AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL May 9, 2014

In attendance:

Patrick Gordeyko, Chair and Northeast Representative
Trent Keller, Secretary and AAAF 1st Vice President
Garry Lentz, South Representative
Cory Beck, Peace Representative
Doug Dallyn, Alternate Peace Representative
Jim Duncan, Central Representative
Lloyd Giebelhaus, Northwest Representative
Soren Odegard, AAMD&C Representative
Maureen Vadnais, ASB Program Manager, ARD Representative
Pam Retzloff, Recording Secretary, ARD

The conference call was called to order at 9:00 am

Adoption of Agenda:

The items for the agenda were discussed and Pat made a motion to adopt the agenda – MOVED BY LLOYD – CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes:

Pat made a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 17, 2014 meeting – MOVED BY JIM – CARRIED

Business arising from Minutes:

- Pat advised that he had not done the letter to the Fusarium Action Committee yet but will finish it as soon as possible
- Maureen advised that a resolution tracking system has been set up on the ASB website

Resolutions:

Resolution #1 – CN Railways Weed Control

A discussion took place on the response to this resolution and it was agreed that this would be rated as Incomplete. The Committee agreed that the second part of the resolution had not been answered.

ACTION ITEM: The Provincial Committee will write a letter to ARD asking them to answer the second part of the resolution.

ACTION ITEM: The Provincial Committee will write a letter to CN and CP Railways asking them for a response to this resolution.

Resolution #2 – Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

The Committee agreed to rate this resolution as Accept in Principle.

ACTION ITEM: The Committee will send another letter to ESRD outlining concerns on how investigations are done and the timeliness of responses.

Resolution #3 – Elk (Cervus elaphus) Population Control

The Committee agreed to rate this resolution as tentatively Incomplete. If they can get more information on the number of actual kills then they will change the rating to Accept in Principle. **ACTION ITEM:** The Committee will send another letter to ESRD asking what the number of actual kills were.

Emergent Resolution #1 – Licensing of Glyphosate Tolerant Wheat in Canada The Committee agreed to rate this resolution as Accept in Principle.

Change in role of ARD with Provincial Committee:

A discussion took place on the change in roles of Maureen and Pam on the Committee. Trent said it is very difficult to act as Secretary and take part in the discussions as well as keep up with the duties of Secretary and do his own job at the same time.

It was suggested that another person from the AAAF may need to be appointed to help out but Pat wondered if adding one more person would be enough.

Pat suggested the Committee meet with the AAAF in the first part of June in Leduc to discuss this further.

ACTION ITEM: Trent will conduct a Doodle Poll to arrange a time for the meeting

Minister Meeting:

Trent advised that he had made the request for a meeting with the Minister in the summer but hadn't heard anything back yet. He said he has requested that the Minister and Minister Robin Campbell meet the Committee at the summer tour in Brooks.

Resolution Responses:

Trent advised he has not received a response from Rona Ambrose or Gerry Ritz for Emergent Resolution #1.

Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 am