



BCIA Kootenay Boundary Branch Annual General Meeting

October 23, 2019

Ramada, Creston BC

DRAFT Minutes

1. Call to Order
 - a. AGM called to order at 1:32 MT by Jeff Rees. There were 26 members present and J.P. Ellson and quorum was met. The membership is up 4%
2. Introductions
 - a. Jeff Rees opened the meeting by acknowledging that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Yaqan Nukiy, Lower Kootenay Band.
 - b. Jeff Rees mentioned that proper notice of the branch AGM was sent to all members by email.
3. Approval of 2019 Agenda:
 - a. Motion moved: Sheila Street, 2nd: Todd Larsen. All in favour.
4. Approval of 2018 AGM meeting minutes
 - a. Motion to approve: Gary Tipper, 2nd: Andrea McCormick. All in favour
5. Executive Committee Reports:
 - a. President Report: Jeff Rees presented the 2019 Presidents report, which highlighted major achievements of the year, branch management objectives and BCIA collaboration.
 - b. Professional Development Report- Todd Larsen presented the reports prepared by Jeff Rees, Todd Larsen, Jessica Lowey, and Audrey Ehman. PD was offered for variable by areas of practice through webinars and field tours. A majority of the Branch Executive quarterly meeting discussions and time went into trying to organize PD. Although more field based PD was planned, various issues affected delivery, resulting in a budget surplus.
 - c. Articling Agrologist Report- Jeff Rees presented the report prepared by Ben Foulger, who was unable to attend. 2019 KB Branch update: 7 new A. Ag's, 4 A.Ag's completed requirements and advance to P.Ag status. 18 A.Ag's some still seeking mentors. P.Ag's that are interested in mentoring can check out requirements on the BCIA webpage and let Ben Foulger know.
 - d. Treasurer's Report: presented by Jeff Rees, prepared by Cindy Hall. Budget report presented to members. Money allocated to PD in 2019, ran more webinars with very little cost, so not as much money was spent. Short discussion to confirm that the report reflects actual account balances for 2018 and 2019.
6. BCIA Provincial Reports

Council Report: Todd Larsen presented his report updating members about what is happening at the provincial level. Professional Governance Act is dominating. Opportunities for members to



provide additional support. New set of bylaws, operational budget balanced and 6% growth in membership.

JP Ellson spoke about the role members can play in supporting the development of Professional Practice- need more volunteers for the Professional Governance Committee. Members can send JP an email if interested in getting involved. No KB representative yet.

7. Election of Officers

President: Sheila Street

Past President: Jeff Rees

President Elect: Natasha Neumann, nominated by Sheila Street

Treasurer: Derrik Curtis (self-nominated)

Provincial Development Coordinator East: Jessica Lowey (returning), Jazmine Lowther (self-nominated)

Professional Development Coordinator (West): Audrey Ehman (returning), Rachel Pennell (returning)

Articling Agrologist Coordinator: Ben Foulger (returning)

Secretary: Jen McConnachie (self-nominated)

8. Awards and Presentations:

A.Ag Presentations: Isabelle Larouque, Robyn Hooper, Natalie Morrison, Stefany Rasmussen Alexa Mathes, Serina Swanson

P.Ag Certificate Ceremony: Rachel Pennell, Jazmine Lowther, Murray Watt (unable to attend but sent with Stefany Rasmussen) David DeRosa (unable to attend, sent by mail).

Discussion about sending P.Ag certificates out with others or by mail and concerns expressed about the lack of ceremony and accountability around this practice. Head office has sent other members their certificate in the mail. Jeff Rees will follow up with head office about this inconsistency.

25-year membership distinction: Fred Marshall (unable to attend)

9. New Business: Jeff Rees asked if A.Ag's are interested in attending an Executive Committee call to sign off on Articling Agrologist requirements- Robyn Hooper, Serina Swanson, Natalie Morrison, Stefany Rasmussen expressed interest.



10. PD Ideas, 2020:

- Fortis BC, hydrology, dam tour (site visit): April 2020, pre-freshet would be best (Maureen Grainger)
- Kootenay Conservation Program- 4 part webinar series, subscribe to e-news
- Oso Negro, Nelson Brewing Company
- Marijuana commercial cultivation
- Indigenous Relations
- Columbia River Treaty Negotiations
- Floriculture: Corky Evans
- Bees to Bears- pollinator promotion, meadowscaping

11. Adjournment at 3:05pm MT