



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the
YUKON AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Friday, May 11, 2018

7:00pm

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YUKON AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Mission Statement

To foster and promote sustainable Yukon agriculture for the benefit of both private and commercial producers and consumers through education, infrastructure development, and liaison with government agencies and with non-government organizations.

Vision

- ☐ YAA's vision for agriculture incorporates the following ideals:
- ☐ A self-sustaining industry – economically, socially and environmentally
- ☐ An industry that is part of, and an asset to, the social fabric of Yukon
- ☐ A commercially competitive industry
- ☐ A commercially viable industry based on private ownership and management of farm holdings
- ☐ An industry with an infrastructure capable of accessing and incorporating practices and technology appropriate to the Yukon situation
- ☐ An industry viewed with respect by the general public, other industries and the government
- ☐ An industry in which future generations can participate

Objectives

- ☐ To foster and promote Yukon agriculture
- ☐ To encourage research and development pertaining to agriculture
- ☐ To support suitable Yukon agriculture policies
- ☐ To help develop legislation and regulations which meet the needs of the industry
- ☐ To lobby for the industry
- ☐ To provide agricultural information to both Association members and the Yukon public

Source: <http://www.yukonag.ca/about-yaa/our-initiatives.cfm>



Annual General Meeting AGENDA

1.	Call to Order	Chair
2.	Approval of the 2018 AGM Agenda	Chair
3.	Remarks by Minister of Energy Mines and Resources	Hon. Ranj Pillai
4.	Approval of 2017 AGM Minutes	Chair
5.	Financial Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Presentation of the 2017-18 financial reports b) Appointment of the professional accountant for the review of the 2017-18 books 	Meg Smith-Potter Precision Books
6.	Special Resolutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approval of amendments to the bylaws b) Approval of change fiscal year to August 31st 	Chair
7.	Vice President's Message	Cain Vangel
8.	Executive Director's Report	Jennifer Hall
9.	Committee and Activity Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Overview b) Infrastructure (land, equipment, bins) c) Policies and programs (AIAC, wildlife) d) Communication (key stakeholders, public) e) Membership retention (communities, YYF) f) Governance (bylaws, policies, nominations) 	Committee Chairs Various members & stakeholders
10.	Election/Acclamation of Officers and Directors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Slate of 2018-19 board of directors b) Message from the new president 	Chair
11.	Motion to Adjourn	Chair
Please take a few minutes to enjoy some refreshments		
Presentations by the Agriculture Branch team		

A short meeting of the new YAA board of directors will take place at the conclusion of the AGM.



DRAFT MINUTES

Yukon Agricultural Association 2017 Annual General Meeting May 5, 2017 – Yukon Transportation Museum

Members Present: Lou Clark, Gail Riederer, Steve Mackenzie-Grieve, André Fortin, Jim Dillabough, Cain Vangel, Michael Racz, Sonny Gray, Yvette Choma, Léona Dargis, Ralph Mease, Terry Wilkinson, Ruth Wilkinson, Don Coates, Vibeke Coates, Mike Henderson, Colleen Latham, Alan Stannard, Teddy Fagbamila, Tamara Neely, Brad Barton, Jeff Clark, Mario Ley, Susanne Napali, Stan Lancaster, Gerry Stockley, Ann-Marie Stockley, Valerie Whelan, Kevin Bowers, Michel Duteau, Benton Foster, Julia Ahlgren, Pat Bort, Kathy Pritchard, Collin Remillard, Jasmine Roush, Riajan Musselman, Bill Klassen, Matt Ball

Guests Present: Hon. Ranj Pillai - EMR Minister, Brad Cathers - MLA, David Murray

Staff Present: Jennifer Hall

1. **Call to order**
President Lou Clark called the meeting to order at 6.30pm.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
MOTION: Ruth Wilkinson made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Sonny Gray. Carried.
3. **Remarks by The Honourable Ranj Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines, and Resources**
Minister Pillai introduced himself and reviewed his meetings to date with YAA. He described his connection to agriculture, having spent many summers on his grandparents' farm in Nova Scotia. Describing the current growth of Yukon's agriculture sector, he acknowledged that a majority of producers are small in size and that the sector has a diverse set of needs. In addition, Government of Yukon is also working with larger producers to support their continued success. In closing, the minister addressed the need to resolve agriculture-wildlife conflicts, to support business development and to increase meat inspection.
4. **Minutes of AGM of May 12, 2016**
MOTION: Sonny Gray made a motion to adopt the AGM minutes of May 12, 2016 as presented in the AGM meeting materials, seconded by Léona Dargis. Carried.
5. **Financial Reports**
 - a) Teddy Fagbamila presented YAA's 2016-17 consolidated unaudited financial reports. MOTION: Darrin Sinclair made a motion to adopt the 2016-17 financial statements as presented seconded by Steve Mackenzie-Grieve. Carried.
 - b) Appointment of bookkeeper. MOTION: Sonny Gray made a motion to appoint Meg Smith-Potter of Precision Books as the bookkeeper for the fiscal year of 2017-18, seconded by Gail Riederer. Carried.
 - c) Request to Registrar of Societies to waive a review for 2016-17. MOTION: André Fortin made a motion to request to Registrar of Societies to waive a review for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, seconded by Ralph Mease. Carried.
6. **President's Report**
Lou Clark reviewed progress that YAA has made in the last year, which included a new strategic plan which provides YAA with a road map for future planning and action. She thanked all those who have volunteered their time to the board, committees and events and wished everyone a prosperous 2017 season. Motion: Sonny Gray made a motion to accept the President's Report as presented on page 6, seconded by André Fortin. Carried.
7. **Executive Director's Report**
Jennifer Hall reviewed the progress YAA has made through 2016 and 2017 and thanked the staff and contractors who have worked hard on behalf of the organization. She directed members to the additional details in her written report as presented in the AGM materials.
MOTION: Jeff Clark made a motion to accept the ED's Report as presented, seconded by Leona Dargis. Carried.



8. **Committee Reports**

- a) Boards and Committees – Lou Clark reviewed the members of YAA committees as outlined on page 9 of the AGM meeting materials. She thanked the out-going and incoming committee members for their volunteer time.
- b) Outreach Committee – Lou Clark (Chair) presented the report about YAA's outreach initiatives, which included meetings with key partners as outlined on page 10 of the AGM meeting materials.
- c) Equipment Committee – Andre Fortin (Chair) reported that equipment specifications and the rental agreement have been updated and new procedures are in place. Gerry and Ann-Marie Stockley are the new Custodians of the equipment. All communications must go through the YAA office.
- d) Storage Bin Committee – Sonny Gray (Chair) reported that the Bin Committee had revised the completed maintenance checks last year; that a letter had been circulated about the sale of the bins was met with mixed reviews; and that the board will continue to consult with members on the long-term plan of the bin program.
- e) Yukon Young Farmers – Mike Henderson (Chair) presented the YYF report – see page 13 of the AGM meeting materials. Sonny Gray asked about inclusion of 4H in the YYF program. Mike said that to initiate this idea, 4H, YYF and YAA were going to join together in the July 1st parade.
- f) Mayo Road Land Committee – Lou Clark (Chair) presented the updated conceptual drawing that outlines the various sections of the land, and summarizes key development ideas. The drawing will be used when YAA is in discussions with key partners who have an interest in utilizing the land for agricultural purposes.

9. **Nomination Committee**

Lou Clark reviewed the slate of people who put their names forward for the 2017-18 board of directors. Bylaws state that YAA's board is comprised of nine board members. This year, nine people were nominated; therefore there is not a need for an election. The incoming Board of Directors for 2017-18 are:

President: Lou Clark

Vice President: Cain Vangel

Treasurer: Teddy Fagbamila

Directors: Andre Fortin

Sonny Gray

Mario Ley

Steve Mackenzie-Grieve

Collin Remillard

Gail Riederer

MOTION: Cain Vangel made a motion to accept the committee reports, seconded by Michael Henderson. Carried.

Scheduling of Future AGMs

10. Andre Fortin proposed that YAA change the date of YAA's fiscal yearend so that the AGM can be held in November, outside of the growing season and at the same time as the North of 60 Agriculture Conference. Ted Fagbamila commented that YAA would have to provide a rationale to Canadian Revenue Agency. MOTION: Andre made a motion for the executive to move the end of the financial year to the fall so that the AGM can be held in November, seconded by Ralph Mease. Carried.

11. **Presentation**

Michael Gates (Yukon historian) delivered a presentation that included photographic slides of the Klondike cattle drives to Dawson City. He took questions afterwards.

12. **Motion to Adjourn**

Gail Riederer made a motion to adjourn at 8.20pm, seconded by Jeff Clark. Carried.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

a) Presentation of the 2017-18 financial statements

The income statement and the balance sheet for the 2017-18 fiscal year are presented to the YAA membership (in a separate handout) for approval. Questions are welcome.

Decision: To approve YAA's 2017-18 financial statements.

b) Appointment of the professional accountant for the review of the 2017-18 books

In Yukon, every society must file an annual report to Corporate Affairs. Within four months of the fiscal yearend, a society must hold an annual general meeting and present financials statements to its membership. If the presented financial statements are not reviewed or audited by a professional accountant then at each AGM a review exemption request must be approved by a society's membership.

The financial statements of Yukon societies must be reviewed or audited by a professional accountant at least once every five years. YAA's yearend financial statements were last audited as of March 31, 2014, therefore we are not required to complete a review until March 2019. However, the YAA board of directors opted to proceed with the required review this year because of the impending change in YAA's fiscal yearend. BDO Canada LLP, Whitehorse completed the last audit. And the board recommends that they proceed with this year's audit

Decision: To approve the appointment of BDO Canada LLP as the accounting firm that will complete a review of YAA's 2017-2018 financial statements.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

On April 17, 2018, the following two special resolutions were circulated to the membership by email, and were also posted on YAA's website as well as a publically accessible notice board outside of the YAA office.

a) That the amendments to YAA's bylaws, as circulated on April 17, 2018, be approved.

The bylaw amendments focus on lengthening the term of office for directors from one year to two years and also staggering the elections so that only half the board is up for election each year. Additional amendments seek to improve the consistency of the references to Secretary and Treasurer and Secretary-Treasurer. The bylaw stating that the yearend must follow the Government of Yukon's yearend will be removed. Corporate Affairs, as well as the YAA board of directors, have approved the proposed amendments.

Decision: To approve the bylaw amendments as circulated to YAA members.

b) That YAA change its fiscal yearend from March 31 to August 31.

A special resolution, with specific dates, is required to change the fiscal yearend. Government of Yukon have approved the change of yearend. YAA is waiting for final approval from the Canadian Revenue Agency. If everything falls into place, the current 2018 fiscal year that started on April 1st will close on August 31st and another set of financial statements will be presented at an AGM in November 2018.

Decision: To approve the change in the fiscal yearend from March 31 to August 31.



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To YAA Members:

Welcome to the 2018 AGM. First off, I am very pleased to announce that Yukon Agricultural Association has once again signed a three-year Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) with the Government of Yukon.

The annual funding of \$90,000 supports the important work of the association: to foster and promote a sustainable Yukon agriculture sector.

Our new funding contract includes a list of deliverables that is worth reviewing. This list indicates that the government sees YAA as an important industry leader. In keeping with the expectations of the funding agreement, YAA will strive to:

- ☐ Strengthen relationships with industry stakeholders
- ☐ Represent various visions within the industry
- ☐ Support communications in the industry
- ☐ Maintain an active farm membership that is representative of all farming types
- ☐ Manage the Yukon Farm Products and Services Guide
- ☐ Implement key priorities as set out by YAA's strategic plan
- ☐ Engage with media outlets to highlight the agriculture industry
- ☐ Provide the government with information and statistics of the sector
- ☐ Seek out partnerships with NGOs and First Nations

These deliverables provide YAA with a vision that both complements our strategic plan but also challenges us to further develop the agriculture sector by working together.

I extend our thanks to the Government of Yukon for their ongoing partnership and support.

On behalf of the board, I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time to help with YAA meetings and events, governance and advisory roles. I also wish to thank the outgoing president, Lou Clark, for her tremendous work on behalf of the organization.

I look forward to our ongoing work together and shared success.

Sincerely,

Cain Vangel
Vice President

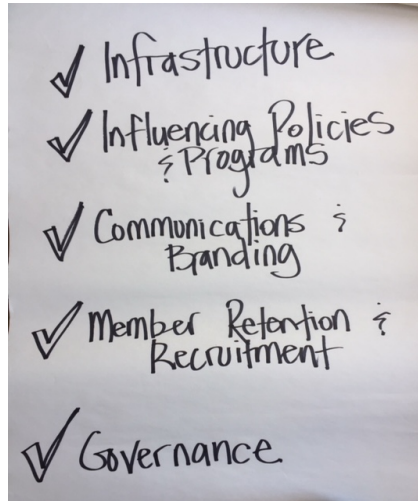
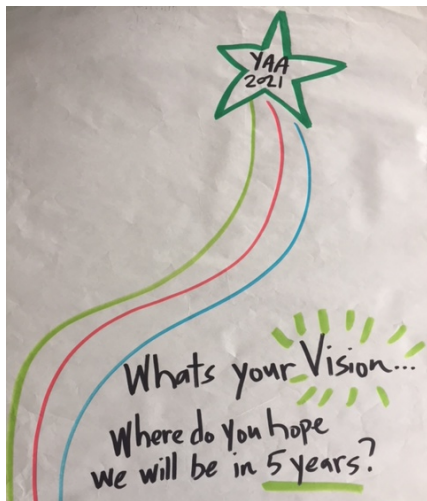


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This annual general meeting marks the close of another busy and productive year for our organization!

In order to quickly recap this year's achievements and goals, I want to refer you to YAA's 5-year strategic plan, which we finalized last year. A strategic plan is a **road map**. It sets out a pathway for organizational goals.

On the left is a photo from our strategic planning session. It shows that the board started with a vision of where we want YAA to be in five years. On the right is a list of activity areas, which provide a framework for implementing that strategic vision.



The board refers to these goals in planning meetings. I have been using this framework to guide all of my reporting relating to YAA's funding agreement with Government of Yukon. My quarterly reports are divided into these five sections and they include lots of details about related activities.

As a way to help you become familiar with YAA's strategic plan and to recap our year, I thought that it would be informative if we used these five sections to frame our meeting tonight.

We have been very busy and have accomplished many things this year. Our success is due to excellent teamwork. Thank you to everyone!

I look forward to chatting with you online, on the phone, on your farms and at the markets.

Warm regards,

Jennifer Hall
Executive Director



SPECIAL PROJECTS 2017-18

Canadian Evaluation Society Conference – April 2017

Covered costs to send ED to a national conference about monitoring and evaluation

\$1500 (*from Growing Forward 2*)

Temple Grandin Event – May

Event expenses for workshop and barbecue

\$570 (*from YYF savings*)

Sponsorship Framework – June-October

Development of an annual sponsorship framework for YYF/YAA events

\$5250 (*\$4500 from NGO Training Fund, \$750 from YYF savings*)

YAA Board Policy Manual – September-November

Revision of content and governance training sessions

\$2000 (*from YAA funds*)

National Food Policy Meeting – September

Travel expenses for Sonny Gray to attend meetings in Yellowknife

\$600 (*from Growing Forward 2*)

North of 60 Ag Conference Travel Incentives - November

Covered mileage and hotel costs for five farmers from Dawson City (3),
McQuesten River (1), and Haines Junction (1)

\$2,372 (*from Growing Forward 2*)

North of 60 Ag Conference Speakers - November

Administrated fees and expenses for keynote speakers

\$11,200 (*from Growing Forward 2*)

Meet Your Maker Event – January 2018

Administrated by Yukon Tourism Industry Association

Funded by Government of Yukon

Frequently Asked Questions: New Web Content – February

Developed new web content for the YAA website with input from Yukon farmers

\$2160 (*from Growing Forward 2*)

Healthy Sheep and Goats Workshop – February

Coordinated and hosted by YAA with expenses paid directly by Animal Health Unit

\$450 (*from Growing Forward 2*)

Raising Chickens 101 Workshop – April

Coordinated and hosted by YYF

\$220 (*from workshop fees*)



OVERVIEW

YAA and YYF Committees and Representatives (as at May 11, 2018)

Goal 1: <u>INFRASTRUCTURE</u>	Mayo Road Land <u>Fairgrounds</u> Steve Mackenzie-Grieve Andre Fortin Gail Riederer	Equipment Andre Fortin Michel Duteau Jeff Clark <u>Custodian</u> Gerry Stockley	Storage Bins Sonny Gray Leona Dargis Darrin Sinclair
Goal 2: <u>INFLUENCING</u> <u>POLICIES AND</u> <u>PROGRAMS</u>	AIAC Reps (YAA) Sonny Gray (2017-20) Dev Hurlburt (2018-19) AIAC Reps (YYF) Leona Dargis (2017-19)	Elk Agriculture <u>Working Group</u> Mike Blumenschein Dev Hurlburt Leona Dargis	CAP YARC Reps Len Walchuk Maria Leung Cain Vangel Darrin Sinclair (YYF) <u>CAP Evaluation</u> Steve M-G
Goal 3: <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> <u>& BRANDING</u>	Yukon Chamber of <u>Commerce Meetings</u> Sonny Gray Jennifer Hall Teddy Fagbamila	Outreach Gail Riederer (4H) <u>Ag Training Centre</u> Yukon College Steve & Sonny Bart Bounds	Staff Jennifer Hall
Goal 4: <u>MEMBERSHIP</u> <u>RETENTION AND</u> <u>RECRUITMENT</u>	Yukon Young Farmers Mike Henderson – Pres. Darrin Sinclair - VP Stephanie Bourret – S-T Léona Dargis – Director Laird Crow - Director	Dawson Farmers <u>Forum</u> Currently 25 Dawson/Mayo farmers are participating in forums	Other groups?
Goal 5: <u>GOVERNANCE</u>	Governance Vibeke Coates Mario Ley Cain Vangel	Finance Teddy Fagbamila Andre Fortin	Nominating Sonny Gray Lou Clarke Mike Henderson

The YAA president and executive director are ex-officio members of all committees.

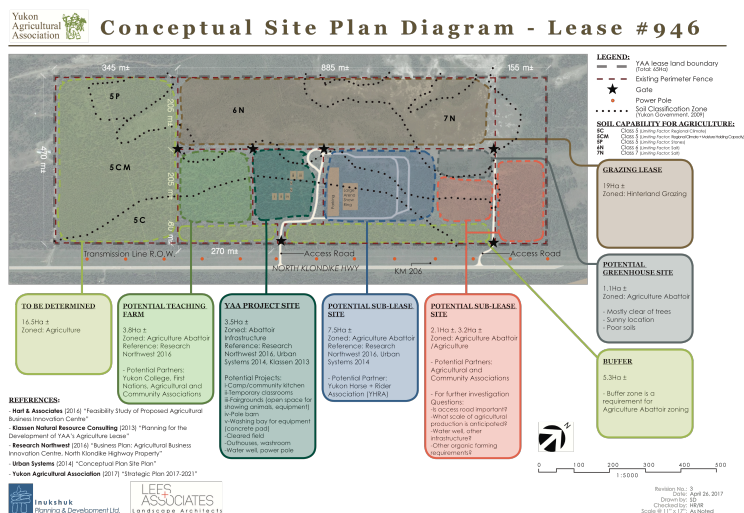
Thank you to all individuals who volunteer their time, knowledge and experience to serve on the above boards and committees. YAA would not succeed without your help and input!



Goal 1: INFRASTRUCTURE

Mayo Road Land – Agricultural Fairground / Community Centre

The committee is working on clearing the area just north of the main entrance road in preparation for the development of an agricultural fairground.



Equipment Rental Program

The equipment rental increased in usage last season. Revenue (\$4,270) did increase but so did expenses (\$12,805). The program requires that YAA draw from its savings to cover maintenance costs and insurance. The board has been monitoring the program and will evaluate its status in November 2018 after this season. Contact the YAA office to book the equipment.

Equipment	2015	2016	2017
Drill	2	3	3
Mower	1	9	11
Plough	0	1	6
Spreader	0	1	1
Aerator	5	0	7

Storage Bins

The YAA board of directors has voted to decommission the 15-year-old storage bin program. We have had numerous conversations with bin holders, government representatives and members. As a result, we have drafted a message to members in a question and answer format to help explain the progress and decisions that have been made to date. This message will also be distributed to members via email.

Please see the next page...



Message to Members about the Decommissioning of the Storage Bin Program – May 2018

When did the bin program start?

In 2003, due to requests from industry members, 17 storage bins and 6 augers arrived in the territory and were moved into place on 7 Yukon farms. Although a typical sight on the prairies, agricultural storage bins were then and continue to be unique to the Yukon landscape. In 2004, two more storage bins were purchased and then in 2008 two more bins were brought up to Yukon. Over the past 15 years, four of the 2003 bins have been relocated. Currently, the bins are situated on 12 farms near Whitehorse, Mayo, Carmacks, and Watson Lake.

How was the program funded?

The acquisition of the storage bins was made possible because of generous government funding contributions, including: \$105,000 from the federal Canadian Adaption and Rural Development fund; \$23,055 from Yukon's territorial government; \$36,200 from Agricultural Policy Framework; as well as in-kind contributions of labour and site preparation from bin holders.

What is the current usage and status of the bins?

A majority of the storage bins are 15 years old. Most bins show signs of severe rust but are still in use. Most bins are used to store fertilizer and a few of the bins are used to store grain. Very few site holders continue to purchase bulk orders of fertilizer with other Yukon farmers and use the bins to store the bulk order. Fifteen years after the commencement of the program, it is apparent that primarily the site holder uses the storage bins or purchases a bulk order and sells the fertilizer.

What is the board's plan?

The YAA board would like to recognize the program's success in bringing agricultural equipment to the territory and now make room for other YAA initiatives. After a year of deliberations and discussions, the YAA board has moved closer to decommissioning YAA's storage bin program. The board would like to see the bins move to private ownership and be the sole responsibility of the site holder.

By what means will the bin program be decommissioned?

A modest price is being determined for YAA's bins/augers and soon a purchase agreement will be offered to current bin holders. YAA is seeking legal advice on the preparation of documents. If sale agreements are refused, the respective bins will be sold at auction. All revenue will be allocated to a project in the YAA financial accounts and not to general revenue. The board will liaise with members to determine the best use of the funds. One idea that has surfaced is that the money could be seed funding for an agricultural training facility.

Will this decision jeopardize future funding applications?

Matt Ball attended YAA's November 2017 board meeting and this question was put to him. Government of Yukon is neutral on the sale of the bins. It is requested that the bins remain in the Yukon. Agriculture Branch has confirmed that the sale of the bins will not be seen as an obstacle to future funding applications for YAA.

Thank you!

The current YAA board of directors would like to acknowledge the work of all the committee members and site holders who made YAA's storage bin program possible.



Goal 2: INFLUENCING POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

The second goal and priorities in YAA's strategic plan relates to our efforts to influence government policies and programs. A few of the key accomplishments of 2017-18 and priorities for 2018-2019 relate to:

- ☐ Letter to the EMR Minister
- ☐ Agriculture Industry Advisory Committee
- ☐ Yukon Agriculture Policy Review and Update
- ☐ Elk Agriculture Working Group
- ☐ Domestic and Wild Sheep Interactions

Goal 3: COMMUNICATION AND BRANDING

YAA continues to work on improving and refining its online presence and social media activities. To facilitate communications with students, media and the general public, YAA has:

- ☐ A new *Frequently Asked Questions* section on the YAA website
- ☐ An active Facebook page with over 500 followers and YYF has over 250 followers
- ☐ Frequently used online Farm Products Guide

YAA's priorities for this year include:

- ☐ Developing media training materials
- ☐ Refreshing YAA's branding
- ☐ Updating promotional brochures and signage
- ☐ Commissioning a sign to hang above the main gate of the Mayo Road property

We continue to keep in touch with key sector stakeholders: 4H Spirit Riders, Yukon Tourism Industry Association, Growers of Organic Food Yukon, Fireweed Market, Yukon Food Network, Yukon and Whitehorse Chambers of Commerce, and the new Hog Producers Association.

We have also been meeting with: Yukon College, Animal Health Unit, Environmental Health, and the team at Agriculture Branch who we will hear from later this evening.

Goal 4: MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

One of YAA's strategic priorities is to increase and retain members. We are pleased to have helped facilitate two forum meetings in Dawson. Over 20 people attended each meeting. YAA is committed to coordinating regular meetings. Jennifer provides communications and administrative support to ensure that Dawson/Mayo farmers have access to current information and activities. YAA also recognizes that agriculture is growing in Haines Junction and Watson Lake and we look forward to finding more ways to loop farmer from the communities into the association.

Yukon Young Farmers are a very active committee of YAA. They are the engine of YAA events and education, as well as being actively involved with the Canadian Young Farmers Forum.



Goal 4: MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION cont.

Yukon Young Farmers Report

In January of 2018, YYF had its annual general meeting and the following board was elected:

President – Mike Henderson
Vice President – Darrin Sinclair
Secretary-Treasurer – Stephanie Bourret
Directors at Large – Laird Crow and Leona Dargis

Immediately after the YYF AGM the group joined the activities of the Meet Your Maker event.

Highlights of 2017-18

- ✓ May: Dr Temple Grandin's event last year was a great success. Naturally Northern Meats generously hosted the event and hearing from Dr Grandin was a thrill.
- ✓ August: Mike Henderson manned a YYF booth at Total Trac Kubota's equipment demonstration event.
- ✓ September to November: With the help of management consultant Patti Balsallie, we completed a Sponsorship Framework that sets out an annual guide for events. YYF is committing to four seasonal events: Spring Workshop, Summer Equipment Demo Day, Fall Round-up and a Winter Gathering.
- ✓ January: YYF's AGM took place just before the Meet Your Maker event that was held at the Gold Rush Inn.
- ✓ February: Laird Crow, Brynn Johnson and Mike Henderson attended the 2018 Canadian Young Farmers Forum in Saskatoon. Each delegate participated in a roundtable or delivered a presentation.
- ✓ April: YYF hosted a *Raising Chickens 101* Workshop at the Whitehorse Public Library. Thank you Darrin!

Upcoming Events for 2018

- ❑ June: Equipment Demo Day on June 16th at Three Slaves Farm. We are hoping that a number of equipment rental companies and dealers will participate. Watch for announcements on Facebook and via emails to membership from the YAA office. Stay tuned!
- ❑ November: The Fall Round-up Event will coincide with the North of 60 Agriculture Conference in early November. We are talking with the Animal Health Unit about working out the possibility of theme related to traceability programs.

We look forward to more exciting events and more opportunities to learn together.

Sincerely,

Mike Henderson
YYF President



Goal 5: GOVERNANCE

Governance Committee

The Governance Committee led the board through the process of updating the policy manual. And managed to complete bylaw revisions. Thank you, Vibeke, for your diligent leadership!

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee reports that the following steps were taken to prepare a board slate:

- An open call for nominations was emailed out to members 60 days prior to the AGM
- YAA members had 30 days to respond to the call and to complete the nomination form
- Ten individuals responded for nine positions. Nine were eligible to sit on the board
- One applicant had not been a member for a year and agreed to sit on a committee
- By acclamation, the following slate of candidates are stated to be the 2018-19 board

2018-2019 Board of Directors

President

Gray, Sonny – Whitehorse periphery

Originally from Quebec, Sonny spent his youth working for farming operations that raised cattle (beef/dairy), sheep and horses. Sonny came to the Yukon in 2003. He started three successful Yukon owned and operated businesses and has served on various boards in the community. A father of five boys ranging from 1 to 9 years old, Sonny values the important lessons his sons learn while working on their family farms in MacPherson and Flat Creek. Sonny is the CEO of North Star Agriculture Inc. and brings over 10 years of business experience paired with his background in farming to his work with the Yukon Agricultural Association.

Vice President

Cain Vangel – Marsh Lake

In 2000, Cain began farming by raising a few turkeys in his backyard. In partnership with his wife Michelle and their four children, he is in the process of building a farm in the M'Clintock Valley near Marsh Lake. On their farm, The Farm Gate, Cain and his family raise, process and market chickens, turkeys, ducks and some pigs. Past board experience includes various positions with the YAA, including President. Cain has also sat on the board of the Canadian Young Farmers Forum, a national agricultural organization. He will be opening a poultry processing plant in July.

Treasurer

Fagbamila, Teddy - Whitehorse

Teddy is a professional accountant, practicing here in the Yukon. He wants to contribute his professional skills and expertise to the development of the territory's agriculture sector. He also wants to assist with the government's plan for food security in the Yukon, especially given the effects of the road closure a few years ago. Originally from Nigeria, Teddy grew up on a farm that produced enough corn and millet for his family's annual consumption. Teddy has served on a variety of boards since 1993 and has been a YAA director since March of 2014.



Directors

Fortin, André - Whitehorse periphery

Andre came to the Yukon in 1978 and raised four children off the grid on the Annie Lake Road. As the owner of Dynamic Systems from 1990 to 2007, he managed up to 47 employees and had sales of \$5 million. Having served on a number of professional boards, André offers YAA a realistic approach to decision making. He is a consumer of many Yukon agricultural products through his involvement with Freedom Trails Therapeutic Riding.

Hurlburt, Dev – Whitehorse periphery

Dev owns and operates Hurlburt Enterprises Inc, a business that sells septic, water and fuel equipment as well as farming and ranch supplies and other equipment. Dev started raising cattle and pigs in 2004. Then in 2009, he and his family purchased a farm on the Alaska Highway, north of Whitehorse. Horse Haven Ranch boards horses, grows and sells hay, offers custom farm services, rents farm machinery, specializes in raising pigs and cattle, and sells pork and beef products at farm gate and at retail. Dev is a YAA representative on the AIAC.

Ley, Mario – Whitehorse periphery

Originally from mid-western Germany, Mario has lived in the Yukon for 16 years. His interests in farming originate from his family's agricultural businesses. Based in the Ibex Valley, Mario started farm development in 2008 and has been actively farming for the last few years focusing on beef, pork and poultry production. Mario would like to promote the development of a thriving agricultural industry in Yukon so that a significant portion of our food is produced here.

Mackenzie-Grieve, Steve - Whitehorse periphery

Steve has farmed in the Whitehorse area for over 15 years. His farm produces 500 tons of produce and 300 tons of feed annually – all of which is sold locally. Steve has a good idea where the Yukon is positioned regarding its production and market capacity, and has a realistic idea of what the Yukon climate can and can't produce. He is YAA's representative on the Growing Forward 2 Review Committee. Steve is an accomplished and well-recognized leader in Yukon's agricultural community.

Remillard, Collin – Fox Lake

Collin grew up on a small rural acreage in Manitoba where his family raised meat birds. Many summer holidays were spent on his grandparent's small dairy operation. Collin has a diploma in Natural Resource Management and has worked in forestry and silviculture sectors in Manitoba and Yukon. Having worked for the Government of Yukon for several years, he is currently the Manager of Environmental Compliance & Inspections. Collin owns and operates Fox Lake Farm. The farm raises broilers, layers, turkeys, hogs and wieners. He is motivated to provide Yukoners with local products. Collin is also an avid hunter and fisherman.

Riederer, Gail - Whitehorse periphery

Gail has lived on agriculture property in the Yukon since 1990, and has been involved with horses and forage production for over 25 years. Pigs and cows are recent additions to her operation at Heart Bar Ranch. Gail is also a Project Leader with 4H and values the opportunity to support leadership development in youth. Gail has been on the YAA Board since May 2015. She is one of the founding members of the YAA Board's Outreach Committee and is committed to YAA's role as a facilitative and inclusive organization.

See you next year!

