**Canadian Seed Growers' Association**

**Annual General Meeting**

***Elkhorn Resort, Clear Lake, Manitoba***

***July 4th - 9th, 2016***

The meeting opened at 8:15 am with opening remarks & official welcome from Norm Lyster**.** N. Lysterrequested a moment of silence to remember those members who died in the past year

**Adoption of minutes from 2015 AGM**

Motion that the minutes of July 9 and 10, 2015 meeting be approved as posted to the CSGA website

Moved by Lorne Fell

Seconded by Jonathan Nyborg

Carried

**Introduction of Resolutions Committee**

Jim Baillie introduced the Resolutions committee, Joe Rennick, Dale Connell, and Jonathan Nyborg with resolutions closing at midnight on Thursday, July 7.

**Board of Directors Report**

Kevin Runnalls**,** 1st Vice President presented the Board of Directors report.

**President’s Report**

Norm Lyster presented the President’s Report.

**Financial Report**

Glyn Chancey presented the financial report.

Motion to approve the financial statements.

Moved by K. Runnalls

Seconded by André Lussier

Carried

Motion that KPMG be appointed auditors of the Association for the ensuing year, at the remuneration to be set by the Board of directors.

Moved by Lorne Fell

Seconded by Roy Klym

**Executive Director’s & Acreage Report**

Glyn Chancey presented the Executive Directors report and the 2016-2017 budget.

**Canadian Seed Institute (CSI) Report**

Roy van Wyk presented the CSI Report.

**Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Report**

Anita Gilmer presented the CFIA report.

**Industry Panel**

An industry panel session was held with Shawn Brook from Issues Ink as the moderator. Panelists included industry partners; Brent Derkatch, Peter Entz, and Michael Scheffel, CSGA staff; Caroline Lafontaine, Doug Miller, and Randy Preater, and seed growers; Quentin Martin, Craig Riddell, and Cathy Fedoruk.

**Speaker 1**

Dr. Patti Rothenburger introduced guest speakers Chris and Lawrence Warwaruk from Farmery Estate Brewery, a privately owned brewery based out of Neepawa, Manitoba.

**Industry Panel Synopsis**

Shawn Brook moderated a follow up discussion with the industry panel.

**Speaker** 2

Rick Rutherford introduced Guest speaker Eduardo de la Sotta from Curimapu, Chile. Eduardo de la Sotta addressed the meeting on his work with contra season nurseries in Chile.

**Awards Gala**

The following award recipients were presented with an Honorary Life award:

Dr. Anita Brulé-Babel

Glen Green

Don Pollock

Harold Rudy

The following award recipients were presented with a Robertson Associate award:

Randy Court

Gerald Girodat

Craig Riddell

John Smith

The following individual was presented with a Clark-Newman-Clayton award:

Dr. Brian Rossnagel

**2017 Summer Meeting**

Next year the meeting will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia with the Canadian Seed Trade Association.

**Entertainment**

Magic/Illusionist Dean Gunnarson entertained the audience.

**Education and Publicity Report**

Julie Robinson presented the Education and Publicity Report.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Jim Baillie presented the Nominating Committee report. Retiring director plaques were presented to Jim Baillie, Dawn Pate (not present) and Norm Lyster. Jonathan Nyborg accepted the plaque for Honorary President for Ivan Nyborg.

**Discussion and approval of budget**

Glyn Chancey explained the rationale for and presented a proposed membership and acreage fee increase that had been approved by the Board.

Motion to approve a membership fee increase of $100 and an acreage fee increase of $0.15 for 2017-18.

Moved by Ron Markert

Seconded by Jonathan Nyborg

Carried

**Resolutions**

Jim Baillie, Chair of the Resolutions Committee received the following resolutions.

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| **Resolution #1****WHEREAS**: A lot of effort went into making the 2016 CSGA Annual Meeting in Clear Lake, Manitoba a success; and**WHEREAS:** Numerous organizations provided funds to assist with the financing of the Annual Meeting **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**: That CSGA extend thanks to all the speakers, special guests, members of the local organizing committee, staff and all level of sponsors for their efforts and contributions to the 2016 CSGA Annual Meeting in Clear Lake, MB and to provide a list of those in the Annual Report. Moved by Kevin RunnallsSeconded by Jim Baillie  |
| **Resolution #2****WHERE AS:** The pension of our employees is important and of significant value to both our balance sheet and cash flow**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the audit committee of CSGA implement an annual performance review and peer assessment of the fund manager(s) and explore ways to improve performance and reduce risk of the pension plan. Moved by Carl Bolton, OSGASeconded by Roy Klym, SSGA |
| **Resolution #3****WHEREAS:** the seed industry is concerned about succession and attracting new entrants to the seed industry, and;**WHEREAS:** varieties enter and leave the marketplace at a much faster pace today than historically, and;**WHEREAS:** more flexibility for probationary growers is required. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that probationary growers be allowed to grow more than one crop kind concurrently within the 3 year probation period with the understanding that at least one crop kind be grown for three years; and**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that varieties may be changed within the crop kind during the probationary period.Moved by Carl Bolton, OSGASeconded by Reuben Stone, OSGA |
| **Resolution #4****WHERE AS:** Circular 6 was originally written in the 20th Century.**AND WHERE AS:** Circular 6 in its current form has language that is dated and difficult to understand.**AND WHERE AS:** Technology and innovative production practices have been developed.**BE IT RESOLVED**: That Circular 6 be updated to recognize new technologies in a clear and concise language for application to the 2017 crop production year.Moved by: Glenn Logan, ASGASeconded by: Roy Klym, SSGA |

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn

Moved by Dave Wuthrich.