

MINUTES
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday April 12, 2002
Ottawa, Ontario

ATTENDANCE:

N. Banks	D. Alexander	C. Baker	B. Burmeister
S. Côté	M.-A. Dalkowski	P. Dandy	K. Davies
D. Fitzgerald	C. Frolich	T. Gardner	M. Gauvin
P. Gravel	P. Hattin	M. Hollick	B. Lucas
P. Mason	J. Mogan	T. Moryto	R. Pastway
D. Phipps	M. Richards	T. Seaman	G. Stein
M. Straatsma-Rennie	C. Wilson		

STAFF:

H. Walthert
P. McKeogh

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman N. Banks called the meeting to order at 0810.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

H. Walthert asked the Committee to incorporate Items 5 and 6.

Motion by K. Davies and seconded by J. Mogan to adopt the agenda and change as presented.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of last meeting were not available.

4. BERC

M. Hollick reported on the continuing saga of the leaky condo issue in BC and recommended that it would be advantageous for CITW to clarify and maintain its relationship with BERC.

NOTED

5. CSA/ISO STANDARDS

H. Walthert reported on the conversion of the CSA O80 Standards to a use category system and on the activity on the CSA S406 PWF and the CSA A370.04 Wood Poles. H. Walthert also reported that the International Standards Organization (ISO) subcommittee under the committee TC 165 Timber Structures created to develop an international standard for wood preservation had achieved at the last meeting a consensus on the framework for the use classification guide.

The Chair N. Banks initiated a discussion on the treating standards for the new preservatives as it seemed that PMRA would require an assurance that a minimum standard of treating would be identified and regulated before the new registrations would be issued. Collectively all agreed that a treatment standard for the new preservatives would be beneficial, however, this may not be feasible particularly at this time as the data for Canadian species is not yet available. In any case, the suppliers seemed confident that they would have some laboratory data available for PMRA to allow the registrations to proceed. Subsequently, the pressure treated wood industry could discuss the viability and feasibility of establishing a standard when reliable data is more readily available.

NOTED

6. ISO WOOD PRESERVATION STANDARD

Discussed under item 5.

7. CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY PROGRAM

C. Baker reported on the consultations with CFIA for the possibility of using pressure treated wood for wood pallets in exportation. Countries like Europe have certification programs where the wood is inspected and stamped to make sure no bugs are present inside the wood and therefore exported with the containers. The question that is still under review, does the pressure treatment kill the bugs that are already in the wood during the treatment? Any regulation eventually adopted by CFIA would stipulate that the main aim is for the treatment to kill the organism. It is possible that wood may have to be thermally treated to kill possible existing bugs, as is required for some present shipments, at present further study and trials are required

8. CREOSOTE PROJECT

B. Lucas had made on presentation yesterday before the AGM on this project. No further reporting was necessary except to note that the video would be ready for distribution end of May.

NOTED

9. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

The committee noted the article “ Pesticide Approval Too Slow Say Growers” (attached) and indicted support for the position taken in the article that PMRA is too slow to respond.

The Chair, N. Banks, wished the members to note the requirements for building code changes as the new preservatives are brought into the market place.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by C.Frolich and seconded by M. Richards to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED