

Minutes
A.S.B. Provincial Committee
Room 200, J.G. O'Donoghue Building
Edmonton, AB

January 18th, 2011

Patrick called the meeting to order at 11:05am

Present for the Provincial ASB Committee:

Patrick Gordeyko - Northeast Representative

Garry Lentz - South Representative

Lloyd Giebelhaus - Northwest Representative

Joe Gendre – Central Representative

Mary Ann Eckstrom - Peace Rep – Joined the meeting at 11:50am

Soren Odegard – AAMD&C

Geoff Thompson, Secretary and AAAF 1st Vice President

Norm Boulet – AAAF President – Joined the meeting at 11:50am

Maureen Vadnais – ARD, representing Eileen Chauvet

Pam Retzliff - ARD

Introductions were made around the table.

1. The Agenda was reviewed and amendments and additions discussed were:
 - Item #10 ASB Checklist
Joe moved the agenda adopted as amended CARRIED
2. Lloyd moved that the minutes of the Nov 17th, 2010 meeting be adopted as presented
CARRIED
 - A get well gift discussion for Eileen Chauvet and her condition was reviewed
3. Order of Resolution presentation was discussed: Order will be: Maureen, Gary, Lloyd, Joe, Mary Anne, Soren
 - Noted that a 3/5 majority be required for Resolution #5 (Environmental Regulations on Crown Land)
 - Discussion on the Emergent Resolutions took place.
 - i) **Emergent Resolution #1**
 - Does not meet criteria for an **emergent** resolution
 - Is not under rule 4E – an Emergency of Provincial significance
 - If the sponsoring municipality wishes to meet with committee to speak to the resolution Geoff will discuss that with them
 - A 3/5 majority is required if they choose to bring the Resolution forward from the floor.

Joe moved to ACCEPT Emergent Resolution #1 “Return the use of rendering industry for dead livestock removal”
DEFEATED

ii) Emergent Resolution #2

- Is emergent in nature as the Bill is to be passed soon in Parliament
- Bill c544 is item that changed since Regional Conferences
- Requires 3/5 the majority to be accepted as emergent

Joe moved to ACCEPT Emergent Resolution #2 “Banning of importation of horses for slaughter”
CARRIED

4. Discussion for seating order at Resolutions Session:

As follows: Patrick, Geoff, Maureen, Gary, Lloyd, Joe, Mary Anne, Soren

5. Discussion items for meeting with Minister Jack Hayden

5.1 Pat - introductions & opening comments

- Thank you for support of the 2007 Tax Code Amendment resolution
- Merle Goode, Brian Brewin and Jeremy Robinson met and made recommendations to Minister
- Minister responded very positively to recommendations
- Sharing recommendations with counterparts
- Pat to ask for any other comments from Minister how to push forward to Feds

5.3 SRD Wildlife Fencing Report – Mary Ann

- Remind Minister that the report still hasn't been received
- Acknowledge that the request has been received and the Committee is still waiting for the report
- Some of material is being overused and needs to be replaced
- Elk are becoming a bigger problem further south
- Not enough fencing material was being received in some areas
- Timeliness of receiving product is part of the issue
- Mention it and request SRD report - bring to the attention of the Minister
- Ask if there is a need to lobby directly to SRD

5.4 Strychnine - Garry

- Emergency registration of 2% liquid strychnine for 2011

5.5 General awareness - Soren

- Clubroot resolution - general awareness and education for producers
- Also talk regarding Fusarium Action Committee (FAC) and having AAAF remain at the table
- Highlight BMP for fusarium and clubroom
- Tie into AFSC and premiums for crop insurance - testing and treating
- Make it mandatory for fusarium testing at seed cleaning plants for both mobile and co-ops
- Committee wants zero tolerance

- Communication from ARD employees
 - Hard to have consultation when information is not provided ahead of time
 - Do better job of communication both ways

- AAAF information circulated earlier
 - Fusarium Action Committee (FAC)
 - AAAF feels like they are getting shuffled off to the side
 - Commodity groups have indicated they don't want AAAF at the table - getting some push back
 - ARD wants AAAF at the table
 - Fieldmen need to remain at the table
 - 1 vote good, but they need to allow other fieldmen to offer information and direct the vote
 - AAAF Pest committee decides who is voting member
 - Regions choose person to sit on Pest Committee and then the pest committee chooses representative
 - Pest Committee meeting this afternoon

- Mistrust between the committee members of the FAC
- Important that AAAF remain strong at those meetings and a strong chairman is important when dealing with issues with industry
- AAMD&C could chair the committee so that it is politicians talking to politicians
- AAAF also needs to have policies and represent one viewpoint
- There is a strong message that ARD is not pushing AAAF away; commodity groups are pushing AAAF away from table
- Commodity groups want debate coming from one person

5.6 Wild Boar Program - Lloyd

- Thank the Minister for extending the Wild Boar Program

5.7 AESA/ASB Grant Integration - Geoff

- There was lots of concern how the Environmental Stream Funding was allocated
- Would have been better if divvied up equally
- Performance didn't count into the formula; there was no consideration of history
- Let people work as groups
- Concern is: merit based approach wasn't really followed
- Ask if this can be revisited in a year and make changes at that time
- Asking for input from ASBs and take to Extension Committee to make changes at that time
- Try to make changes in a year or so

5.8 ASB Act Review - Pat

- Ask for when the Act will be put back onto the Legislative Schedule

Norm Boulet- AAAF President and Mary Ann Eckstrom - Peace Rep – Joined the meeting at 11:50am

5.9 CFIA/OCPV informing ASBs of disease outbreaks - Garry

- Provide local people with information when outbreaks are happening

6. Fusarium Action Committee - Joe Gendre

- Education needed
 - Include in crop insurance was one recommendation brought forward
- Discussion about BMPs for Fusarium and biology of Fusarium
- Four recommendations going forward to Minister
 - Doesn't jeopardize zero percent tolerance with seed

7. Fines for Weed Control Problems - Clearwater County

- Tabled to our March meeting for more information to come forward from Jim Duncan

8. Meeting with AAAF – supper meeting with the Minister at Conference

- Meeting adjourned at 1pm – next meeting to be set to coincide with the AAMD&C Spring convention

9. Next meeting in conjunction with AAMD&C Spring Convention – Date and Time TBD

10. ASB checklist for Conference packages to be reviewed by Chairman & AAAF representative

Meeting adjourned at 1pm