

**ASB Provincial Committee Conference Call
May 2, 2017**

In attendance:

Patrick Gordeyko, Chair and Northeast Representative
Jim Duncan, Central Representative
Corey Beck, Peace Representative
Lloyd Giebelhaus, Northwest Representative
Steve Wikkerink, South Representative
Elden Kozak, Secretary and AAAF 1st Vice President
Maureen Vadnais, Executive Assistant, ASB Provincial Committee
Doug Macaulay, ASB Program Manager, AF
Pam Retzloff, Recording Secretary, AF
Perry Abramenko, Inspector, Lethbridge

Pat called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm

Adoption of Agenda:

One item was added to the agenda (AFSC). Jim moved to adopt the agenda – CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes:

Corey moved to adopt the minutes from the March 20, 2017 meeting – CARRIED

Discussion Items:

a. ASB Program Updates

Doug advised that the new grant agreements for the 2017-2019 program will go out to the ASBs in the next week or two. The Legislative funding stream amounts will be the same as the previous program and Dale Chrapko has sent out letters to those receiving Environmental funding with the dollar amounts. ASBs may also contact Dale or Scott McKie directly to know amount awarded for EFS.

b. Wild Boar Program Review

Doug advised that the Wild Boar at Large Bounty Program has been extended for three months while a program review is done. Perry Abramenko is leading the group doing the review and have developed a strategy. Perry outlined the strategy plan. He advised that he has consulted with the United States Department of Agriculture on their bounty programs and discussed the problems associated with a bounty program. A report will be sent to the Minister after the review is complete and a decision will be made as to where to go from here. Doug asked the group for their input on the following five questions:

1. Is the program meeting the original purpose for controlling boars?
The Committee felt that eradication is not happening

2. How does the program align with other Provincial projects?
The Committee advised that some areas have Wolf and Coyote bounty programs and that there are municipalities that have contributed additional funds to increase the amount a hunter receives for each pair of ears turned in.
3. How familiar are they with the Pilot eradication program?
Maureen said that the information on this had been circulated so most people should be aware of it
4. Would you support more programming for Wild Boar at Large?
The Committee doesn't want to have other programs defunded in order to have another program. They also felt that the public needed to be educated on disease potential and agreed that something needs to be done.
5. How do you feel about the current administration of the bounty program?
The Committee agreed that the process is very simple.

The Committee requested to see the report once it was completed in late June. Doug replied that he would have to get approval from the ADM to release the report.

c. Resolution Response Review

Maureen updated the Committee on the status of the resolution responses that haven't been received yet. The Committee will wait until May 25 and then review and grade the responses. A conference call will be scheduled for the last week of May.

d. Agricultural Policy Framework Engagement Survey

Maureen advised that the survey is open until May 8th if the Committee wanted to comment on it. The Committee agreed that it would be better for them to do the survey individually rather than as a group.

e. Tax Treatment to Deferred Grain Cash Tickets Review

Maureen advised that the consultation is open until May 24th and asked if they Committee would like to send a letter stating that they are in favor of the tax deferral process. Corey moved that a letter be written stating the Committee supports the program as it is now.

ACTION ITEM: Maureen will write a letter and circulate to the Committee before she sends it out.

f. AFSC – prerequisite to harvesting crops in fields

Lloyd advised that AFSC should be contacted in order to get them out to inspect the fields. AFSC is not requiring fields to be harvested but farmers still need to contact an adjuster to come out so that a decision can be made.

The next meeting will be held in late May or early June. Jim reminded the Committee that the FCM meetings will be held in Ottawa May 31 – June 5 so to try to arrange a conference call prior to that.

Pat asked Corey if there were any updates on the Bill 6 working groups. Corey replied that there was no new information.

Pat recommended that the Committee wait until May 25 for responses and then move forward with grading them. Maureen will schedule a conference call after May 25 or earlier if responses are received.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm. Corey made a motion to adjourn.

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