

**ASB Provincial Committee Meeting  
Westin Hotel – 2:30  
January 24, 2017**

**In attendance:**

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

Meeting was called to order at 2:45 pm

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Randy moved to adopt the agenda – CARRIED

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

Lloyd moved to adopt the minutes from December 8, 2016 – CARRIED

**3. Emergent Resolutions**

Emergent Resolution E1-17 – Carbon Levy Exemption on Natural Gas and Propane for Grain Drying – Motion was made by Jim to accept as emergent – CARRIED

Emergent Resolution E2-17 – Agricultural Disaster Policy – Motion was made by Jim to accept as emergent – CARRIED

Emergent Resolution E3-17 – Eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Prevalent in Bison within and surrounding Wood Buffalo National Park – Motion was made by Corey to accept as emergent – CARRIED

**4. Rules of Procedure**

**Changes to Regional Rules of Procedure:**

1.a.ii and 1.c – this is a wording change only so no motion required

3.c and d – Corey will ask the M.D. of Smoky River to make a motion on the floor of the conference for delegates to approve this change

5.a.ii – will be presented to assembly for information only as it affects the Peace Region only

6.b – change to “within 5 working days” from “immediately following” – Jim will address this on the floor of the conference

**Changes to Provincial Rules of Procedure:**

1.b – no motion needed. Corey will make a motion on the floor to accept all of the changes to the Provincial Rules of Procedure

**5. Discussion items for 4:30 pm meeting with Deputy Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry**

- a. Carbon Tax Levy – does not need to be discussed
- b. Carbon Tax Levy letter from S. Todd Beasley – Pat talked about the letter received but nothing to discuss with Deputy Minister
- c. Bovine Tuberculosis – Maureen stated there is lots of information on her Google site – nothing to discuss with Deputy Minister
- d. BSE – Committee to ask the Deputy Minister if the number of cattle to be tested has changed. The Minister mentioned this at the August meeting with the Committee.
- e. Clubroot/Fusarium – Committee to ask the Deputy Minister about AFSC saying that producers could use 5% infected cereals for seed
- f. Elk issues – Will discuss with the Deputy Minister
- g. Ag Plastics – Don't feel they need to discuss with the Deputy Minister
- h. Bill 6 – Committee to state they would like second round of consultation before it goes public
- i. Grant agreements – Committee to raise issue of needing more funding for the ASB Program. Advise her the program was to be reviewed every 5 years and hasn't been done since 2005.
- j. GMO alfalfa – will tell Deputy Minister that they don't want GMO alfalfa in Alberta and do not want co-existence plan to be developed with Ontario where they have GMO alfalfa
- k. 2016 Resolution Follow Up:
  - Assistance in Developing Relationships with other Ministers – Pat to thank DM for good working relationship Committee has with AF
  - Agricultural Service Board Grant Funding and Program Review – request a review of ASB program and increase funding for ASB program
  - Agricultural Pest Act – Ask if timeline for review is still in place and resolutions passed regarding Act be part of the review
  - Fusarium Graminearum (FG) & FG Management Plan – Steve to request update
  - Enforcement of Acts – to relate this to Ag. Pest Act discussion

- Vegetation Management of Provincial Highways – Corey to thank DM for providing the services of Nicole Kimmel
- Reinstate Funding for the BSE Surveillance Program – ask if this has gone forward to appropriate agencies
- Climate Stations – ask for information on number and location of new stations
- Bill 6: Enhanced protection of farm and ranch workers – Corey to discuss
- Elk Population – Randy to address with DM

Motion was made by Steve to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 pm