

**Radisson Hotel
Gateway Boulevard, Edmonton, AB
September 5, 2016 at 7:30 pm**

In attendance:

Patrick Gordeyko, Chair and Northeast Representative
Trent Keller, President, AAAF
Elden Kozak, Secretary and AAAF 1st Vice President
Corey Beck, Peace Representative
Jim Duncan, Central Representative
Lloyd Giebelhaus, Northwest Representative
Steve Wikkerink, South Representative
Soren Odegard, AAMD&C Representative
Maureen Vadnais, Administrative Assistant, ASB Provincial Committee
Doug Macaulay, ASB Program Manager, AF Representative
Pam Retzloff, Recording Secretary, AF

Call to Order

Pat called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm and welcomed Maureen to the Provincial Committee in her new role as the Administrative Assistant for the Committee

Adoption of Agenda

Two additions were made to the agenda. (1) Rural Acreage Owner Pesticide Certificate Program (2) Provincial Committee Administrative position. Jim made a motion to adopt the agenda – CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

Steve made a motion to adopt the Minutes from the June 17, 2016 meeting – CARRIED

Discussion items

a. Bill 6 Update:

Corey gave the Committee an update on the progress of the Technical Working Group that he sits on regarding Bill 6. He advised they have had 3 meetings so far and have run into some road blocks along the way.

b. Rural Acreage Owner Pesticide Certificate Program

Jim gave an update on the program and advised it is still in the pilot program stage. After the pilot program, Vivianne Servant has asked that Trent Keller send a letter to the Agricultural Fieldmen to see if the program should be opened up to everyone.

c. Discussion items for meeting with Minister

- Lack of responses to resolutions – Pat to lead discussion and request how ASB Provincial Committee can develop better relationship with other government departments

- ASB funding – Jim will address this
- Bill 6 – Corey will discuss progress and mention that no Agricultural Fieldmen were selected for any of the Technical Working Groups
- *Agricultural Pests Act* – Soren will address this issue and ask for an update
- Resolution 1 – Proactive Vegetation Management on Alberta Highways:
 - The Committee will ask the Minister to have a discussion with Alberta Transportation on this issue. The Committee would like to have a meeting with the Minister of Transportation at the fall convention of AAMD&C.
- Resolution 2 – Reinstate Provincial funding for Canada and Alberta BSE Surveillance program:
 - The Committee will advise Minister that the resolution response did not address the resolution
- Resolution 3 – Agricultural Plastics Recycling
 - The Committee will ask the Minister what his position is on this issue
- Resolution 4 – AOF for Agricultural Research and Forage Associations
 - The Committee will address this if there is time at the end of the meeting
- Resolution 5 – Climate Stations
 - The Committee will address this if there is time at the end of the meeting
- Resolution 6 – Compensation for Coyote Depredation
 - The Committee will ask the Minister to ask Alberta Environment to respond to this resolution and urge them to add coyotes to the list of eligible predators
- Resolution 8 – Species at Risk Act (SARA)
 - The Committee will thank the Minister for his willingness to work with Federal and Provincial counterparts on this issue
 - Committee will discuss with AAMDC at their fall meeting

d. Letter to Alberta Transportation

Maureen advised that she has drafted a letter to Alberta Transportation and that she will send it out to the Committee for comments. She advised that the responses from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and Alberta Transportation contradicted each other and also didn't answer all of the resolution.

e. Report Card

Maureen asked that each of the Regional representatives send her their grading as a region and a conference call will be set up to discuss the grading.

f. Terms of Reference

Maureen suggested that the Terms of Reference for the Committee should be updated to reflect the new Administrative Assistant position

g. Provincial Rules of Procedure

Maureen advised we need to make sure the current amendment is reflected in the Rules of Procedure. Pam will make sure that the most current rules are posted on the ASB Website.

h. Provincial Committee Administrative Position

Maureen advised that she will be sending in monthly activity reports to the Committee.

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm