

ASB PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Shaw Conference Center, Edmonton
March 19, 2018

In attendance:

Corey Beck, Chair and Peace Representative
Marc Jubinville, Alternate Northeast Representative
Wayne Nixon, Central Representative
Lloyd Giebelhaus, Northwest Representative
Merrill Harris, South Representative
Morgan Rockenback, Alternate South Representative
Randy Taylor, AAMDC Representative
Sebastien Dutrisac, 2nd Vice President, AAAF
Doug Macaulay, ASB Program Manager, AF
Pam Retzloff, Recording Secretary, AF

1. Call to Order

Corey Beck called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

2. Adoption of Agenda

Merrill moved to adopt the agenda – **CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

Wayne moved to adopt the minutes from the January 16, 2018 meeting – **CARRIED**

4. New Business

a. Meeting with Minister

Corey explained to the members what the process is when they meet with the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry later that afternoon. A discussion took place as to who would be addressing each of the resolutions when they met with Minister Carlier.

A discussion took place on the response received from AFSC regarding Resolution No. 6 – Review of Agriculture Financial Services Corporation Insurance Program and Resolution No. 7 – Crop Insurance for Alberta Fruit Producers and it was agreed that a meeting should be set up with the AFSC Board and a representative from the fruit producers.

b. 75th Anniversary of ASBs in 2020

A discussion took place on what could be done to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the ASBs and it was agreed that discussion should start with the AAAF Executive and then go to the ASBs for their input.

c. Fusarium graminearum Round Table meetings

Sebastien gave an update on the meeting he attended with 20 stakeholders and ADMs. He reviewed the survey results, role of the ASBs and Pest Act sections. He said a meeting between the stakeholders and ASBs should be held for further

discussions. He said the responsibility for the pest falls under the municipal umbrella and not the provincial umbrella and each municipality can create their own management plan.

Wayne made a motion to send Merrill and Sebastien to a meeting with seed producers – **CARRIED**

d. Correspondence

The AFSC response letter had already been discussed and Merrill made a motion to set up a meeting with the AFSC Board and a fruit producer representative to discuss the response to the two resolutions – **CARRIED**

ACTION ITEM: Merrill to set up meeting with AFSC and fruit producers.

e. Strategic Planning

Corey advised the committee that Maureen Vadnais had spoken to Marcy Sharle with Culture and Community Spirit to assist the Committee with their strategic planning possibly at the November Provincial Committee meeting.

f. Communication Strategy

Corey advised that Maureen has started doing research on what the best method of delivery would be for the Provincial Committee's communication strategy.

5. Old Business

a. ASB Program Review

Doug Macaulay gave the Committee an update on the upcoming ASB Program review. A discussion took place on what and what should not be included in the review. Doug said he was planning on doing an online survey with the Agricultural Fieldmen and follow up with round table discussions. Corey Beck will be the point person as the review unfolds.

b. Provincial Rules of Procedure

Due to time constraints this item was not discussed.

Merrill made a motion to defer this to the next meeting – **CARRIED**

6. Items for Information

No items brought forward

A motion was made by Merrill to recess for lunch at 12:10 pm - **CARRIED**

7. Delegations

a. Colin Piquette, Rural Caucus

Colin provided the Committee with his background and explained the role of the Rural Caucus Committee – they do not have executive powers. The Provincial Committee made Colin aware of the following items:

- Explained the role of ASBs and what they are responsible for
- Wanted to meet to make sure agricultural issues are acknowledged by Rural Caucus
- Explained the Agricultural Service Board Act to Colin

- There is confusion at upper levels between Agricultural Service Boards and Agricultural Societies
- Discussed issue about getting Agriculture into the classroom
- Discussed rural connectivity and linear assessments.
- Talked about the discontinuation of Agriculture Initiative Program.
- Updated him on the ASB Grant Program and the review taking place. How more funding is needed to help support the increasing workload of ASBs.
- Discussed the work that took place between ASBs, AAAF to encourage better planning by Alberta Transportation to deal with weed issues.

Colin suggested sending a representative from the Provincial Committee to the Rural Education Symposium. He also said that if the Committee wants to meet with the Rural Caucus as a whole to let him know. He said he would like to see the 2018 resolutions

ACTION ITEM: Corey will send the list of 2018 resolutions to Colin

The Committee had a quick debrief after Colin left.

A motion was made by Wayne to set up a date to meet with all of the Rural Caucus Committee through Colin – **CARRIED**

ACTION ITEM: Maureen to arrange meeting with the Rural Caucus and send pre information ahead of the meeting.

b. Keith Lehman, Office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian

- TB investigation has been wrapped up and a report will be out this spring
- Potential risk to cattle from buffalo - still being monitored
- Keith said he could work with Doug Macaulay to develop strategy to work together if another outbreak occurs
- Committee needs guidelines regarding carcass disposal. Keith mentioned there is a template for developing an Emergency Plan for Animal disposal that could be used.
- Municipalities would be willing to help on running pilot projects for Emergency Planning
- CFIA preparing a report on their finding from the TB work they during recent incident in southern Alberta.
- Keith explained the new prescription requirements for veterinary medicine
 - This was a Federal change
 - Done to make sure products are being used properly
 - If a producer and his vet have a strong relationship they won't notice much change
 - All medicated feed will be prescription

c. **David Feindel – Pest Surveillance Branch/Agriculture and Forestry**
Rudolph Fredua-Agyeman – Pest Surveillance Branch/Agriculture and Forestry

Jake Kotowich – Livestock Research & Extension Branch/Agriculture and Forestry

- Rudolph is a research scientist and gave a presentation on his recent findings with regards to Clubroot. He said he has identified the source of resistance and his finding have recently been published. He expects it would be 4 to 6 years before resistant varieties are available.
- Rudolph mentioned that it is the Grandparent of current Canola varieties has three genes that have resistance to clubroot disease. The current varieties only have one of these genes making them more susceptible.
- Enforcement of the *Weed Control Act* and the *Agricultural Pests Act* were discussed and David advised that Agriculture and Forestry (AF) can provide technical support but will not tell municipalities what to do
- Jake said there will be more effort from AF to engage in the policy side in the next several months
- Appeals to the Minister was discussed and Jake said we need to find a better way to handle appeals other than the Minister
- *Fusarium* was discussed and Jake said that over the next few months this will be a priority for the Minister and that ASBs will be actively involved in this discussion and that ASBs will here from AF soon.
- Jake advised no timeline yet for review of the **Agricultural Pests Act**

8. Next meeting

A survey will be send out to the Committee to determine the next meeting date which will be done by conference call

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 was made by Marc - **CARRIED**