

**Canadian Honey Council
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 & January 19, 2023**

1. Call to Order @ 9:01 am Newfoundland time

2. Approval of the Agenda

Add in-Camera Session as 7A and Patron under New Business e)
Moved by Chris Lockhart
Seconded by John Van Alten
Carried

3. Approval of the Minutes of the December 13, 2022 Board meeting

Moved by Curtis Miedema
Seconded by Stan Reist
That the minutes of the December 22, 2022 Board of Director's meeting be approved as circulated.
Carried

4. Financials

a) 2023 update

Operating account at about \$329,000

Investment account at about \$460,000

Director's fees yet to be received from Atlantic and Quebec associations.

Moved by Curtis Miedema

Seconded by Stan Reist

That all provincial association are declared members in good standing.

b) 2021-22 financials – Chris outlined the issues from the financial statement

c) 2022-23 budget

The Board agreed to send Jake Berg and Curtis Miedema to FoodEx Japan with an assigned maximum budget of \$15,000.

Moved by John Van Alten

Seconded by Stan Reist

That the 2022-23 budget be approved with one amendment. (the amendment was a 2% increase in the fee for service contract)

Carried

5. Business arising from the Minutes

a) Interprovincial movement – Ron Greidanus has contacted many Provincial Apiculturalists and some associations but it seems like there is little movement.

b) Committee reports and committee membership

Labour – Jake Berg that some applications for LMIA's are encountering difficulties and that the on-line portal is having problems

Stock Replacement - Stan Reist reported that Air Canada is dropping some flights from New Zealand but it may not influence package deliveries. An Australian exporter may also limit supply, but that is unclear. There is an upcoming meeting with AAFC, Air Canada officials, and importers on new standard operating procedures.

Honey/Food Safety – John Van Alten reported that the committee met and would like permission to draft a letter to CFIA on the honey regulations.

Moved by John Van Alten

Seconded by Stan Reist

That the honey committee draft a letter to CFIA expressing interest in working with them on the honey regulations.

Carried

The Apimondia statement on “vegan honey” was also discussed.

Pollination – Maggie Lamothe Boudreau indicated the the honey survey will soon be circulated

Hive Health – Osee Podolsky will conduct another survey similar to one last year. There was also a short discussion on the recently US approved fowlbrood vaccine. Osee also mentioned that waxmoth is becoming an issue.

Organics – Curtis Miedema indicated that the file has been quite quiet.

Maggie added that the feed project is ongoing.

d) Bee Sustainability Working Group

Moved by Curtis Miedema

Seconded by Stan Reist

That the CHC indicate that the tech transfer team initiative as outlined in the Bee Sustainability working committee report be supported as the primary initiative.

Carried

Rod to draft a letter but also indicate that the other recommendations not be overlooked.

d) ABC Sustainability project – Ron Greidanus outlined the differences that the Alberta project. The Alberta delegates will go back and discuss the possibility of national project.

6. New Business

- a) Apiary Learning Project – Jade Reeve presented the learning modules to the Board.
- b) Awards

Moved by Ian Steppler

Seconded by John Van Alten

That Rheal Lafreniere be awarded the 2023 Willie Baumgartner Memorial award.

Carried

- c) Apimondia – Rod to draft a letter to provincial associations inviting them to participate at the Apimondia booth and request new updates for the export catalogue. Note: Change the information for the SBDC on the website.
- d) FoodEx – previously discussed.
- e) Iatron/Stereogenics – the board discussed a business model and Stan will investigate possibilities.
- f) GST- Micheal Yaremicio and John Van Alten absent for the vote.

Moved by Jeremy Olthof

Seconded by Rodney Reid

That the CHC apply for a GST number.

Carried

7. Board Reports – were not given

8. Date of Next Meeting was not set.

9. Moved by Stan Reist to adjourn