

**Canadian Honey Council
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

Regrets
Michael Yaremco

1. Called to Order @ 5:03 pm MDT

2. Add under New Business

d) Young Beekeepers

e) Resolutions

Moved by Ron Greidanus

Seconded by Rodney Reid

That the agenda be accepted as amended.

Carried

3. Moved by Rodney Reis

Seconded by John Van Alten

That the Minutes of the April 18, 2023 Board meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried

4. Financials

a) Rodney Reid reported that the account balances are as follows:

Operating - \$155,000

Investment - \$265,000

GIC's - \$325,000

The CHC received the \$20,213 from Agri-marketing payoff the amount due for SIAL Montreal, ABF and SIAL Jakarta.

Moved by John Van Alten

Seconded by Jeremy Olthof

That the financial report be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. Business arising from the Minutes

a) Committee reports

Labour – Jake Berg indicated that there was an issue with the timely receipt of passports in Nicaragua.

Stock Replacement – Ron Greidanus reported that there has been an issue concerning the timely release of stock in Toronto. Osee Podolsky reported the issues with UPS and queen deliveries.

Honey/Food Safety – Nothing to report

Pollination/Interprovincial movement – Maggie Lamothe Boudreau that despite the fact that in Quebec there are colonies available for blueberry pollination, growers are buying bumble quads instead. Approximately 7000 quads have been purchased at \$300 per while honeybee pollination contracts are \$225.00.

Maggie and Rod will get more information on the situation to the Board.
Hive Health – John Van Alten indicated that it was difficult to get Oxytet in Ontario.

Tech Transfer Team Liaison – Rodney Reid and Jeremy Olthof reported that a revised letter of intent was drafted and has been distributed to AAFC officials and the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food.

b) ABC Sustainability project – Ron Greidanus suggested it be removed from the agenda

c) Tropilaelapse – Rod is working with Sam Muirhead in getting a small committee together.

d) Foster project – Nothing to report

e) Quinclorac update – Over 600 data samples have been sent to representatives working with the Japan Honey Fair Trade Council and to the CFIA contact at the Canadian Embassy. In addition, data results from Alberta and Saskatchewan are forthcoming in the BeeMaid grant project.

f) National meeting – suggestions for speakers, topics and trade fair exhibitors are welcome. One pager can be distributed to the provincial associations by the Board See Appendix A

6. New Business

a) CAPA letter – After a lengthy discussion, Rod will draft a letter of response.

b) CFIA – Jeremy Olthof asked to table the discussion

c) Certan – Board members will inquire with their provinces to see if there is a need for national registration of Certan

d) Young Beekeepers – The CHC will provide \$500 sponsorship with Stan Reist offering to top off the donation with an additional \$200. John Van Alten then offered a further \$300 to make the donation total \$1000.

e) Resolutions

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.

Tabled to next meeting

Moved that the Canadian Honey Council requests CAPA and CFIA to provide clarity as outlined in the letter from Manitoba's Chair.

Tabled

7. Board/Executive Director Reports

Rodney Reid indicated that the weather has been extremely poor. The Nova Scotia blueberry crop is ahead of schedule and pollination is coming quickly. Maggie Lamothe Boudreau reported that with a couple of exceptions, the bees came out of winter pretty good. Results from the organic study on bee feed will be available soon.

John Van Alten reported that the apple bloom is nearing completion and the beekeepers are getting ready for blueberry pollination.

Ron Greidanus reported that it looks like 25-30% losses in Alberta with some high loss cases. Packages have been arriving and there seems to be a shortage of queens. Honey prices appear to be softening. There has been a few colony losses as a result of fires but more importantly it seems to have moved the bears into more apiary locations.

Jeremy Olthof said that high mite colonies were rounded up for Rassoul's research project. The Alberta Tech Transfer Team has found significant lingering viral symptoms in some apiaries.

Stan Reist reported that hot dry weather was preceded by cold wet weather. Blossoms are finishing up on the Island. Beekeepers are experiencing thefts of colonies and nucs. Queen sales have been steady.

Jake Berg reported that smoke moved into the territory. His operation had poor overwintering success.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 5:00 pm MDT

9. Adjournment

Moved by Ron Greidanus to adjourn.

Appendix A



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**Canadian National
Beekeeping Convention
and Tradeshow**

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Calgary, Alberta

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