



Alfalfa Seed Commission (Alberta)

July 10, 2018

MHC Brooks Campus

Meeting called to order @ 9:05am

Present: Brian Slenders, Chad Skrove, Bruce Balog, Brad Alexander, Ben Dyck, Bill Dickinson, Alex Geerligs, Jodi Niznik.

Secretaries Report: Minutes read by Jodi – Amend spelling of Ron Pidskalny-

Financial/GM Report: Still some issues with the carryover from the 2016/2017 books, but needs to be cleared up by the accountant. Books reconciled to June 30/18.

To date there are 10 levy refund applications for the 2017 crop year

Still waiting on a few statements from seed companies to come in yet

Reconfirming Summer Tour details with everyone necessary. Agenda and map will be sent out by email as soon as it's finalized and approved today.

Discussion regarding producers still not having been paid for their seed contracts, and seed not yet picked up; what might be the reasons for this delay.

Ben Dyck moves that the Minutes & Financial Report be adopted; Bill D. 2nds; all in favor

Brad's Report: Included

Suggested to check on the PH levels of the water being used for the Weevil Trial

Red Dragon is showing some bigger post issues from the burning than was realized, shown from the drone photos over Fred Preston's trial. Discussions regarding the compensation for yield loss and crop detriment not being enough. It was felt that because there was evidence of more severe damage that the growers should be compensated more or we will face difficulties getting growers to participate in trials in the future. Discussions regarding the results showing that the burning was hurting more than speculated and continue to monitor for next year as well.

Brad to call and cancel the propane rental with CO-OP and have it picked up.

Chad moves that we pay another year of compensation of \$1000 each to Vern Dyck, Ben Dyck, Fred Preston & Richard Braul for the damages from Red Dragon Trials; Bill D 2nds, all in favor.

Discussions surrounding purchase of a weigh wagon to monitor yields coming off the fields to get better accuracy of results from trials. Brian looking into costs and sizes of wagons for purchase.

Summer Tour: Plans falling into place. Advertisements have been sent to 4 papers.

Cervus sending combine and Zach Martin to speak before lunch; about 40 min.

Case will speak after lunch, Brian to get presenter name to us

Waiting to hear on time we can get into the Silver Sage on Monday, Jodi will text everyone once she hears.

Frontier Signworks – drone photos on corrugated cardboard – better for looking at in the field.

Annual Report : Brian will forward his comments, Brad still to get reports to Jodi

Research: Bee Candy appears to be working better but could still be smaller in size; more like a honeybee cake but the bees are using it

Vapona Monitor – Danika and Brad to make a decision regarding the regulator purchase from Concept Controls and have it ordered.

Danika is working to learn the machine better. Getting inconsistent readings in rooms where there is full usage. Suggested she be doing readings with heat monitors as well and checking the effects regarding the temperature and chemical levels.

Gibrillic Acid – Discussions regarding liquid vs granular. Which is best depends on what it's being used for and the stage purpose it is being used at.

New Business:

Constitution Review

Discussions regarding the challenges in delay of getting names of members to lists especially with new contracts. Suggested to have the seed companies provide a list in the fall of their new contracts by December 1st

***Change to Alfalfa Seed Commission Regulation 4 – Dealer Submission of Service Change 5 a-h new contracts and email address provisions *** Jodi will contact Reuben with changes.

Discussions regarding board term limits – should they be longer, challenges with so much research and knowledge to be understood when a new member starts that it feels like you spend the first 1-2 years getting going. Suggestion made to bring on “board trainee” for a year and have them sit in in a non-voting position learning the ropes before becoming a full member. Not something we would write into regulations, just start doing it.

Also suggested putting together a new director package, 5-10 page handbook that helps get people up to speed faster. Include last year's minutes, Brad's reports, anything that helps them catch up to where we working faster.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am by Alex.

Next Meeting August 2nd, 2018 @ 9am MHC.