



## Alfalfa Seed Commission (Alberta)

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

MHC – Brooks Campus

**Meeting called** to order @ 9:11am

**Attendance:** Brian Slenders, Chad Skrove, Brad Alexander, Bill Dickinson, Bruce Balog, Jodi Niznik, Alex Geerligs, Ben Dyck, Greg Klassen, John Wolfe (via phone)

**Secretaries Report:** Jodi read the Minutes from the June 4, 2019 meeting; correction to the spelling of Syama's name.

**Financial Report :** Currently there is \$383,573.34 in the checking account; Jodi noted that there were not really any bills paid this month besides the usual rent, MasterCard, and remittance. The only income is from the CLBC Jan-June rent. Seed Company reports and payments will start to filter in throughout July and once inputted to the spreadsheet the requests for refunds can be processed (total of 7 so far).

### **Brad's Report (included):**

Spices Trials – still much to be factored in and worked out, seems to be some issues

Vapona Monitor – Brad did do some shop testing's, right now the machine is down b/c there is cinnamon that needs to be cleaned out of it.

Discussions around the Commission purchasing bulk amount of vapona strips to sell to members so that everyone is getting new testing materials.

Weevils – Hector has been out checking the fields; seeing a real variability in weevils.

Mutants – much more growth with much stronger plants.

**Correspondence:** Brent McEwan has sent a survey from Marketing Council that needs to be completed by September 3, 2019 regarding the operations of MC and the Commission. They want boards to fill it out all together so Jodi will get a hard copy and we will complete it at the next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

**a. Constitution Amendments** – read through documents and made notes. Jodi will send comments to Reuben and Marketing Council can start moving forward with the next draft.

**b. SR&ED Audit** – Jodi gave a report from the meeting, it is included in the GM Report. Jodi and Carrie Gronemeyer will continue to work with the CRA to keep this moving forward providing only what they need to complete their process.

**c. Summer Tour** – the RH hall and the Caterer are booked (Brooks Hotel). Jodi has spoken to Arlene at FCC and they are still looking forward to working with us sponsoring the summer tour coffee and donuts.

Discussions around renting 2 buses at the cost of under \$500 from Grasslands to minimize the number of vehicle travelling into fields and keep everyone more in time. All in favor for Bill to book the buses and drivers.

Meet at the hall at 8am and buses will leave at 9am; coffee and donuts for 8am. Exact stops and direction are still being worked out with Chad and Bill, they will let Brad know so he can have a map made up to send out ahead of time. Set up for anyone who can make it is 7:30 Monday night at RHhall.

### **New Business:**

**a. Farm Freedom and Safety Act (FFSA) Consultation Meeting-** Jodi attended the meeting in Innisfail and gave general highlights (report included). There is to be an update sent out from the government working group as well as a survey that they are strongly encouraging commissions and boards to provide their members with and have them give feedback.

### **Upcoming Events:**

AgriScience Steering Committee Meeting – Brian is looking into when and where this meeting is supposed to be taking place and who needs to be there. Himself, Danika, the gov't and a 2<sup>nd</sup> ASCA member which probably shouldn't be Brad.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 11:08am**

**Next meeting:** 9am Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup> @ MHC Brooks Campus.