

MINUTES
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Monday October 21, 2002
Vancouver B.C.

ATTENDANCE:

N. Banks	B. Burmeister	F. Bruderemann	
M.-A. Dalkowski	P. Dandy	B. Delbrueck	T. Fitzgerald
C. Frohlich	P. Gravel	P. Hattin	M. Hollick
R. Knechtel	B. Lucas	P. Morris	J. Mogan
T. Moryto	L. Prendiville	M. Prendiville	J. Rasmussen
M. Richards	T. Seaman	M. Straatsma-Rennie	C. Wilson

STAFF:

H. Walthert
P. McKeogh

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman N. Banks called the meeting to order at 10:05.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair asked the Committee to add, between items 4 and 5 a presentation by Dr. John Ruddick on the changes affecting AWPA and how they will impact industry in Canada and the role of CITW at the AWPA 2004 annual meeting scheduled for Vancouver.

Motion by F. Bruderemann to accept agenda with the added presentation, seconded by J.Mogan.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

No changes were made to the minutes of last meeting.

Motion by M. Richards and seconded by M. Hollick to accept minutes as drafted.

CARRIED

4. BERC

B. Delbrueck gave a report on last meeting.

NOTED

4A. PRESENTATION BY DR. JOHN RUDDICK

Dr. Ruddick informed on the new changes occurring within AWP, particularly in reference to the new process to standardize the new preservatives. He also confirmed that the AWP 2004 meeting will be held in Vancouver B.C., Pan Pacific Hotel, May 16 to May 19 2004.

NOTED

5. CSA WOOD PRESERVATION STANDARDS

H. Walthert reported that CSA 080 needed to be amended to reflect the new preservatives. CSA 080 meeting was scheduled for Thursday. He further reported that CSA 032 PWF new edition was now available; and, that the standards for Northern Pine Shakes were being revised to address treating.

NOTED

6. NEW STANDARDS ISSUES FOR THE NEW PRESERVATIVES

H. Walthert reported that as stated under item 5, it would be necessary to include the new preservatives in the CSA 080 to complete the registration process. There were some serious issues with reference to timing for the new preservatives and approval of CSA amendments. Suppliers needed time to develop and produce the necessary data. In addition, the ordinary consumers have become much more aware of the composition of the preservatives for treated wood; and, PMRA has become much more involved in the process.

Dr. Paul Morris made the point that little was known of the efficacy and asked for more information and data on the new preservatives to be produced by the suppliers.

NOTED

7. CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY PROGRAM

C. Baker being absent, C. Wilson provided a synopsis of C. Baker's report via e-mail (see attached). It would appear that thermal treatment would become the method of choice for treatment of the pallets.

H. Walthert asked that efforts be made by those participating in these discussions to keep wood preservation as an option – not only heat treatment.

NOTED

8. TEST SITE

Dr. Paul Morris reported that the site had been graded 2 years ago, therefore, the sign shelter had to be delayed. The roof shingles test site was now 30 years old and had to be moved to the new site. New preservatives would now be included.

NOTED

9. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

There were no comments from members

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by C.Wilson and seconded by B. Lucas to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED