

Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee meeting
Westin Hotel, Edmonton
March 19, 2012

In attendance:

Patrick Gordeyko, Chair and Northeast Region Representative

Lloyd Giebelhaus, Northwest Region Representative

Jim Duncan, Central Region Representative

Garry Lentz, South Region Representative

Don Dumont, Peace Region Representative

Geoff Thompson, Secretary and 1st Vice President, AAAF

Soren Odegard, AAMD&C Representative

Maureen Vadnais, ASB Program Manager, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development

Pam Retzloff, Recording Secretary, ASB Program, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development

Meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm

Don asked that the 2012 conference be an item added to the agenda. He moved and the motion was carried.

1. Lloyd moved to accept the minutes from the January 31, 2012 meeting of the Provincial Committee – Carried
2. Jim moved to accept the minutes from the January 31, 2012 meeting with the Minister of Agriculture – Carried
3. Correspondence
 - a. Pat acknowledged the receipt of the letter from Murray Greer appointing Pam Retzloff as the official recorder for the ASB Provincial Committee
 - b. Pat acknowledged receipt of the letter from the Department of Finance Canada acknowledging receipt of his letter of January 5, 2012
 - c. The letter from Alberta Transportation to Pat was discussed and Pat feels that the Alberta Transportation seems willing to work with us. He advised that if the Committee has any other suggestions on this issue that they can be forwarded to Tim Grant, Deputy Minister of Transportation. Albert Transportation would like Nicole Kimmel to work with them to put on some weed workshops. Pat said we need to keep working to get this issue taken care of.
 - d. Pat acknowledged the letter he received from the Northeast Director of the AAAF and advised that we should just keep trying to work through this
4. Terms of Reference for ASB Committee

One of the concerns raised was that the AAMD&C and the AAAF representative on the Committee do not have a vote. Pat advised that the AAAF member is not an elected official like most ASB members are and that agricultural fieldmen are staff of the municipality therefore they do not represent ASB members and should not have a vote on the ASB Provincial Committee. Their role of AAAF on the Committee is to advise and

share information on the issues affecting AAAF and ASBs. The perception of the the AAMD&C role is an information sharing role so should this be continued. Soren said he will get an official position from Bob Barrs, President of the AAMD&C and will bring it to the next meeting.

A discussion took place on the role of the Secretary and Recording Secretary and who was solely responsible for recording the minutes. It was agreed by the Committee that Pam Retzloff, as the Recording Secretary would be responsible for taking the minutes which would allow the designated AAAF member to take part in the discussion during the meeting.

A discussion took place regarding some of the sections within the Terms of Reference. These items will be included in the Terms of Reference and Maureen said she will have a final draft copy of the Terms of Reference ready for the fall meeting of the AAMD&C. The Terms of Reference will go to the Committee members and their alternates for their input.

5. 2% Liquid Strychnine

Maureen advised to follow the label and contact herself or Phil Merrill for any questions they may have.

6. Review of AAAF/ASB Provincial Committee joint meeting

It was agreed by the Committee that we should hold a joint meeting annually and the first night of the Provincial conference would be a good time as everyone is already in attendance.

7. Resolutions package items for ASB conference

Maureen provided the Committee with a list of items that should be included in the Provincial conference packages each year and the Committee said they agreed with the list. It was also agreed that Pam Retzloff would work with the hosting region and be responsible for supplying the required documents to the hosting region. Including the report card should be optional and decided by the hosting region as to whether to include it in the packages.

8. 2012 Field Visits

Maureen advised the Committee of the 10 regions selected for 2012:

Peace Region – MD of Peace and Birch Hills County
Northwest Region – Athabasca County and Westlock County
Northeast Region – County of Minburn and MD of Provost
South Region – Lethbridge County and County of Warner
Central Region – Camrose County and Red Deer County

9. Jim made a motion that the Committee support the letter that was sent to Minister Berger regarding the *Agricultural Pests Act* review - Carried

10. 2012 Conference

Don advised that he had received some comments that there wasn't enough agriculture content at the 2012 conference. It was agreed that these concerns should go to the Northwest region as the hosting region.

11. Proposed agenda for Business meeting

Maureen presented the Committee with a list of items that should make up the agenda for the business meeting held at the resolutions session at the Provincial Conference and a few additions were made.

12. Maureen advised the Committee that should would try to have the Report Card done in time for the fall regionals.

Pat made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 pm.