

**Western Forest Genetics Association
Annual General Meeting
Corvallis, OR, July 21, 2005**

Minutes

Call to order at 15:10

In attendance:

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| Greg O'Neill (recording) | Jim Smith | Scott Kolpak |
| Sally Aitken | A Martin | Tom Blush |
| Glenn Howe | Rick Quam | Jessica Wright |
| Valerie Hipkins | Nancy Mandel | Dan Cress |
| Barry Jaquish | John Alden | Jerry Hill |
| Sara Lipow | Jeff Wright | James Brewbaker |
| Brad St. Clair | Bill Libby | Lauren Fins |
| Marc Rust | Joan Dunlap | Paul Stover |
| Richard Sniezko | Marilyn Cherry | Randy Johnson (chair) |

1. Minutes

- **Motion:** to accept 2004 minutes (Lipow/Aitken. Carried)

2. Financial Statement

Randy Johnson presented the financial statement (attached) which is relatively unchanged from last year. He expects the Corvallis 2005 meeting will make a profit of less than US \$1000.

- **Motion:** to accept 2004 financial statement, subject to correction of dates (Aitken/Lipow. Carried)

3. Election of executive

President: Greg O'Neill, secretary/VP 2004/05, will become president for 2005/06, according to WFGA tradition.

Secretary/VP: Marc Rust acclaimed

Treasurer (two-year term): Keith Jayawickrama acclaimed

4. Critchfield Award

Ann Willyard was announced winner of the Award for 2005.

- **Motion:** To state in the award letter that recipients are encouraged to present a paper at the conference they choose to attend. (Finns/Johnson. Carried)

Discussion: award will remain at US \$700 for 2006.

5. Poster Award

No students presented posters in 2005.

- **Motion:** To reduce poster award from US \$250 to US \$100. (Finns/Lipow. 9 in favour; 10 opposed; Defeated)

Discussion mentioned that posters could involve as much work and more expense to prepare, compared with an oral presentation. Also, absence of poster presentations was evidence that poster award should not be reduced.

- **Motion:** To maintain poster award at US \$250. (Cress/Aitken. 12 in favour; 8 opposed; Carried)

Discussion centred around the financial health and ability of WFGA to maintain the award at US \$250, and the need to promote the poster award.

6. WFGA 2006 Conference location

John Alden proposed hosting the meeting in Fairbanks with a tour to Anchorage. He needs to consult with others in Fairbanks to confirm his ability to host the meeting. It was also mentioned that Jeff DeBell may be willing to host the meeting in the Seattle area.

- **Motion:** to select Fairbanks as the preferred location. If John is unable to host the meeting, ask Jeff DeBell if he would be willing to coordinate the meeting in 2006. (Finns/Libby. 15 in favour; 2 opposed. Carried)

7. WFGA 2007 Conference location

Randy mentioned that WFGA has been invited to join SFTIC in Galveston TX for their annual meeting, June 19-22, 2007. He also mentioned that WFGA has tried unsuccessfully for many years to link with SFTIC.

- **Motion:** to join SFTIC at their meeting in 2007. (Libby/Rust. Carried)

Meeting adjourned at 16:35.