Draft Minutes


Guests Present: Minister Scott Kent, MLA Brad Cathers, Tony Hill, Russ Knutson, Tracey Kinsella, Christina Sebol, Kathy Pritchard

Staff Present: Bev Buckway, E.D.

1. Call to order.
   Acting President Al Stannard called the meeting to order at 9:40am

2. Agenda.
   Andre Fortin made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Jim Dillabough Carried.

3. Remarks by The Honourable Scott Kent.
   Minister Kent addressed a number of issues that relate to agriculture, including the recent Elk Damage, the importance of developing agriculture infrastructure, and the work underway on the Yukon Local Food Strategy. Some success has been recently met with streamlining the mobile abattoir process. The grazing policy and regulations are now approved, and there will be more agriculture lots on the market later this summer. The Minister urged members to provide feedback on the draft report when released, as agriculture is important to the Yukon economy.

4. Minutes of AGM of May 3, 2014
   Teddy Fagbamila made a motion to adopt the AGM minutes of May 3, 2014 as presented, seconded by Eloise Clark. Carried.

5. Financials (provided separately)
   a) 2014/15 consolidated financial report-unaudited. Eloise Clark made a motion to adopt the 2014-2015 financial statements as presented by Carla Mangnus seconded by Sonny Gray. Carried. Al thanked Carla for her work as bookkeeper for YAA for the past years.

   b) Appointment of professional accountant and bookkeeper. Duncan Smith made a motion to appoint Bev Baker as the bookkeeper for the 2015-2016 fiscal year,
seconded by Krista Roske. Carried.

c) Request to Registrar of Societies to waive a review for 2015-2016. Ralph Mease made a motion to Request to Registrar of Societies to waive a review for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, seconded by Greg Paquin. Carried.

6. President’s Report
Krista Roske made a motion to accept the Acting President’s Report as presented, seconded by Cain Vangel. Carried

7. Executive Director’s Report.
Al Stannard made a motion to accept the E.D.’s Report as presented, seconded by Michael Henderson. Carried

8. Reports
   a) Boards and Committees
   b) GF2
   c) Equipment Committee
   d) Storage Bin Committee
   e) Yukon Young Farmers
   f) Mayo Road Land Committee
Ralph Mease made a motion to accept the Reports as presented, seconded by Duncan Smith. Carried

9. Special Resolutions
   a) Bylaw changes
Steve Mackenzie-Grieve made a motion to adopt the special resolution the changes to the Yukon Agricultural Association 2013 Bylaws as amended, seconded by Sonny Gray. Carried. Ralph Mease opposed.

   b) Authorization for CanNor funding
**CanNor Application for Business Plan and Engineered Drawings**

WHEREAS the Yukon Agricultural Association obtained a 65-hectare parcel of land under 30-year lease from Yukon Government in 2012; and

WHEREAS a Conceptual Site Plan was completed in 2014, which was followed by an application to CanNor to fund a Business Plan;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT if the application to CanNor proves successful, the YAA enter into a funding agreement with CanNor in order to be able to hire a consultant(s) to develop the business plan for a facility on the leased land.

Moved by: Andre Fortin
Seconded by Ralph Mease
Carried unanimously
10. Nominating Committee Report- Election of Directors
   a) The Executive: President, Vice President, Treasurer (Acclaimed)
   b) The Directors: 6 Directors
George Privett made a motion to adopt the slate of officers as per the outcome of the election, seconded by Michael Henderson. Carried. The incoming Board of Directors:

President: Alan Stannard
Vice President: Greg Paquin
Treasurer: Eloise (Lou) Clark

Directors: Teddy Fagbamila
           Andre Fortin
           Steve Mackenzie-Grieve
           Ralph Mease
           Gail Reiderer
           Duncan Smith

Duncan Smith made a motion to destroy the ballots, seconded by Ralph Mease. Carried.

11. Remarks of Incoming President.
President Al Stannard thanked the members for the excellent turnout; and the board for their work the past year, including departing member Jim Dillabough. He made special mention of the work of Mike Blumenschein, who served as president for a number of years. Al also thanked the Ag Branch for the cooperation extended to YAA on a continual basis, and advised the membership to keep in touch with the Board to ensure their voices are heard.

12. Panel discussion with Moderator Russ Knutson.
Russ Knutson moderated a panel discussion on the topic of local food. Panellists included producers Susan Ross, and Steve Mackenzie-Grieve plus Christina Sebol of the Potluck Food Coop and Tracey Kinsella of Environmental Health Services. The audience heard that the demand for local products exceeds supply; that producers do not produce everything Yukoners need; getting people to commit to raising products is a big challenge; and that the markets are there for whatever can be grown. Tracy spoke of the Yukon regulations EHS is responsible for.

13. Motion to Adjourn.
Susan Nageli made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Teddy Fagbamila. Carried.