

Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee meeting
J.G. O'Donoghue Building, Edmonton
November 17, 2014 at 1:00 pm

In attendance:

Patrick Gordeyko, Chair and Northeast Representative
Jason Storch, President, AAAF
Trent Keller, Secretary and AAAF 1st Vice President
Cory Beck, Peace Representative
Doug Dallyn, Alternate Peace Representative
Jim Duncan, Central Representative
Lloyd Giebelhaus, Northwest Representative
Steve Wikkerink, South Representative
Maureen Vadnais, ASB Program Manager, ARD Representative
Pam Retzloff, Recording Secretary, ARD

Maureen Vadnais called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. She welcomed Steve as the new member and introduced him to the committee members.

Organizational meeting:

- a. Election of Chairman
Maureen called for nominations for Chair. Lloyd nominated Pat Gordeyko. Jim called for nominations to cease. Pat was elected as the Chair.
- b. Election of Vice Chairman
Pat called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Jim nominated Lloyd. Steve called for nominations to cease. Lloyd was elected as the Vice-Chair.

Appointment of Members to Committees

- a. Clubroot Action Committee – Jim nominated Lloyd. Corey called for nominations to cease. Lloyd will be the member on the committee. Pat will be the alternate.
- b. Fusarium Action Committee – Corey nominated Jim. Lloyd called for nominations to cease. Jim will be the member on the committee. Steve will be the alternate.
- c. Alberta Weed Advisory Committee – Jim nominated Corey. Steve called for nominations to cease. Corey will be the member on the committee. Jim will be the alternate.
- d. Alberta Environmental Farm Plan Partnership – the Provincial Committee is an alternate to AAMD&C on this committee. Pat is the representative and will remain as same.

Adoption of agenda

The Provincial Committee Terms of Reference was added to the agenda under No. 7 Old Business. Jim made a motion to adopt the agenda – CARRIED

Adoption of previous minutes:

Jim made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous committee meeting – CARRIED

Old Business:

2014 Resolutions

A brief discussion took place on the 2014 CN resolution. Jim commented that a better response was needed on the grading of the resolutions. Corey advised that he is going to have a meeting twice a year with the ASB Chairs in the Peace region to review the resolutions.

2015 Resolutions

The Committee discussed the resolutions and the following resolutions will require some follow up:

1. Preventing Licensing of Tolerant Wheat sponsored by Clear Hills County– consensus was that the Committee ask that this resolution be withdrawn
2. Pesticide Container Collection Program sponsored by Vulcan County and Flagstaff County – the Committee will recommend that these two resolutions be merged into one
3. Farm Property Assessment sponsored by Lamont County – the Committee will recommend that this be taken to AAMD&C and if not then the Committee will deal with this at the next meeting before the Provincial Conference.
4. Pest Control Act – Clubroot sponsored by Lamont County – the Committee will ask Terry Eleniak to provide more background information
5. Elk Population Control at Canadian Forces Base Suffield sponsored by Special Areas No. 2 – this resolution is Regional in nature so will not be presented at the Provincial conference.

A motion was made by Jim to put forward the recommended changes - CARRIED

All of the other resolutions received consensus by the Committee to move forward to the Provincial Conference in January, 2015.

Terms of Reference

Maureen reviewed the section of the Terms of Reference pertaining to the timelines and processes for resolutions. A discussion took place on some possible changes to the Terms of Reference. It was agreed that no changes would be made until the Committee has heard what the recommendations will be from Jason Krips, Deputy Minister of ARD.

New Business:

a. ARD support for the ASB Provincial Committee

Pat provided an update on this topic to new member Steve. Pat advised that he had met with Jason Krips, Deputy Minister of ARD to discuss this issue and that the Committee will hear from Jason when he joins the meeting at 1:30.

b. Fusarium Action Committee Report

Jim advised he had attended a meeting of the Fusarium Action Committee and provided an update on the meeting.

c. Fusarium (South region) – Steve brought forward issues that are occurring for producers in the South region.

d. Ag Plastics – Jim updated the committee on this issue. He said that the recyclers feel that a stewardship program needs to be in place to move forward. He advised there is a resolution coming forward to the Provincial Conference regarding this.

e. Meeting with Minister Olson and ESRD Minister – Pat said that the Committee needed to start preparing for the Minister's meeting and that the Committee would have a further discussion on items for the meeting at the conference call in December. He

said that the Committee usually only gets one hour with the Minister so items to be discussed with the Minister should be chosen carefully.

- f. **2% Strychnine** – Jason advised the Committee that in 2015 there may not be any 2% Strychnine available to the ASBs as there is a problem getting the raw product. He said Phil Merrill is writing to PMRA to try and deal with this issue. It was suggested that the Committee talk to the Minister to possibly speed up the program. Jason advised that the AAAF is meeting with the Assistant Deputy Ministers of ARD in December to discuss this. This will be an agenda item for the Committee conference call in December.
- g. **Aquatic Invasive Species – Inspection of water crafts**
Trent advised that this issue will be brought up at the meeting with AAAF and the ADMs of ARD
- h. **Growing Forward, Rat Habitat Removal** – Jason spoke to this advising that there are several areas with abandoned properties that are providing a habitat for rats. The suggestion has been put forward that Growing Forward 2 should provide money to producers to assist them with removal of these habitats. Jason said this will be discussed when the AAAF meet with the ADMs of ARD.
- i. **Motion to change Regional Rules of Procedure**
Corey brought forward a motion from the Peace region that a change to the Regional Rules of Procedure be made. Item 1.c would be amended to read “The representative (or alternate) shall assume the responsibilities of the chair immediately following the **conclusion of the resolutions session**”. Corey made a motion to take this forward to the Provincial Conference – CARRIED

Items for information:

No new items were brought forward

Delegations:

Jason Krips, Deputy Minister of ARD joined the meeting at approximately 1:45 pm to address the issue of ARD support for the ASB Provincial Committee. He advised that after the meeting he had with Pat Gordeyko he had asked John Brown, Acting ADM to look at a model for this that would work for everyone. He said John Brown has his staff working on different options and that they should have something for the Committee to look at before the Provincial Conference in January 2015.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Committee will be held sometime during the week of December 8th – 12th. Trent will do a Doodle Poll to confirm the date and time.

Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 pm