

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. Lyster requested 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.

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 Runnalls

Seconded 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, OSGA

Seconded 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, OSGA

Seconded 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, ASGA

Seconded by: Roy Klym, SSGA

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Moved by Dave Wuthrich.