

**ASB Provincial Committee Conference Call
June 5, 2017**

In attendance:

Patrick Gordeyko, Chair and Northeast Representative
Jim Duncan, Central Representative
Corey Beck, Peace Representative
Steve Wikkerink, South Representative
Elden Kozak, Secretary and AAAF 1st Vice President
Trent Keller, President, AAAF
Randy Taylor, AAMDC Representative
Maureen Vadnais, Executive Assistant, ASB Provincial Committee
Doug Macaulay, ASB Program Manager, AF
Pam Retzloff, Recording Secretary, AF

Pat called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm

Adoption of Agenda:

No additions to the agenda. Jim moved to adopt the agenda – CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes:

Clarification was made that Corey had moved to adjourn the conference call on May 2, 2017. Randy moved to adopt the May 2nd minutes – CARRIED

Previous Business:

- a. Letter re: Tax Treatment to Deferred Grain Cash Tickets Review
Maureen advised that she has sent an email to the address on the Government of Canada website. She said she probably won't get anything back as they were only asking for input.
- b. A discussion took place on seeding dates and how some areas are being affected due to the rain. Elden advised that Beaver County and the County of St. Paul have declared an agricultural disaster. AFSC has moved seeding dates for canola but Committee feels it won't be enough.

Review of Resolution Responses:

- I. Resolution 1-17: Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways -
ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE
The Committee will be monitoring the proposed plan but also feel that government departments need to be better at complying with the Weed Control Act.
- II. Resolution 2-17: Ensuring Competition for Seed and Crop Protection Products –
INCOMPLETE

The Committee agreed this resolution should be sent to the Competition Bureau for further information and Maureen is going to find out if a decision has been made yet.

- III. Resolution 3-17: Incorporating Agriculture and Agri-Food Education in the Classroom – **INCOMPLETE**
The Committee felt that there is a need for external organizations to have input into the curriculum. They will work with Karen Carle from Agriculture and Forestry and Luree Williamson from Ag for Life to develop a panel to provide input into the curriculum.
- IV. Resolution E1-17: Carbon Levy Exemption on Natural Gas and Propane for all recognized agricultural production – **ACCEPT THE RESPONSE**
The Committee felt the resolution was answered.
- V. Resolution E3-17: Eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis prevalent in Bison within and surrounding Wood Buffalo National Park – **UNSATISFACTORY**
The Committee felt this response focused only on Buffalo and not how this could affect the cattle industry. They will ask for further information on the strategy mentioned in the response and will also see if they can get support from the Executive Director of the beef producers.

Next Meeting:

Maureen is still working on getting a date for a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry. The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair or a pre-meeting if a date to meet with the Minister is set.

A motion was made by Steve to adjourn the call at 2:25 pm.