

MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
Monday October 21, 2002
Vancouver B.C.

ATTENDANCE:

N. Banks	K. Archer	C. Baker	B. Burmeister
F. Brudermann	M.-A. Dalkowski	P. Dandy	B. Delbrueck
T.Fitzgerald	C. Frohlich	P. Gravel	P. Hattin
A. Hobbs	M. Hollick	R. Knechtel	B. Lucas
S. Marshall	P. Morris	J. Mogan	T. Moryto
L Prendiville	M. Prendiville	J. Rasmussen	M. Richards
A. Soltis	T. Seaman	M. Straatsma-Rennie	C. Wilson

STAFF:

H. Walthert
P. McKeogh

1. CALL TO ORDER

H. Walthert the acting Chairman called the meeting to order at 13:35. A round of self-introductions was conducted.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by J. Mogan and seconded by M. Hollick to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

No comments were made to the Minutes of last meeting April 12, 2002.

Motion by C. Frohlich and seconded by P. Gravel to adopt the minutes as presented

CARRIED

4. MEDIA ISSUES/CITW STRATEGY

H. Walthert and P. McKeogh briefed on the initiatives to continue defending against the removal of constructed CCA treated products. A strategy had been devised to convince municipalities on the safety of Pressure Treated Wood, this project was in the final stages before distribution. A second project was being developed to demonstrate to the commercial users our resolve to continue treating with CCA.

In discussion some members indicated that not all government departments had the same facts on the CCA issue. It was agreed that CITW would produce a document for all levels of government outlining the facts and present status of CCA and the transition to the new preservatives.

NOTED

5. ENVIRONMENT CANADA STRATEGIC OPTION PROCESS

H. Walthert reported that Environment Canada was looking to play a lesser role in the process and for Industry to police itself. He noted that this would be the best outcome for the industry and that members should fully support a form of best nine regulatory regimes for all preservatives old and new. He also stated that it might be best for an industrial user to take the lead within the process for the industrial applications.

NOTED

6. BEST PRACTICES – GUIDE FOR THE CONSUMER

H. Walthert led the discussions on developing a “Best practices for Consumer Information” – a guide aimed at the consumer. This follows on the CCA Consumer Information Programme introduced in 2001.

H. Walthert also presented to the members the Board position on the issue of a Certification Programme; and, distributed a new draft Advertising Code for comments.

NOTED

7. A. PESTICIDE ACT - CANADA

H. Walthert briefed on the changes to the new Act recently passed through Parliament. CITW has accepted a position on the Pest Management Advisory Committee at the request of the Minister of Health

NOTED

7. B. PESTICIDE ACT – QUEBEC

P. McKeogh briefed that Québec was in the process of submitting to the provincial legislature a new act that would effectively ban the use of lawn pesticides in the Province by 2005. While this is still in the development stages and it is primarily aimed at lawn pesticides, it was important to be vigilant on this issue to ensure that preservatives did not get caught up in the net. Members should keep CITW apprised of any development within their province or municipality that could affect our industry.

NOTED

8. HAZARDOUS WASTE REGULATIONS

H. Walthert briefed on the progress of the talks with CEA an Environment Canada on the new proposed waste regulations and the interventions made to the regulatory agencies.

NOTED

9. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

No comments were made.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by C. Frohlich and seconded by B. Burmeister to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED