

**BC South Peace River Stockmen's Association**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – November 30,2020 @7:00pm**  
**Virtual - Zoom**

Called to order at 7:07pm

**Attending (see attendance sheet)**

**Intro of Guests**

Kevin Boon – BCCA

Chad Anderson – New Harvest Media / Scrutineer

Josh Anderson – New Harvest Media / Scrutineer

Introduction and meeting rules – Chad Anderson

Declaration of Quorum – Judy Madden – Josh and Chad Anderson

Agenda Acceptance M/S Kristina Schweitzer /Glyn Evans

**BCCA Report – Kevin Boon**

**WATER**

- Livestock regulations still primary concern
- Substantial progress has been made – review government proposal in July
- Concerns – mandatory licensing tiered proposal, could cause segregation within industry
- Unclear timelines due to COVID recovery being priority
- 200 head is the number using for licensing based on consumption

**TRESPASS ACT**

- DLE read in court this week – public access to private land to access lakes and rivers
- Group took constitutional act up to 6 months for decision
- Lawyers and judges seem positive
- Agri-terrorism – increase fines for trespassing/violations – need to expediate and protect owners

**BEEF PRODUCTION AND INNOVATION**

- LIPC and research committee combination merge
- Feel these two together can create synergies and get more relevant information on issues
- All 7 zones will elect a member elections will be open in Jan and Feb

**INDIGENOUS RELATIONS**

- What can we do without government? NEW COMMITTEE to improve relations
- Engaging with indigenous re wildlife and forest management and get better perspective on issues
- Establish robust relation and communication regarding Indigenous and Agriculture issues that overlap
- NO treaty discussions
- Create side table discussions not just to be informed by government

**BC BEEF PRODUCERS**

- Genuine BC Beef Brand
- Utilize cull cows started Friday

- Hook shares
- Contact for Kevin if interested in investing

#### **Minutes from Previous AGM**

- Accepted M/S Bev Wilson / Brian Stratuliak

One motion to accept all reports held until all are presented.

#### **PRESIDENT REPORT**

- No Cattleman's Ball this year first time since the 1960s
- Bev will be giving a cheque from last ball yet
- Honour Roll recipient are Bev & Dennis Wilson
- Update of previous recipient Brian Terrane – positive
- No bursary recipient this year
- Thank you to New Harvest for all their support

#### **FINIANCIAL REPORT – Beth Riley**

- There were two GICs that matured this year which were not reinvested due to circumstances

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS & EDUCATION – Kristina**

- Teleconference meeting. Ag in the Classroom – kits for teachers to educate regarding agriculture will reconvene after teacher specialist is hired by AITC
- Meet a rancher at Save-On Foods
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##### **CLIMATE REPORT – Brian S**

- Teleconference meetings
- Discussed ways to keep Pest Monitoring project funded in future years
- Forage Association looking for regional support for cattlemen on BC Hydro Ag Compensation Fund help fund weather monitoring project
- Website still has a few challenges but is being worked on for accuracy
- Webinar held Mar13 for Run-off and Erosion Program

##### **WEED REPORT – Brian S**

- No formal or virtual meetings due to COVID
- FLNRORD contract with Sunset Prairie Livestock Association will only pay for spraying of high priority invasive weeds, hopefully they will provide chemical so that we can do our own labor. SPLA treated 7 sites this year 64.7 acres targeting Canada Thistle

##### **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – Judy M**

- **WATER STORAGE ON AG LAND**
  - o Partnered with Ducks Unlimited to address dam decommissioning and storage
  - o Drafting discussion document
- **LIVESTOCK WATERING REGULATIONS**
  - o ADHOC water committee continues to be engaged with Ministries of AG FLNRORD
  - o BCCA believed water licensing should be voluntary for livestock use and AUMs should be linked to crown licenses and water for livestock is paramount
- **RANCH SUSTAINABILTY AWARD**
  - o Seelhof Family from Horsefly, BC is this years recipient
- **SARPAL**
  - o BCCA continues to deliver species at risk partnerships on Ag Lands if funding is approved after this contract

- SARPAL program authorized to use monitoring and analysis of budget to create program overview
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- **FRISP**
  - Lee Hesketh working with BCCA members with regards to water shortage and licensing in Thompson area as well as fish mitigation in Chilqua Lake
- **LIVESTOCK PROTECTION PROGRAM**
  - LPP has oversight committee made up of BCCA members

**MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS M/S Bev Wilson / Brette Madden**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Forage Insurance deadline is today
- No membership information is forwarded to people requesting hunting information

**DIRECTOR ELECTIONS**

- NO nominations from floor, Scott White has been nominated prior to meeting and will let his name stand
- Mike Mulvahill, KC Spiers, Brian Stratuliak, Brian Turner, Don Dunbar terms are up
- Will announce after Scrutineers verify post meeting
- Auditors – Bev Wilson and Dianne Fossum
  - M/S Kristina Switzer / Brian Stratuliak

**ADJOURNED – 8:40 M/S Kristina Switzer / Heather Fossum**

**POST MEETING – ELECTION RESULTS**

Mike Mulvahill  
Scott White  
Brian Stratuliak  
Brian Turner  
Don Dunbar

**Thank you KC for being a board member for the past 2 years, and letting your name stand this year as well.**