

**ASB Provincial Committee Meeting
LSM Room, Entrec Center, Grande Prairie
January 16, 2018**

Attendance:

Corey Beck
Steve Upham
Wayne Nixon
Randy Taylor
Sebastien Dutrisac
Elden Kozak
Doug Macaulay
Maureen Vadnais

1. CALL TO ORDER

Corey Beck called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. Sebastien Dutrisac requested that the *Fusarium graminearum* article recently published in the Western Producer be added to the agenda as item (g) under New Business
- b. Wayne Nixon moved the Agenda be adopted as amended – MOTION CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Steve Upham moved that the minutes from the November 14, 2017 meeting be adopted as presented – MOTION CARRIED

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Correspondence

Maureen Vadnais reviewed the correspondence that had been sent and received since November. The Committee was not happy with the response received from the Agriculture and Forestry Minister regarding the *Fusarium graminearum* (Fg) round table representation and recommended that Maureen write a letter back to the Minister outlining the legislated role of ASBs to be advisory to the Minister.

MOTION: Steve Upham moved that the Committee respond to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Fg Round Table letter with a letter that includes a reference to the ASB's legislated role to be advisory to the Minister.

MOTION CARRIED

**ACTION ITEM: WRITE LETTER TO MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RE:
ADVISORY ROLE OF ASBS**

The Committee discussed that the Ministers needed to be made aware of who was appointed to represent the Committee on various working groups.

MOTION: Wayne Nixon moved that the Committee write letters to the Ministers responsible for the various working groups and committees the ASB Provincial Committee participates in to inform them of the ASB Provincial Committee's appointments to these groups.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEM: WRITE LETTERS TO MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEES RE: ASB PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED MEMBERS

b. Meeting with Rural Caucus

Maureen informed the Committee that she had been in contact with the chair, Colin Piquette, of the Rural Caucus to get more information about the Rural Caucus and that the Rural Caucus was interested in meeting with the Committee in March.

MOTION: Wayne Nixon moved that the Committee meet with Colin Piquette and available members of the Rural Caucus in March.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEM: MAUREEN CONTACT COLIN PIQUETTE AND ARRANGE MEETING WITH RURAL CAUCUS FOR MARCH 19

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Fg Survey

Maureen reviewed the online Fg survey that had been sent to the Committee in December for their input. The Committee was able to get internet access at the Entrec Centre and worked through the survey as a group to provide input on the survey. The survey was submitted online.

b. Western Producer Fg Article

The Committee discussed the Western Producer article that recently came out regarding Fg. There was discussion about some of the inaccuracies that were in the article and what the Committee should do to try to correct some of those inaccuracies. The Committee decided that there was not much that could be done at this point but that there was need to develop a Communication Strategy to try to be more proactive and get accurate information to producers and other people. The Committee discussed the merits of information act came out quarterly and considered what resources they would need to do this. The Committee decided that there is a need for them to do some strategic planning to determine how they can raise the profile of ASBs and develop a communication plan to be more proactive on agricultural issues. The Committee felt by doing this it may help them access additional funding.

ACTION ITEM: DEVELOP COMMUNICATION PLAN AND FIND A MODERATOR TO HELP THE COMMITTEE DO SOME STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Committee discussed the need for funding for the Executive Assistant position. The Committee was aware that the grant funding for the position would be ending at the end of

2019 and felt that the position had value for the Committee and that they should ask for an extension of the grant funding beyond 2019.

MOTION: Steve Upham moved that the Committee write a letter to the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) of Agriculture and Forestry and Murray Greer requesting an extension of grant funding for the ASB Provincial Committee Executive Assistant position.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEM: MAUREEN WRITE LETTER TO MURRAY GREER REQUESTING EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR ASB PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

c. Emergent Resolutions

There were no emergent resolutions for review

d. Approved Resolutions

Corey went over the resolutions quickly and the process for the resolution session. Corey reminded the new Committee members that they only had to read the title, therefore be it resolved statements and sponsoring municipality.

e. Provincial Rules of Procedure

Maureen reviewed the updated changes made to the Rules of Procedure and how to present it to the ASB members so that they could approve the changes. The Committee recommended adding the role of the Executive Assistant to the document. Corey requested that the document be turned into a "redline" document to share with all of the ASBs. The Committee agreed that the Corey would present the reasoning for making the changes and then circulate the "redline" document to all ASBs for review and discussion at the Regional ASB meetings. ASB members would vote on the final document at the 2019 ASB Provincial Conference.

ACTION ITEM: MAUREEN DEVELOP "REDLINE" PROVINCIAL RULES OF PROCEDURE DOCUMENT AND CIRCULATE TO ASBS

f. Terms of Reference

The Committee discussed the voting status of the AAMDC representative. The Committee reviewed the history of the AAMDC representative and the reason he was originally added to the Committee. AAMDC will take this back for a discussion item at their board level and the two groups can discuss the voting status of the representative at a future meeting.

g. Items for Information

Maureen provided a quick update on issues that the Committee has been working on. These issues included: Bill 6, Federal Tax Reform for Corporations, Bovine Tuberculosis investigation, Bayer-Monsanto merger and Wild Boar at Large Eradication Strategy.

h. ASB Program Review

Doug provided a quick update on the ASB Program Review. Agriculture and Forestry is currently developing an engagement plan and is seeking approval. Tentatively have

planned to do an online survey in the spring, set up a stakeholder group and then do face to face meetings in the fall/winter within each region.

6. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Wayne Nixon moved that the meeting be adjourned at 4:30. Next meeting to be March 19.

ACTION ITEMS

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