

ASB PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
J.G. O'Donoghue Building, Edmonton
August 20, 2018

In attendance:

Corey Beck, Chair and Peace Representative
Steve Upham, Northeast Representative
Wayne Nixon, Central Representative
Merrill Harris, South Representative
Elden Kozak, President, AAAF
Sebastien Dutrisac, 1st Vice President, AAAF
Maureen Vadnais, Executive Assistant, ASB Provincial Committee
Pam Retzloff, Recording Secretary, AF

1. Call to Order

- a. Corey called the meeting to order at 9:15 pm

2. Adoption of Agenda

- a. Steve made a motion to adopt the agenda – CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes – July 13, 2018 – meeting with Rural Development Committee/ASB Provincial Committee meeting

- a. Merrill made a motion to adopt the minutes from both meetings– CARRIED

4. New Business- Prepare for meeting with Alberta Seed Growers Association(ASGA)

- a. Maureen did some training with the Committee on the Agricultural Pests Act review and a discussion also took place on talking points for the meeting with the ASGA

5. Meeting with ASGA

- a. The meeting began at 11:05 and introductions were made around the table.
- b. Minutes from ASGA meeting are attached

6. Debrief from ASGA Meeting

- a. Committee discussed comments from meeting with ASGA
 - i. ASGA wants to remove Fg as a pest from the Act because they feel the Act is not flexible for managing Fg
 - ii. Seed growers feel they are being punished and losing economic advantage because they can't access new genetics or sell seed because the Act has zero tolerance for Fg
 - iii. Only seed growers are being punished by the Act because they must follow the rules
 - iv. Seed growers seem to be the only group with this perspective. Seed growers seem to be stuck on the concept that the province still has a zero tolerance policy for Fg and that policy comes from strict interpretation of Section 4 of the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation
 - v. Alberta is losing \$3 million dollars in research dollars annually

- b. Decided that needed to discuss with DM:
 - i. Common message of ASGA and Committee is that the APA needs to be reviewed
 - ii. Need to keep Fg on the Agricultural Pests Act
 - iii. Flexibility of Act in regards of enforcement
 - iv. Request Minister allow exemptions for research projects re: management and new genetics

7. Preparation for Meeting with DM Corbould

- a. Committee decided that the discussion items with DM Corbould should be:
 - i. Thanking the Minister for keeping the ASBs informed about the glyphosate tolerant wheat discovery
 - ii. Role of ASBs as advisory to the DM
 - iii. Fg and the Agricultural Pests Act
 - iv. Strychnine consultation
 - v. Resolution 2-18: Appeals to the Minister
 - vi. ASB Program Review
 - vii. Facilitate a meeting with the DM of Environment

8. Meeting with DM Corbould

- a. Minutes are attached

9. Debrief from DM Meeting

- a. New DM appears to be very engaged and it was a positive first meeting. Committee was encouraged that DM indicated to now wait for meetings to bring issues or information to him. The Committee felt it was a good conversation and that this was a timely meeting.

10. Clubroot Meeting

- a. Sebastien was invited to attend a meeting as part of the International Clubroot Symposium. He said that the researchers have found the genes related to clubroot resistance but that new resistant varieties are still several years away from being available and science needs time to catch up. ASBs need to continue to educate and do enforcement for clubroot to try to manage the infestations because Alberta's canola industry will be lost if clubroot isn't managed appropriately.

11. Meeting adjournment

- a. Steve adjourned the meeting at 4:20 pm.

