CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, welcoming the members and guests, inviting open discussion but noting that only members may vote. The Chair noted that the numbers of people present meant that the weighted voting used by FSC International may not be applicable at this meeting, but that voting representatives were present from each of FSC Canada’s four chambers.

Attendees:
Dave Euler, economic chamber
Brian Nicks, Domtar, economic chamber
Chris Henschel, CPAWS, environmental chamber
Arnold Bercov, FSC Canada Board, social chamber
Alan Young, Vice-Chair, FSC Canada Board, environmental chamber
Russell Collier, FSC Canada Board, Aboriginal chamber
Richard Brooks, FSC Canada Board, environmental chamber
Dick Kouwenhoven, Treasurer, FSC Canada Board, economic chamber
Gerard Szaraz, Secretary, FSC Canada Board, social chamber
Brent Rabik, Chair, FSC Canada Board, economic chamber

Guests:
Keith Ley, Domtar

FSC Staff:
Antony Marcil
Martin von Mirbach

NOTICE AND PROXIES

The Secretary confirmed that four proxies have been received and posted, one of which is held by the Secretary.

The Secretary noted that no requests for the presentation of Motions have been received at the FSC Canada office within the specified period.

The Secretary further noted that additional motions may be raised from the floor during the “Other Business” portion of the Agenda; they will be only briefly discussed and received for information and further action by the Board.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Secretary noted that the minutes of the meeting of the previous Annual General Meeting, held in Montréal Québec on September 29th 2006 were posted on the FSC Canada Website, and copies are available at the back of the room. No comments have been received.

A. Young, seconded by R. Collier, moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Carried.
CHAIR’S REPORT

The Chair referred to the written report in the Annual Report. The Chair further reported that markets for FSC paper are well established, and that we are making inroads in the solid wood sector. Leading companies can become regional catalysts in this regard. In the coming year FSC Canada will need to support new activities in that sector, while making sure that our house is in order. FSC Canada will be re-evaluating the role of National Initiatives as well as our relations with FSC-US and FSC International. This is needed in order to ensure a reliable revenue stream for FSC Canada.

A. Bercov, seconded by D. Kouwenhoven, moved that the Chair’s Report be accepted. Carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The President referred to the written report in the Annual Report, and further noted three additional points. Firstly, the paper market is growing hugely, which is resulting in a shortage of FSC fibre and the need to encourage companies to convert to becoming FSC-certified. Some potential applicants are dissuaded by the perception that the FSC process is “messy.” We need to counter that perception with the assurance that the goalposts to not move in unpredictable ways; that there is stability in the FSC system. Secondly, with the dramatic growth in the number of COC certificates it is becoming critically important to restructure our relationship with offices in Bonn, so that decisions are made as close to the client as possible. Thirdly, FSC Canada will need to become more engaged in the future in the enforcement of correct logo use.

A. Young, seconded by R. Collier, moved that the President’s Report be accepted. Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer noted that FSC Canada Auditors McPherson and McPherson have provided a report for consideration, covering fiscal year 2006-07, which was reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. Copies are available for anyone who wishes and the full report will be available on the FSC Canada web site shortly.

The Treasurer noted that during the past fiscal year, FSC Canada total revenues were $778,216 against total expenses of $776,341.

The Treasurer formally acknowledged our financial supporters – Alcan / FSC International Centre, an Anonymous Donor, Canadian Boreal Initiative, Domtar Corporation Inc., Ernst & Young, Forest Products Association of Canada, Ivey foundation, Metcalf Foundation, Michael dePencier, Natural Resources Canada, Ontario Trillium Foundation, World Wildlife Fund Canada – whose support has been instrumental in making FSC Canada the success it is.

D. Kouwenhoven, seconded by G. Szaraz, moved that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. Carried.

Appointment of Auditors

D. Kouwenhoven, seconded by R collier, moved the appointment of McPherson and McPherson as the Auditors of Record for the Fiscal Year 2007 – 2008. Carried.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
The Secretary noted that the Nominating Committee called for Nominations from the Members. There has been only one Nomination for each of the Economic, Environmental and Social Chambers, and no nominees for the Aboriginal Peoples Chamber. As a result, no election was required and the three Nominees were acclaimed for a two-year term starting from tomorrow’s Board meeting.

The Chair then welcomed the newly elected or re-elected Board Members:
   - Economic Chamber – Brian Nicks, Director of Sustainable Forest Management, Domtar Corporation
   - Environmental Chamber – Alan Young, Consultant.
   - Social Chamber – Arnold Bercov, Forest Officer, Pulp, Paper and Woodworkers of Canada
   - Aboriginal Chamber - vacant

These Board members will join the remaining members who are completing their terms:
   - Aboriginal Chamber – Russell Collier, Consultant
   - Economic Chamber – Dick Kouwenhoven, President and CEO, Hemlock Printers
   - Environmental Chamber – Richard Brooks, Forest Campaign Coordinator, Greenpeace

The new Board will be holding a regular Board meeting on September 29th, 2007, and in addition to the regular business new officers will be elected.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair welcomed members to bring and new business items to the floor.

R. Collier reported on a recent First Nations meeting in Prince George, where it was reported that the relationship with Tembec during the FSC certification process has been a lot of work, but it’s been their best relationship, and the participants at the meeting felt that they could recommend the FSC process.

R. Brooks said that there is a need for FSC to develop communications materials that would counter the arguments from other quarters that the three certification systems in use in Canada are “equivalent.” Antony Marcil responded that the Yale School of Forestry is developing a template that should prove to be a credible and independent comparison. Richard acknowledged the potential usefulness of this template but also emphasized the need for communications and marketing materials aimed at the customers who are the recipients of other misleading information.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next year’s AGM will be held at a time and place to be decided by the Board at its next meeting and announced to members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned.