

DRAFT MINUTES of YAA's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 1, 2019

Members Present: Leona Watson, Ayla Smith, Dev Hurlburt, Sonny Gray, Laird Crow, Bill Klassen, Berna O'Donovan, Sia Metta, Megan Waterman, Collin Remillard, Carl Burgess, Jonathan Lucas, Tony Wyczescany, Ann-Marie Stockley, Gail Reiderer, Anne Savoie, Barbara Drury, Bill Drury, Bradley Barton, Sarah Ouellette, Randy Lamb, Christina Reeves, Steve Mackenzie-Grieve, Nadja Salzberg, Maria Leung, Matt Douglas, Mario Ley, Andre Fortin, Jackie MacBride-Dickson, Scott Dickson, Krista Roske, Cain Vangel, Wayne Grove, Alison Grove, Linnea Rowlatt, Mary Tiessen, Alan Stannard, Larry Bagnell, Michel Duteau, Christina Guillmette, Ralph Mease, Kristine Ferris

Guests: Hon. Ranj Pillai, Mike Henderson, Andrew Cassidy, Alex McMeekin, Joel Herder, Kirk Price, Brad Cathers, Jaime White, Kate Guse, Arzeena Hamir, Tyler Steelwinder

Staff: Jennifer Hall. **Minute Taker:** Kristine Ferris

1.	<p>Call to Order Sonny Gray called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.</p>
2.	<p>Remarks by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Hon. Ranj Pillai welcomed out of town guests and commended the YAA on contributions to updating the Agriculture Policy. He answered questions from members regarding elk-agriculture conflict and carbon footprint, issues with the carbon tax and fuel tax credits, and the potential for increasing arable land in Dawson via partnerships between miners and farmers and having agriculture be part of the reclamation process.</p>
3.	<p>Approval of November 2019 AGM Agenda MOTION: Dev Hurlburt made a motion to approve the November 2019 AGM Agenda, seconded by Krista Roske. Carried.</p>
4.	<p>Approval of November 2018 AGM Minutes MOTION: Steve Mackenzie-Grieve made a motion to approve the November 2018 AGM minutes with deletions of duplicate names on the Members Present section, seconded by Mike Henderson. Carried.</p>
5.	<p>Financials</p> <p>a) Review of financial statements Jennifer reviewed financial statements, with explanatory notes specific to Project Revenue and Travel Expenses items of the Income Statement as well as the Equity section of the Balance Sheet. Krista Roske asked for clarification on what 'loans to members' referred to in balance sheet. Jennifer explained that these amounts represent outstanding payments for storage bins.</p> <p>b) Jennifer explained that the members had the option to request that a financial review of the financial reports be waived. MOTION: Steve Mackenzie Grieve made a motion to adopt YAA's 2018-19 financial reports as presented and to submit a request to waive the financial review of the reports, seconded by Barbara Drury. Carried.</p>
6.	<p>President's Report Sonny Gray directed members to page 6 of the AGM Materials and verbally reviewed the highlights of the message; reporting on Infrastructure Projects, the Yukon Agriculture Policy, Domestic Farm Animals-Wildlife Interface, and Networking and Community. He thanked producers for their hard work and contributions to northern food production.</p>
7.	<p>Committee Activity Reports & ED Report</p> <p>a) Committee Members and Representatives Jennifer presented an overview of committee members and representatives which was framed to reflect the activity areas of the strategic plan.</p> <p>b) Infrastructure (land, bins, equipment) 1. Steve Mackenzie-Grieve and Andre Fortin (Land Committee) reported on the progress made on land development, with reference to Actions as identified in YAA's Strategic Plan.</p>

	<p>2. Sonny Gray (Chair of Storage Bins Committee) reported on the final decommissioning of the storage bin program and the dissolution of the committee.</p> <p>3. Andre Fortin (Chair of Equipment Committee) reported on the status of the equipment program and its history, with reference to Priorities and Actions as identified in YAA's Strategic Plan.</p> <p>c) Policies and programs (AIAC, wildlife) Sonny Gray (YAA AIAC Representative) reported on YAA involvement in influencing government policies and programs, with emphasis on three priorities for 2018-19: 1) Sheep and Goat Control Order; 2) Hog Industry Regulations; and 3) Elk-Agriculture Conflict. Christina Reeves inquired about when the Sheep and Goat Control order comes into effect. Sonny confirmed the order will come into effect on January 1st 2020. Jennifer notified members of an upcoming November 13th meeting hosted by Government of Yukon.</p> <p>d) Communication (key stakeholders, public) Krista Roske (Outreach Committee) gave an overview of the current project on updating YAA's brand, website and membership structure funded by Department of Economic Development's Community Development Fund. Jackie MacBride-Dickson asked where materials from meetings, workshops, presentations etc. might be posted on new website. Jennifer Hall replied that this will be well considered as the website is built.</p> <p>e) Membership retention (communities, YYF) Jennifer Hall reported on the workplan for developing membership incentives and required steps for potential changes to YAA's membership structure and fees. The Outreach Committee and YAA board will be developing Special Resolutions which will be presented at the November 2020 AGM. Mike Henderson reported on YYF events for 2018-19 and thanked the generous support of the sponsors who have provided funds for the seasonal events..</p> <p>f) Governance (bylaws, policies, resolutions) Jennifer Hall reported on the Governance Committee's work on updates to the policy manual.</p>
8.	<p>Election/Acclamation of Officers and Directors</p> <p>a) Acclamation of Officer (Vice President) Cain Vangel was acclaimed as Vice President.</p> <p>b) Election of Directors Members seeking election introduced themselves with a brief bio. Lorelee Johnstone was not present, and provided no bio. Ballots were distributed by Kristine Ferris, submitted to Jennifer Hall, and counted by Bill Klassen and Kristine Ferris.</p>
9.	<p>Speaker from DO MORE AG Foundation Adelle Stewart presented material from Do More Ag, a foundation that supports mental wellness in Canada's agriculture community.</p>
10.	<p>Election Results Announced and Approved Bill Klassen announced the election of three Directors: A. Stockley, M. Waterman, and C. Remillard.</p>
11.	<p>Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.</p>