

Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee meeting
July 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm
Centennial Regional Arena
Brooks, Alberta

In attendance:

Patrick Gordeyko, Chair and Northeast Representative
Trent Keller, Secretary and AAAF 1st Vice President
Garry Lentz, South Representative
Cory Beck, Peace Representative
Doug Dallyn, Alternate Peace Representative
Soren Odegard, AAMD&C Representative
Jason Storch, President, AAAF
Lisa Rabel, Director, Northwest Regional
Elden Kozak, 2nd Vice President, AAAF
Roger Nakonechny, Director, Northeast Region
Jane Fulton, Director, Central Region
Sebastien Dutrisac, Director, Peace Region
Ron Bobocel, Alternate Northeast Representative
Maureen Vadnais, ASB Program Manager, ARD Representative
Pam Retzliff, Recording Secretary, ARD

The meeting was called to order by Pat Gordeyko at 7:00 pm and then introductions were made around the table.

Adoption of Agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda and Garry made a motion to adopt the agenda – CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes:

Corey made a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 9, 2014 conference call – CARRIED

Old Business:

a. Letter to the Fusarium Action Committee

The letter to the FAC hasn't been finalized. The intent of the letter was to complain about the voting procedure but didn't feel it would be appropriate as the Terms of reference do allow the Chairman to change the voting.

b. Resolution letters

Trent received an email from CN requesting more information regarding Resolution No. 1 and he has sent the additional information. All of the resolution letters have been sent to the appropriate people for responses.

c. Ministers Meeting

The Committee had hoped to meet with the Minister at the ASB Summer tour but this did not work out. The meeting will be deferred and will hopefully be able to meet with Minister Olsen and Minister Robin Campbell on July 28th, 2014.

New Business:

a. ARD and AAAF role/support for the ASB Provincial Committee

A discussion took place on several different ways to approach this issue. Jason suggested that the President and 1st Vice President could attend the Provincial

Committee meetings and also have someone within the organization take on the role of permanent Secretary. A discussion took place on how this scenario would work. Pat stated that the Committee is unanimous on telling the Minister to back off as the Committee is happy with the way things are now and the Committee sees this as a partnership and not a separate lobby group. Corey stated that the Committee is a tool for government and that the government should fund a position or accept status quo. **ACTION ITEM:** The Committee agreed that the next discussion would be with Jason Krips, Deputy Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development.

b. Suggestions on streamlining the resolution grading process

A discussion took place on how to streamline this process as it was felt that it takes too long to do as it stands currently. Jason suggested that the Provincial Committee and the AAAF Executive do the grading as a whole and come out with the final grading and report card at the same time.

ACTION ITEM: Provincial Committee will take steps to streamline the process

c. Minister meeting at ASB Conference and AAAF involvement

Jason stated that he would like to see more AAAF representation attend the meetings that the Provincial Committee have with the Minister. He suggested that the 1st and 2nd Vice President attend and if a new position is created within the AAAF, then that person would attend also. He felt the AAAF could provide support to the Provincial Committee on issues that are brought up to the Minister.

ACTION ITEM: Pat suggested this be put on the agenda for the next meeting as there were only three Provincial Committee members in attendance at this meeting.

d. Upcoming meeting with ARD and ESRD Minister and discussion topics

Discussion took place on the document that Maureen put together regarding what requests and responses on the resolutions were and what resolution responses should be brought up at the July meeting with the Minister.

e. New Clubroot Pathotype

Maureen advised the Committee that a new pathotype has been found in a canola field north of Edmonton. No commercial varieties appear to be resistant. A notice is to be issued to the producer. She advised that research is being done and ARD will be doing a major surveillance program this fall and a response plan will be put in place.

f. Natural Resources Committee update

Garry spoke to this issue stating that MLA Maureen Kubinec took Bill 201 to the Legislature asking for a .5% tolerance of Fusarium Graminearum. Garry took forward the message that the Provincial Committees position is still for 0% tolerance. The question was raised as to how to get invited to things in order to present their position as in talking to the Natural Resources Standing Committee. Garry said the Standing Committee will make recommendations to their MLAs.

g. Cleanfarms/new contractor feedback

Maureen advised the committee that she has been hearing some negative feedback about the new contractor for Cleanfarms.

ACTION ITEM: Maureen stated that if anyone is having problems with Cleanfarms to let her know and she will talk to Cleanfarms on their behalf.

Items for information:

No items at this time

Delegations (AAAF Executive):

This was covered previously

Next meeting:

The Committee set a tentative date of July 28, 2014

A motion was made by Garry to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. CARRIED