

Canadian Honey Council
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Regrets
Ron Greidanus
Michael Yaremicio

1. Called to Order @ 5:05 pm MDT

2. Moved by Maggie Lamothe Boudreau
Seconded by John Van Alten
That the agenda be approved as circulated.
Carried

3. Moved by Stan Reist
Seconded by Maggie Lamothe Boudreau
That the minutes of the May 16, 2023 Board of Director's meeting be approved as circulated.
Carried

4. Financials
 - a) Rodney Reid reported an operating account balance of \$114,787, An Investment account balance of \$267,941 and \$325,000 in GIC's. More revenue is expected through sponsorship.
Moved by Stan Reist
Seconded by Rodney Reid
That the financial report be accepted as presented.
Carried

5. Business arising from the Minutes
 - a) Committee reports
 - Labour- Nothing to report
 - Stock Replacement – Jeremy Olthof indicated that there is concern with the statistics that are being provided by AAFC.
 - Honey/Food Safety – Nothing to report
 - Pollination/Interprovincial movement – Maggie Lamothe Boudreau reported that cranberry pollination is complete but a new pesticide that was used in spraying created issues.
 - Hive Health – Osee Podolsky reported that as a result of change in tech transfer lead in Ontario, Rod to check with the OBA chair to see if the oxalic-glycerin file needs to be transferred. Rod will also check with NOD about its Formic Acid registration and product availability.
 - Tech Transfer Team Liaison – Rodney Reid/Jeremy Olthof reported that Colette Mesher is no longer with the TTT in Ontario and Medhat Nasr has replaced her on the committee.

- b) Tropilaelaps – The committee consists of Samantha Muirhead, Steve Pernal, Olav Rueppell and Rod Scarlett
- c) National meeting – Some speakers have been confirmed. Work is being done on setting registration fees, getting sponsors, and attracting vendors for the trade show.
- d) On-line training – Modules are up on the website but problems may exist in the French translation as well as awaiting the Spanish component
- e) CAPA letter- sent but time needs to be set aside for CAPA-CHC (public) meeting
- f) Resolution
 - Moved that the Canadian Honey Council request a new risk assessment for packaged bees from the agreed upon quarantine zone within Northern California including an in-depth examination of mitigating protocols and management practices.
 - Withdrawn in light of CFIA announced risk assessment. Jeremy will draft a letter for the Board to consider. BF for next meeting.

6. New Business

- a) WAS meeting involvement
 - Moved by Stan Reist
 - Seconded by John Van Alten
 - That the CHC provide WAS \$500 as sponsorship for their meeting in Calgary.
 - Carried
- b) FPC Research check-off – Jeremy reported meeting with Farm Products Council to discuss a possible levy to provide research and promotion dollars for the industry. A PDF with more information will be circulated to the Board.
- c) Project Pet Hive Company update – There seems to be some discrepancy between the cost of seed between the US and Canada. Rod will follow up.
- d) CAPA overwintering report – Complete information on the overwintering report has yet to be distributed.

6. Board/Executive Director Reports

Rod reported that he is speaking at the WAS conference, is on a honey panel at Apimondia, and is speaking at the AHPA AGM in San Diego.

Stan Reist reported that has been hot and sry in most of BC. On the island he is getting reports of a good honey flow and very white wax. The BCHPA has received significant funding for their TTT and funding for smaller projects.

Maggie Lamothe Boudreau is expecting a mite spike across the province shortly.

John Van Alten reported that the OBA rolled out its Ag-Recovery program. They are having issues trying to finance their TTT. It looks like a generally good honey crop is forthcoming. Issue regarding quarantining and destroying EFB related colonies has been resolved.

Osee Podolsky reported that they have just started pulling honey in their operation but it seems to be all over the map in the province. Generally, the bees look healthy. Ag-Recovery announced for the province.

Rodney Reid said it was a slow start to the summer but things have really heated up. Apparently, there were a number of colonies lost due to flooding in central Nova Scotia.

Jake Berg indicated it has been quite dry in his area. Extraction is all over the map with Canola 10 days to 2 weeks ahead of schedule.

Jeremy Olthof reported that southern Alberta is not very good because of drought conditions. Pollination of canola is finished. The ABC is hoping to get funding to complete the next phase of the miticide project. He discussed the possibility of an irradiation project and will bring back more information. He also has indicated that after a meeting with the ED of the Alberta Sugar Beet Growers, the CHC should examine the sugar industry more closely to see if there are ways to assist the beekeeping industry. BF to next meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting

August 17, 2023 at 5:00 pm MDT

8. Moved by Rodney Reid to adjourn.