

MINUTES
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
October 27th 2003
Halifax, NS

ATTENDANCE:

T. Seaman	P. Gravel	F. Brudermann
R. Stewart	N. Banks	K. Archer
J. Mogan	P. Dandy	C. Wilson
R. Knechtel	C. Frohlich	M. Richards
P. Mason	T. Moryto	I. Jones
J. Quantz	L. Prendiville	
H. Pruden	P. Hattin	
J. Ruddick	B. Delbrueck	
P. Morris	T. Fitzgerald	
M. Straatsma-Rennie	M. Hollick	

STAFF:

H. Walthert
M. Duench

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chair N. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:40.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addendums to agenda, item #7 CCA Listed Items (proposed by T. Fitzgerald) and #8 Heat Treatment (proposed by J. Ruddick)

Motion to adopt agenda as presented by F. Brudermann

Seconded by P. Morris

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion by C. Wilson to adopt the minutes of the previous committee meeting on March 25th 2003.

Seconded by B. Delbrueck

CARRIED

4. BUILDING ENVELOPE RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

M. Hollick presented that the Building Envelope Research Consortium has folded and is now the B.C. Building Envelope Council. It is a volunteer organization and the address will be forwarded to CITW. Their first meeting is on November 15th and M. Hollick will report after the meeting.

5. NATIONAL BUILDING CODE 2005 EDITION

P. Morris presented that several proposals are going through the committee to either clarify (ex: termite zones, soil separation) or add (ex: marking) requirements where treated wood can be used.

6. FORINTEK TEST SITE

Power point presentation by: Paul Morris to update on the Forintek Test Site at UBC.

7. CCA Listed Items

T. Fitzgerald suggested that the industry should prompt PMRA on the definition of what can and can't be treated with CCA after December 31st 2003. Suppliers need to be telling their customers a unified message to avoid unfair competition.

There is confusion with respect to the PMRA list where CCA can be used ex: posts, CCA plywood in garden sheds, CCA grape stakes, lobster traps, etc...

Resolution is that CITW will hold a conference call to address a plan of action i.e. compile a list of questions and approach PMRA on a united front of suppliers and treaters.

J. Ruddick presented that the Use Category System has specifications on which chemicals can be used for each product. However, it was pointed out that it could take 3-5 years for the UCS to be completed by CSA.

8. HEAT/THERMAL TREATMENT

J. Ruddick presented a briefing on heat treatment that has received attention lately. There are developments being made with heat treatments, thermal treatments, and wood modifications, respectively.

In Europe, heat treatments are used for above ground applications and they do have a durability standard & use category system. In Canada, they are not in the standards.

Heat treatment will be presented at the AWWA meeting in 2004 in Vancouver. Members are encouraged to attend.

9. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Nil.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by M. Hollick and seconded by P. Morris.

CARRIED