



Alfalfa Seed Commission Alberta
August 8, 2019
MHC Brooks Campus

Meeting Called to order @ 9:10am

Attendance: Brian Slenders, Ben Nickel, Bruce Balog, Brad Alexander, Weldon Hobbs, Greg Klassen, Alex Geerligns, Bill Dickinson, Jodi Niznik, Jon Wolfe (via phone)

Secretaries Report: Jodi read the minutes from the July meeting

Business arising from the minutes - discussions about ordering vapona strips in bulk from a distributor to sell to members. It was suggested that we set it up as a pilot project and get a commitment from members at the fall meeting, then have them available to deliver at the spring meeting. Brad will contact a few places to get some prices and get it out on the website so members know it's coming. We will need to ensure that we are purchasing new strips not year or two old ones and use the vapona monitor to test the efficacy.

Summer Tour Wrap up – very positive feedback from those in attendance and the bus rental was a great addition for such a small expense. Cost breakdown included in the GM Report.

Financial Report: GM report includes recent expenses and income checking account balance as of August 2, 2019 is \$643,220.20.

Brad's Report: Included

Business arising from the Report: Discussions from the PGR Trial invoice to Tom Bauman that is outstanding and the email he sent regarding. The invoice was not sent to Jodi directly and when received it was paid immediately, however the cheque was never received by Ag Experts. The original cheque has had a stop payment put on it and a new one issued being sent registered requiring signing when delivered. Jodi will email and explain what has happened. Suggestion was made to have all of the research projects put into a spread sheet and have the project and payment details listed. Also when these projects are signed up have a specific brightly colored page in the contract with the contact information and specify that all payment requests must go to the General Manager directly.

It was suggested that there be a follow up reports on the fields that were visited on the Summer Tour in an effort to bring some continuity and connection to the meetings. We would need to have permission from the land owners first.

Hector C. and Ted Harms would like to be speakers at the fall meeting.

Canadian Forage Seed Association Conference in Edmonton @ Fantasy Land Hotel Feb25/26th
Discussions surrounding whether we should have a presence here and should we send Brad with a display. Consensus was that he should be there and be networking.

Alex moves that all reports be adopted; Greg 2nds; motion carried.

Old Business:

a. Constitutional Amendments: Jodi has clarified changes/suggestions to Reuben and is still waiting to hear back on the next step.

New Business:

a. Canadian Forage Seed Association Conference in Edmonton @ Fantasy Land Hotel Feb25/26th
Discussions surrounding whether we should have a presence here and should we send Brad with a display. It was agreed upon that he should be there and be networking; Brad is to look into a membership for the association and make it so he can attend with a display.

b. Canadian Seed Synergy - Discussions about the meeting in Whistler BC and the talks regarding roundup ready alfalfa in Western Canada. It seems to be the same thing that keeps getting discussed and we stand by our mandate on the issue.

c. Seed Trade and Seed Inspection Agency's – discussions on if there should be review of policy regarding field inspection regulations when at the end of the day the inspections on the field have very little impact. Discussions regarding the value of inspections beyond isolation; no conclusion.

Bill adjourned the meeting @ 11:35 am

Next meeting Thursday September 5th @ 9am.

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