

Kamloops Branch 2020 AGM

President's Report, Cassandra Enns

This has been an interesting and unconventional year for the Kamloops Branch. I'm sure I'm not the only person tired of hearing the word "unprecedented", so I'll refrain from using it...barely!

Our 2020 began with a major focus being placed on the planning and preparation for our hosting of the Provincial AGM. Planning began last summer and continued through the spring of this year, until event unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the conference and activities portion of the 2020 AGM was unable to proceed, I still want to acknowledge the Kamloops Branch Provincial AGM planning committee for their hard work and dedication. Many of the Branch Executive served simultaneously on that committee, and the committee was extremely fortunate to receive strong support from the rest of the Kamloops Branch membership. Although this did not turn out as any of us could have planned, the outcome does not erase the fact that you have dedicated long hours to this cause. I want to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who was involved.

The Kamloops Branch has grown to 162 members this year and has welcomed 23 Articling Agrologists to our ranks.

The 2020 Kamloops Branch Executive has consisted of many dedicated individuals, some of whom will be maintaining their positions and some of whom will be making way for some new faces.

The 2020 Executive:

- Hailey Manke, Treasurer
- Chelsea Enslow, Secretary (Returning)
- Amber McAfee, Professional Development Coordinator
- Jim Fox, Articling Coordinator (Returning)
- Tracy Ronmark, Director (Returning)
- Rachel Whitehouse, Director (Returning)
- Susan Omelchuck, Director
- Danielle Sparks, Director
- Kevin Eastwood, Provincial Councilor (Returning)
- Cassandra Enns, President
- Mairi Dalgleish, President- Elect (Returning)

I'd like to thank the executive for their contributions to the branch this year. For the upcoming year, we are still seeking a President-Elect.

Although much of our focus pre-COVID had been on the Provincial AGM, the Branch executive also met for a planning meeting in February to determine the activities and opportunities we wanted to pursue for our members this year. With circumstances and the general uncertainty of this year preventing pursuit of these activities, we will provide these ideas to the incoming Executive in the hopes that the coming year will be more conducive to group learning opportunities.

Cassandra Enns, A.Ag



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2020 Financial Report (Unofficial)

Prepared by Hailey Manke, November 2, 2020

	2019	2020 YTD	Comments
ACCOUNT SUMMARY			
Starting Balance as of Jan 1	\$ 1,192.77	\$ 2,760.77	
Branch Allocation	\$ 3,510.00	\$ 3,570.00	
Net Income (Revenue - Expenses)	-\$ 1,942.00	\$ -	Projected -\$175.00
Account Balance	\$ 2,760.77	\$ 6,330.77	Projected to be approx. \$6150.00, with a carry-over of approx. \$3570

REVENUE

Branch AGM	\$ 1,695.00	\$ -
Branch AGM Sponsorship	\$ -	\$ -
Other (donations, sponsorships)	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Development Events	\$ 670.00	\$ -

TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,365.00	\$ -
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EXPENSES

Branch Executive Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	
A.Ag. /Mentor Events	\$ -	\$ -	
Member travel & fee reimbursements	\$ 150.00	\$ -	
Non-PD Activities/Outreach	\$ -	\$ -	
Donations/Sponsorships	\$ -	\$ -	
Other (supplies, awards, etc)	\$ -	\$ -	
Credit card / bank fees	\$ 71.66	\$ -	A small amount of fees are expected for PD event transactions

Branch AGM

Catering/Venue	\$ 3,105.66	\$ -
Materials/Other	\$ 75.00	\$ -
PD at AGM	\$ -	\$ -

Professional Development

Presenter expenses	\$ 352.80	\$ -	\$75.00 projected for honourarium for Grasslands Event
Catering/food	\$ 170.01	\$ -	
Transportation	\$ 294.00	\$ -	
Partnering/PD Subsidy	\$ -	\$ -	
PD Organizer Travel	\$ -	\$ -	
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$100 projected for prizes at Grasslands Event

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,307.00	\$ -	\$175 projected for 2020
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NET INCOME (Revenue - Expenses)	-\$ 1,942.00	\$ -	-\$175.00 projected for 2020
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The Exec kicked off 2020 by planning an awesome year ahead and creating a budget that would utilize most of our funds. Unfortunately, due to Covid, we did not organize as many different events as past years and subsequently, we only spent a very minimal amount this year.

Kamloops branch 2020 Professional Development Report Amber McAfee

At the beginning of 2020 we were looking forward to professional development opportunities covering several areas of practice at the provincial AGM, which was going to be hosted by the Kamloops Branch at Sun Peaks. A significant amount of effort went in to planning this event, but unfortunately the AGM had to be cancelled in accordance with public health guidelines. The Kamloops Branch Executive proceeded with virtual meetings in the spring and a lot of great PD ideas were shared, keeping in mind the limitations to group sizes and the need to maintain physical distancing, but we ultimately decided to stick to virtual sessions.

The first session was a webinar presented by Graham Strachan on agriculture in the Thompson Nicola Regional District. Graham was originally asked to do his presentation at the provincial AGM, and he was kind enough to offer it on May 28th as a lunch hour virtual session instead. Graham discussed the agricultural importance of this area and the range of products that are produced, trends in the industry, and changes to beef and dairy operations. Big thanks to Director Sue Omelchuk for her help in arranging this opportunity.

The second session we offered this year was also a webinar featuring the screening of a video titled “Guardians of the Grasslands”, with guest speaker Brad Downey from Multi-SAR in Alberta. This took place on November 17th, during the same week of the branch AGM. In a normal year a PD session would be provided in conjunction with the AGM, but since the 2020 AGM had to be virtual the decision was made to host the screening on a different day to reduce “meeting fatigue”. This session looked at the four principles of rangeland management, how grazing varies depending on the type of forage, and the relationship between cattle ranching and species at risk. I’d like to recognize our Treasurer, Haley Manke, and Director, Rachel Whitehouse, for all their work in setting this up.

Finally, I’d like to remind everyone here this afternoon that your attendance at this meeting qualifies for 2 hours of professional development under Professional Service (Attending Professional AGMs), so don’t forget to enter this in your PD report for 2020.

Activity Name	Presenter	Location	Date	PD Hours	Benefits to Agrologists
Agriculture in the Thompson Nicola Regional District	Graham Strachan	Webinar	May 28, 2020	1	Overview of TNRD’s agricultural importance and capacity, and industry trends/changes.
Grassland Get-Together	Brad Downey	Webinar	November 17, 2020	1	Learn about the importance of grasslands and sustainable grazing practices.