



Alfalfa Seed Commission (Alberta)
Annual General Meeting
March 27, 2019 – Cassils Community Center

Meeting was called to order @ 11:07am

1. Gordon Frank was nominated as meeting Chair & accepts
2. Bill Dickinson moved that the agenda be adopted; Alex Geerligs 2nd; motion carried
3. **Minutes** from the 2018 ASCA AGM were read by Greg Klassen. Minutes were adopted by Chad Skrove; Dan Loewen 2^{nds}; motion carried.
4. **Presidents Report** was given by Brian Slenders and will be included in the Annual Report. Brian moves that his report be adopted; Greg Klassen 2^{nds}; motion carried.
5. **Manager's Report** was given by Research & Extension Manager Brad Alexander. Brad reported that the new government funding model finally came out close to the end of the year and there is now a focus on environmental impact that has to be worked into the funding model.
Looking to develop an App with a growing degree day model that producers can access. He continues to do his extension and outreach activities to the various expos and schools around the province. Below listed are the projects currently in the works at the Commission.
 - Soil/water Project
 - Olds Weevil Project
 - Drone Project
 - Mutagenesis Project
 - PGR Trials
 - Bee Health/Vapona Monitoring
 - Genetic Weevil Project with Boyd Mori

Martin Wiebe moved that Brad's Report be adopted; Ben D 2^{nds}; motion carried

6. **Financial Report:** Carrie Gronemeyer with Bevan and Partners was present to read through the financial report. She touched on the levy dollar amount increasing, but so did levy refund requests; as well as expense explanations where necessary,

including the reason for less money being spent on research as was projected due to the new grant system not being finalized quick enough.

Carrie explained the new SR&ED Tax credit and how producers can go about applying 20% of their levy dollars paid to their tax deductions.

Ben Dyck moves that the financial report be adopted; Brent Rasmussen 2nds; motion carried.

7. 2019 Budget proposal was read by Ben Dyck. He touched on the various income & expenses with income totaling \$432,142; expenses at \$319,300; and research at \$124,000 for a net income of \$-11,158. Ben explained the board's position on needing to secure and set aside the research dollars so that we can continue to move forward and not lose our researchers. Discussions around how the income dollars were derived from and Ben explained based on the number of acres of seed contracted last year, the cost/lb, & lbs/acre.

42,000 acres contracted; @ \$1.55/lb; @ 500lb/acre = \$407,000

Ben Dyck moved that his budget be adopted; David Slomp 2nds; motion carried

Ben notes that in the budget there is no expense designated to the Authority Project as of yet because we are still working with Olds College to get the costs finalized but it looks like it will be \$30,000/year for 2 years and will start in 2019.

8. Auditor Appointment: Ben Dyck moves that we continue to use Bevan & Partners as our accounting firm; Alan Dyck 2nds; motion carried.

9. Regulation Changes: Jodi Niznik presented information regarding the government's requirements to review and approve Commission Regulations every 5 years. They are still in the process of working with Reuben Josse of Marketing Council to complete this project. The board has had many discussions around membership and how we could include long time pat growers or custom pollinators, etc. They are also proposing to add in a Director In Training 1 year program for any new & interested board members. If anyone would like to see the proposed changes Jodi can send them to you for input.

10. Board Nominations and Elections: 3 members terms are up for renewal; Brian Slenders, Alex Geerligs, and Chad Skrove. All 3 are willing to let their name stand & there is still an open 8th seat if anyone was interested. With no new nominations from the floor Greg Klassen moves nominations cease; Alex Geerligs 2nds; motion carried.

11. Any Other/New Business: Nothing was brought up from the floor.

Meeting was adjourned @ 11:38am.