

**ASB Provincial Committee Meeting  
Shaw Conference Center  
November 14, 2017**

**In attendance:**

Corey Beck, Chair and Peace Representative  
Dale Smith, Alternate Peace Representative  
Steve Upham, Vice Chair and Northeast Representative  
Marc Jubinville, Alternate Northeast Representative  
Wayne Nixon, Central Representative  
Brenda Knight, Alternate Central Representative  
Lloyd Giebelhaus, Northwest Representative  
Merrill Harris, South Representative  
Randy Taylor, AAMDC Representative  
Sebastien Dutrisac, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, AAAF  
Elden Kozak, Secretary and AAAF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Doug Macaulay, ASB Program Manager, AF  
Pam Retzloff, Recording Secretary, AF

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm

**Organizational Meeting**

**1. Introductions**

Introductions were made around the table as there were several new committee members

**2. Election of Chair**

Doug called for nominations for the role of Chairperson. Lloyd nominated Corey Beck – Corey accepted the nomination. Marc moved that nominations cease and Corey was elected as the Chair of the Provincial Committee.

**3. Election of Vice Chair**

Doug called for nominations for the role of Vice Chairperson. Marc nominated Steve Upham – Steve accepted the nomination. Wayne moved that nominations cease and Steve was elected as the Vice Chair of the Provincial Committee.

**4. Committee Appointments:**

- a. Agricultural Plastics Recycling Committee – Wayne Nixon
- b. Alberta Game Management Advisory Group – Corey Beck
- c. Alberta Weed Advisory Committee – Lloyd Giebelhaus
- d. Alberta Environmental Farm Partnership – Steve Upham
- e. Clubroot Action Committee – Steve Upham
- f. Fusarium Action Committee – Merrill Harris

- g. Herbicide Acreage Owners Pilot Program – Corey Beck

## **ASB Provincial Committee Meeting**

**1. Call to Order**

Corey called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Merrill moved that the agenda be adopted – CARRIED

**3. Adoption of Minutes from July 26, 2017 Pre-meeting**

Lloyd moved that the minutes be adopted – CARRIED

**4. Adoption of Minutes from July 26, 2017 Agriculture Minister meeting**

Lloyd moved that the minutes be adopted – CARRIED

**5. Old Business**

**a. Federal Tax Reform Proposed Changes**

Corey gave an update on this and advised we need to wait to see what changes will be made – no further action at this time

**b. 2:17: Ensuring Competition for Seed and Crop Protection Products**

Corey gave an update on this and advised that no response has been received yet from the Competition Bureau so we can monitor the website for any further information – no further action at this time

**c. E3:17 Eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis**

Corey gave an update on this and advised that this needs to be discussed with the Minister of Environment and Parks. Doug said he could arrange a meeting with the Provincial Vet for an update if the committee wanted

**d. Review of work completed by Alberta Transportation**

Committee members gave a review of what they have seen in their areas. The comments varied from work was done too late, some improvement from previous years, didn't see anything different from before, seemed to depend on where you were in the rotation. Wayne made a motion to request a meeting with the Minister of Transportation in March of next year when the Committee meets.

**ACTION ITEM:** Maureen to set up meeting with Minister of Transportation

**e. Ministerial Assistant:**

**1. 2016 outbreak of Tuberculosis in Alberta**

Corey gave the Committee an update on this issue.

**ACTION ITEM:** Doug will ask the Provincial Vet what it means once declared TB free as far as market restrictions go

## **2. Rural Caucus meeting**

Consensus of the committee was to meet with the Rural Caucus. Merrill made a motion that a meeting be arranged with the Rural Caucus.

**ACTION ITEM:** Maureen to get information on the dynamics of the Caucus

## **3. BSE Testing**

Lloyd made a motion to meet with the Provincial Vet during the March meeting of the Provincial Committee

**ACTION ITEM:** Doug will make arrangements for the Vet to attend meeting

## **f. Meeting between Provincial Committee and AF Pest Surveillance Staff**

Steve made a motion to arrange a meeting with Jim Calpas and David Fiendel in January at the Provincial Conference to discuss support for municipalities

**ACTION ITEM:** Doug will follow up on this

## **g. Release of Wild Boar at Large Eradication Strategy**

Corey updated the Committee on the Strategy. It was agreed that at the Provincial Conference in January, ASBs should be made aware that after 2017 enforcement will fall on the municipalities. Corey will include this in his report to the delegates that he will be presenting at the Conference.

## **h. AF update of website about ergot toxicity for all livestock species**

Corey provided an update on what has been done to this point and it was agreed that the Committee should remind the Minister of this issue when the Committee meets with him next

## **6. New Business**

### **a. Bill 6 Consultation**

Corey gave a brief update on the consultations and that information and feedback on this can be accessed at <https://www.alberta.ca/farm-and-ranch-consultation.aspx>

### **b. Correspondence re: previous year resolutions**

#### **I. Grading from Yellowhead County**

The grading came late so this was discussed as information only

#### **II. Wheatland County – Carbon Levy**

Elden advised that the previous Committee didn't like the response that was received but it did answer the resolution so it was accepted. It was decided that a letter would be written to Wheatland County explaining the response and why it was accepted.

**ACTION ITEM:** Elden will draft a letter to Wheatland County

**c. Review of 2018 Resolutions**

The Committee reviewed all of the resolutions received so far and accepted all of them as written with the exception of two of the resolutions. Elden will ask that a slight wording change be made in the South Region resolution titled Crop Insurance for Alberta Fruit Producers and also in the South Region resolution titled Chemical Control of Wireworms.

Wayne made a motion to accept the resolutions to go forward – CARRIED

The order of the resolutions will be determined after the Northwest Region holds their Regional conference on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**d. Terms of Reference Review**

Steve made a motion to accept the Terms of Reference as presented – CARRIED

**e. Rules or Procedure Review**

Merrill made a motion to accept the Rules of Procedure – CARRIED

**f. Rat Control Program**

Corey provided information on what is happening with the program – for information only

**g. Support for Applied Research Association to seek funding from Federal government**

Corey provided the Committee with some information on this and it was agreed that a letter of support would be written

**ACTION ITEM:** Maureen to draft letter from the Provincial Committee to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry in support of Farming Smarter receiving funding from the Federal government

**h. Invitation to 2018 Alberta Seed Processors AGM (Jan. 17-19)**

This meeting takes place at the same time as the ASB Provincial Conference. Steve made a motion that a letter of regret be sent to the Seed Processors stating that due to the date overlap no one from the Committee can attend but would like to keep the lines of communication open - CARRIED

**ACTION ITEM:** Maureen to draft letter to Alberta Seed Producers

**i. Executive Assistant Attendance at Provincial Conference**

Elden updated the new Committee members on the role of Maureen Vadnais with the Provincial Committee. Travel expenses for Maureen to attend the Provincial Conference was discussed. Steve made a motion that all costs for her to attend be covered by the Committee - CARRIED

**j. Minister's Round Table on *Fusarium graminearum***

A discussion took place regarding the fact that no Committee members were asked to take part in the round table and using the Fusarium Action Committee (FAC) as an example. It was agreed that the Committee send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry expressing their concern as to why the FAC wasn't included as the Committee is an advisory to the Minister. Merrill moved that the letter be sent – CARRIED

**k. Agricultural Plastics Recycling Committee**

Randy updated the Committee on a conference call he had on November 9<sup>th</sup> regarding where the Recycling Committee is at this time.

**l. ASB Program Update**

Doug did an update on the review of the ASB Program. He advised that it is unlikely that we would get any new funding going forward but we could still do a review of the program.

The committee felt it was still a good idea to go forward with the review as it has been several years since the last one was done and it would be a good opportunity to let the government know exactly what the Agricultural Service Boards do.

**7. Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Provincial Committee will be held in Grande Prairie on January 16, 2018 at the ASB Provincial Conference.

**A motion was made by Wayne to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 pm.**