC website. At the time of writing this report, several action items are in process by the CFBC executive (the web posting of presentations from the Symposium in Winnipeg last October, development of the committee and process for the CFBC student poster award), and the CFBC membership will be kept informed as these items are brought to fruition.

The membership of the CFBC currently stands at 114 from most regions in Canada and representing public and private sectors, and academia. In support of our mandate to advance and promote biological control, this year we have provided support to the IOBC (International Organization for Biological Control, Nearctic and Neotropical Regional Sections) meeting held in Niagara Falls, Ontario entitled "Biocontrol in the Americas – Past, Present and Future". In addition, the CFBC is hosting the Symposium which immediately follows this AGM, "If I knew Then what we know now" here at the Canadian Phytopathology Society meeting in Vancouver.

The executive is currently looking to fill a newly created place on the executive for a student with an interest in becoming more involved with the organization. If you are interested, now is the time to step up and participate. A process to fill this position will be held as part of this AGM.

Finally, thank you for your continued interest in and support for biological control in Canada. I believe that together we can make a difference in how insect pests, weeds, and diseases are managed for the benefit of the environment and all Canadians.

Thank you,
Leslie Cass, President, Canadian Forum for Biological Control (2009-11)

Mary Leggett presented the financial report from Bruce Broadbent

The financial statement can be found in Appendix I

We have dipped below 2K so we definitely need some new members at \$20/person. As you can see from the Report, last year [i.e. 8 months from 2009 AGM to 2010 AGM] we only brought in \$460 as income as only 23 members paid up!

The IOBC Conference was very successful with over 100 in attendance. We had our CFBC poster up there as well as mention in the program as a sponsor. The Industry Canada Filing Fee of \$30 is compulsory spending every year.

Our \$10 cheque for CFBC Google domain registration fee has not cleared yet, so the cost has not been included to date. Our Bank Balance generated only 18 cents of interest this year, but we do not pay any fee for this not-for-profit 'community chequing account'. Our net worth is currently \$1979.81

By a show of hands, the treasurer's report was accepted without amendment. Moved to accept: Karen Bailey, Seconded: Mary-Ruth MacDonald. **Approved**

Business Arising from the Minutes

We announced the student poster award and details will be sent to the membership this summer so that we can have submissions from both the Plant pathology and Entomology Societies. **Action:** Mary will ask the subcommittee to prepare a summary of the award and the procedure for applying for the award. They will also be asked to establish a judging committee

We had two nominees for Student Representative (their biographies are in Appendix II) Joan Cossentine made a motion that both applicants be accepted so we will have two student representatives. Mary-Ruth MacDonald seconded the motion. **Approved**

New Business

Several suggestions were made on ways to increase membership

- We will send personal invitations to join CFBC to all the authors of biocontrol posters
Action: Mary will go through the abstracts and compile the email list and will discuss the process of approaching them with Leslie Cass
- We will contact smaller companies that are involved in developing biocontrols and will also send a general letter to the Biocontrol Industry Alliance in the United States.
Action: Mary will compile the email list and discuss the process of approaching them with Leslie Cass
- We will send a personal note to new members. **Action:** Gary will compile the email list of new members that joined the CFBC at the Vancouver AGM and Mary will discuss the process for welcoming them with Leslie Cass
- The 44TH Annual Meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology will be meeting in Halifax on August 7-11 2011. We believed that CFBC should have a display at that meeting. **Action:** Mary and Gary will bring the suggestion to the board
- The next meeting of Plant Canada is in June of 2011 in Halifax. The members present at the AGM suggested that we should organize a symposium at this meeting. We would have to decide this soon as the organizers are developing the agenda. **Action:** Mary and Gary will bring the suggestion to the board

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Motion Khalid Rashid Approved

Appendix I. Treasurer's Report

CANADIAN FORUM FOR BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

Financial Statement for Oct. 19, 2009 to June 23, 2010
[AGM, CPS, Vancouver]

	Income	Expenditures	Balance
Income and Expenditures			
Balance carried forward Oct. 19, 2009			2,265.59
Membership dues collected in 2009-10 23 members paid @ \$20 = \$460.00	460.00		
IOBC Conference Sponsorship Niagara Falls [Feb. 2010]		300.00	
Sponsor Speaker (G. Harman) \$400US for CFBC Symposium in Vanc.,BC [April 2010]		415.96	
Industry Canada Filing fee 2010 [May 2010]		30.00	
Totals			1,979.63
	Assets	Liabilities	Net Worth
Assets and Liabilities at June 23, 2010			
Current assets			
Bank balance at Bank of Montreal, London [<i>no fee "community chequing account"</i>] with interest included	1979.63		
Interest earned [Oct.09 - May 2010]	[0.18]		
Current liabilities		0	
Net Worth			1,979.81

Respectfully submitted on June 23, 2010 by Bruce Broadbent [Past President CFBC] for
Antonet Svircev, Treasurer, CFBC

Appendix II Biographies of Student Representatives to CFBC Executive

Chandra Moffat

University of British Columbia Okanagan, Kelowna, BC

My interest in biological control first developed during my undergraduate degree at the University of Victoria. I completed two co-op placements with Dr. Bob Vernon at the Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre (PARC) in Agassiz, BC, working in wireworm IPM. I did my next co-op with the BC Ministry of Forests Invasive Alien Plant Program and participated in field releases of weed biocontrol agents. After finishing my bachelor's coursework, I returned to PARC to work with Dr. Dave Gillespie and conducted a project investigating the impacts of plant nitrogen on tri-trophic interactions in a greenhouse pepper biocontrol system. I presented the preliminary results of this work to the Professional Pest Management Association (PPMA) of BC in 2009, then completed work at the 2009 Entomological Society of British Columbia meeting and again at the Entomological Society of Canada meeting in Winnipeg. I was fortunate to win presentation awards on all three occasions. In the summer of 2009, I joined the Arthropod Biological Control lab at CABI Europe-Switzerland as a summer research assistant, where I helped investigate potential classical biocontrol agents for three pests of *Brassica* crops (primarily canola) in Canada. I began my Masters of Science degree in the fall of 2009 at the University of British Columbia Okanagan (UBC O) in Kelowna and have received an NSERC scholarship in support of these studies. My thesis investigates the ecological host range and host plant patch selection in the native European range of two candidate biocontrol agents, gall inducing wasps in the genus *Aulacidea* (Hymenoptera: Cynipidae), of invasive hawkweeds (*Pilosella* spp.) in North America. I am supervised by Dr. Jason Pither and Dr. Bob Lalonde at UBC O, and advised by Dr. Rose De Clerck-Floate at AAFC and Dr. Gitta Grosskopf-Lachat at CABI. I am an active member of the Entomological Societies of British Columbia and Canada and am volunteering for the upcoming joint meeting of these societies in Vancouver, which includes chairing the Graduate Student Symposium. I am very excited at the opportunity to serve the Canadian Forum for Biological Control if elected as the Student Representative.

Lars Andreassen

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I received a Bachelor's of Science in Biology from Augustana University College in 2004, then moved to the University of Manitoba to complete a Master's of Science in Entomology. Since 2007 I have been a Ph.D. student at the University of Manitoba. For both my Master's and Ph.D. I have been evaluating a European beetle as a classical biological control agent for the cabbage maggot in Canadian canola crops. Most of my summer research is done at the CABI centre in Delemont.

I have experience in service of the Entomological Societies of Canada and Manitoba, and look forward to bringing this experience to the Canadian Forum for Biological Control. I would like over the next few years to encourage more students to attend the CFBC meetings, as well as to do what I can to promote biological control in Canada.