

**Manitoba Canola Growers Association
Annual General Meeting
February 13, 2020
Victoria Inn
1808 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg, MB**

39 - Members in attendance
45 - Non-members in attendance
84 - Total in attendance

1. 7:45 AM Welcome and introduction by Chuck Fossay, President – MCGA

2. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: To adopt the agenda as presented.

M/S/C (Bill Nicholson/John Sandborn)

3. Adoption of the Minutes from 2019:

Motion: To approve the minutes of February 14, 2019

M/S/C (Ernie Sirski/Pam Bailey)

4. Annual Report of the Association:

- **Research & Production report** – Ron Krahn
- **Market Development** – Bill Nicholson
- **Grower Engagement** – Pam Bailey
- **Advocacy** – John Sandborn
- **Communication** – Jack Froese

5. Financial Report – George & Associates, CPA Inc. – Curtis McRae & Alex George

- **Alex George presented the 2018-2019 financial statement of the association.**

Motion: “To approve the 2018-2019 Financial Report as presented.”

M/S/C (Curtis McRae/Chuck Fossay)

- **Ian Robson asked where he could find CCC’s financials. Delaney Ross Burtnack confirmed that the Canola Council of Canada’s financials are on their website.**

Motion: To appoint D.F George as the auditor for MCGA for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2019.

M/S/C (Curtis McRae/ Butch Harder)

6. Resolutions.

- There were no resolutions received by the deadline date – January 24, 2020 at 4:00 CST

Call for resolutions from the floor – Chuck Fossay.

- No resolutions from the floor.

7. Other Business:

- Butch asked for a report from CCC & CCGA
- Chuck noted that we do not prepare a report for other organizations such as CCC and CCGA however, Rick White of CCGA is present will provide a report for CCGA.

Rick White - President of CCGA

- Rick reviewed the actions of CCGA to support growers this past year.
- **Butch Harder** – noted that growers are concerned about the increase to cash advance and how the narrative is spun as support to producers. Rick acknowledged that the increase in cash advance is not the entire solution, but it provides an option to growers.
- **Ian Robson** – Enquired about what Richardson & Viterro have done to create the issues to our export to China. Rick noted that in his view, it is pure politics and not in fact a quality issue at all, as no evidence has been presented by China to support that our Canola was contaminated and the cause for the trade issue. The arrest of the Huawei executive is likely what caused the closure to our exports. In addition, there may be dockage issues that also need to be resolved. There will need to be whole systems work done to resolve trade to China.
- Ian Robson appreciates the report on beneficial insects and more work needs to be done on beneficial and pest insects.

Motion: That MCGA act as the agent for producers in all matters relating to Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) in regards to canola, as funded through MCGA.

M/S/C (Bruce Dalgarno/Boris Michaleski)

Motion: “All acts, contracts, by-laws, proceedings, appointments, and payments, enacted made, done, and taken by the directors and officers of the Association holding office from time to time since the last meeting of Members as previously reported or are as set out or referred to in the Annual Report of the Board or in the financial statements of the association, be and are hereby approved, ratified, sanctioned and confirmed.”

M/S/C (Cal Penner/Brian Chorney)

Other Business:

Board Recognition – Clayton Harder

- Clayton thanked Ron Krahn for his 4 years of service to MCGA as a director on the Board.
- Clayton announced that there is a vacant position on the board and that the position will be advertised on social media.

8. Motion: To adjourn the 2019 MCGA Annual General Meeting.

M (Ernie Sirski)

