

**Canadian Honey Council
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 17, 2023**

Regrets
Maggie Lamothe Boudreau
John Van Alten

1. Call to Order @ 5:09 pm MDT
2. Moved by Stan Reist
Seconded by Rodney Reid
That the agenda be approved as circulated
Carried
3. Moved by Osee Podolsky
Seconded by Stan Reist
That the minutes of the July 25, 2023 Board of Director's meeting be approved
as circulated.
Carried
4. Financials
 - a) Rodney Ried reported that the Operating account balance is \$115,432,
Investment \$268,721 and GIC \$325,000. Vita Bee Health has provided a
\$10,000 sponsorship.

Moved by Stan Reist
Seconded by Osee Podolsky
That the financial report be accepted as presented.
Carried

5. Business arising from the Minutes
 - a) Committee reports
 - Labour – There will be a technical briefing on the 36 month LMIA process on August 23rd.
 - Stock Replacement – Ron Greidanus will begin to look at a committee to look at a scenario report for stock replacement options.
 - Honey/Food Safety – No report
 - Pollination/Interprovincial movement – No report
 - Hive Health – Osee Podolsky indicated that Formic Pro will be available. There are concerns on the path forward regarding the MRL in honey for quinclorac. The registration of oxalic/glycerin pads is proceeding.
 - Tech Transfer Team Liaison – Jeremy Olthof and Rod will be meeting with Tom Rosser next week.

- b) Tropilaelaps update – nothing to report
- c) National meeting – Rod to look at a virtual component. Discussion on the registration fee also took place.
- d) On-line training – update – The first deposits should be occurring on Friday.
- e) Risk assessment

Moved by Jeremy Olthof

Seconded by Ron Greidanus

That Rod draft a letter to CFIA requesting that the risk assessment for US packaged honey bees also include a regional approach specifically looking at the quarantine zone in northern California where queens are allowed to be exported to Canada.

Carried

6. New Business

- a) Sugar policy- Rod to circulate a letter from the Sugar Beet Growers promoting more domestic sugar supply from sugar beets.
- b) FPC Research check-off – PDF outlining the proposal was distributed to the Board and requested that they bring it to the attention and comment from the Provincial Association.
- c) Project Pet Hive Company update –
 - Deposits to Date: \$2864.69
 - Expenditures: \$1320 (3 acres in Manitoba)
 - Will be ordering another seed package for three acres in Saskatchewan at \$1320
- d) Reported Honey Pricing – deferred to next meeting.

7. Board/Executive Director Reports

Rodney Reid indicated that it is a very busy time of the year.

Ron Greidanus reported that southern Alberta had very poor honey crops. Other areas of the province were not as bad as last year. Colony numbers should recover.

Stan Reist indicated that hot dry conditions affected most of BC but honey production on the Island seems very good.

Michael Yaremicio reported that both BeeMaid expansions are on budget and on time. There were strong July deliveries but slowed down in August.

Jake Berg said that honey crops were quite variable but will have a better handle on things by the next meeting. Those beekeepers involved in pollination are putting \$1.00 per colony aside for research. It is being matched by BASF.

Jeremy Olthof reported on an upcoming meeting at his apiary.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 26 at 5:00 pm MDT

9. Moved by Ron Greidanus to adjourn