

**Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee meeting
Shaw Conference Center, Edmonton
November 16, 2015 at 11:00 am**

In attendance:

Patrick Gordeyko, Chair and Northeast Representative
Trent Keller, Secretary and AAAF 1st Vice President
Cory Beck, Peace Representative
Jim Duncan, Central Representative
Lloyd Giebelhaus, Northwest Representative
Steve Wikkerink, South Representative
Soren Odegard, AAMD&C Representative
Elden Kozak, 2nd Vice President, AAAF
Murray Greer, Director, Agriculture Grants Program Branch, AF
Doug Macaulay, Acting ASB Program Manager, AF Representative
Pam Retzloff, Recording Secretary, AF

Pat called the meeting to order at 11:00 am

Elections:

a. Chair

Doug called for nominations for Chair of the Provincial Committee. Lloyd nominated Pat Gordeyko. Jim made a motion for nominations to cease and Steve seconded that. Pat was elected as the Chair for the Committee.

b. Vice Chair

Pat called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Provincial Committee. Jim nominated Lloyd Giebelhaus. Corey made a motion for nominations to cease – carried. Lloyd was elected as the Vice Chair for the Committee.

c. Committee appointments

Fusarium Action Committee – Steve was appointed
Clubroot Action Committee – Corey was appointed
Alberta Weed Advisory Committee – Jim was appointed
Alberta Farm Plan Partnership – Pat was appointed
Alberta Game Management Advisory Group – Jim was appointed

Adoption of Agenda:

It was requested that two items be added to the agenda and they were Clubroot and Ag Plastics. A motion was then made by Steve to adopt the agenda – CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes:

A motion was made by Lloyd to adopt the minutes of the October 1, 2015 conference Call – CARRIED

Old Business:

CFIA Ergot Awareness – A discussion took place on what awareness programs are available for producers and Trent included a link on the agenda for information. Lloyd felt it should be up to Alberta Agriculture and Forestry to produce fact sheets and pamphlets.

ACTION: Murray Greer said he will put together a package on what information is out there at this time and report back to the Provincial Committee

New Business:**a. Resolutions**

The Committee reviewed the resolutions that are to go forward to the Provincial Conference and agreed the resolutions were okay to go forward.

b. Meeting with new Minister (Discussion topics)

A discussion took place on what issues should be discussed with the Minister at the November 19, 2015 meeting. It was agreed that the Committee should state the importance of the ASBs across the province and the importance of the Provincial Committee as a voice for the ASBs. Some of the other major issues that would be discussed are Clubroot, Fusarium, wildlife compensation, ag plastics and vegetation management on Alberta highways.

A discussion took place on the vegetation management issue and the Committee agreed that a letter should be written to Alberta Transportation stating that this is their responsibility and that the partnership has been good in the past but will be a major issue if this is not rectified. Corey made a motion that the letter be written - CARRIED

ACTION: Trent will draft a letter to Alberta Transportation

c. Meeting with AAMD&C

A brief discussion took place on the items that will be discussed at the meeting with AAMD&C at 3:30

d. Committee member terms

Jim raised the issue of whether or not the two year term for the Committee members should be staggered. It was agreed by all to leave it as a two year term.

e. Committee Terms of Reference

A discussion took place on whether the alternates on the Committee should attend all of the Provincial Committee meetings. It was agreed that they would attend the meeting with AAMD&C and the meeting at the Provincial Conference in January. The Committee representatives will send out an invitation to the alternates to attend the meeting at the Provincial Conference.

A discussion took place on some minor changes that need to be made to the Terms of Reference. Pam said she would make the changes and email the revised TOR to the Committee. Steve made a motion to amend the TOR – CARRIED

f. Jason Krips/DM changes

A discussion took place regarding the replacement of Jason Krips with the new Deputy Minister Bev Yee. Pat suggested a letter of welcome be sent to Bev Yee from the Provincial Committee. A motion was made by Jim to do this – CARRIED

ACTION: Trent will draft a letter to Deputy Minister Bev Yee.

g. Letter from John Brown re: AF role on Committee

The Committee felt that the conditions on the letter had been met but the funding issue has not been agreed on. The Committee went to an in camera session at this time and Doug, Murray, Pam and Eldon left the meeting.

The meeting resumed with all attendees and the Committee stated that they need to receive \$30,000 for the next five years to support a part time position.

ACTION: Murray said he will take this to the Department (AF) and have something for the Committee at the meeting at the Provincial Conference.

h. Alberta Beef Producers

Soren reported on a meeting he had attended with the Alberta Game Management Committee at the request of Alberta Beef Producers. Pat said he will send an email stating that he is willing to participate in information sessions.

i. Clubroot

Steve asked if there was any protocol in place for cleaning equipment before it is moved. A discussion took place on different methods that are being used and it was stated that this should be discussed by the Clubroot Action Committee.

j. Ag Plastics

The ASB Provincial Committee and the AAMD&C will be sending correspondence to stake holders supporting a stewardship program.

Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 pm – CARRIED

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AAMD&C:

Al Kemmere, President
Carolyn Kolebaba, Vice President
Bob Jones, Director
Earl Graham, Director
John Whaley, Director
Tom Burton, Director
Sored Odegard, Director
Gerald Rhodes, Director
Tasha Blumenthal, Policy Analyst

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 and introductions were made around the table.

Adoption of Minutes:

There were no changes to the minutes of January 23, 2015.

New Business:

a. Resolutions

Al Kemmere stated that AAMD&C and Provincial Committee will collaborate on resolutions. He updated the group on the CN weeds issue and advised that the ASBs have authority to go onto the railways and that they can bill the railway if they don't control the weeds. A discussion took place on the 2014 ASB resolutions and AAMD&C provided the Committee with a copy on active resolutions that they are dealing with. Tasha explained the change in status they have done on grading of their resolutions.

b. Terms of Reference

Everyone agreed the TOR were good and that they define the roles in collaboration.

c. Plastics Recycling

Al explained that letters have gone out to industry but nothing has come back yet. He said that Agriculture and Forestry and Environment and Parks need to be on side for a stewardship program.

d. Alberta Transportation

Pat stated that the relationship with Alberta Transportation has eroded over the years and will ask the Minister to take this to the Transportation Minister.

ACTION: Trent will survey ASBs as to how many weed notices have been given out.

e. Meetings with new Minister

Al shared his thoughts on his meetings with the new Minister and said he is up to speed but still has lots to learn. He said the new governments philosophy is to go green.

f. Farm labour, OH&S exemption

Al stated the government has engaged with 19 sectors of the agriculture industry but doesn't know where this will go yet.

g. Grazing Leases

Jim asked if the government is going to review this and Al said that it is still being talked about.

h. AFSC – Agricultural disasters

Al stated that AFSC is trying to pull together representation on how to deal with Ag disasters and a meeting has been set for December 15, 2015.

Next meeting:

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at the Provincial Conference in January 2016 if there are any agenda issues to discuss and that the meeting would be 1 ½ hours instead of 1 hour. Trent will also try to set up a meeting in January with the Agriculture and Forestry and Environment and Parks Ministers.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm