
ALBERTA INVASIVE SPECIES COUCLIL

(AISC) 2023 AGM MINUTES

***While getting the technology set-up, Doug introduced the board members (present and not present)**

Meeting Called to Order at 1:09 pm

2022 AGM Agenda

- Motion to adopt the Agenda - Sebastian Dutrisac
 - o Seconded by Atty Bressler
 - o None opposed

2021 AGM Minutes

- No amendments
- Motion to adopt minutes as is – Rick Law
 - o Seconded by Kevin Jesske

2022 Chair Report

- Created and finalized strategic plan
- Four full day board meetings; note for interested future board of Directors, full meetings and accomplish a lot of things
- Produced the updated Weed Guide, headed and with huge thanks to the help from Wheatland County
- Delivered the bio-control release program; took it over whole heartedly two years ago
 - o 2nd year of running the program, 72 releases across the province
- Looking ahead:
 - o Work on our policy development, want to be cognisant of funding to make sure we are able to run our programs and secure additional funds, expand our biocontrol program (moving into oxeye daisy and common tansy)
- Motion to adopt the chairs report – Liz Pearson
 - o Seconded Jay byer

****Technology break, dad joke, how did the farmer find their lost cow? He tractor down****

2022 Financial Report

- Standard table of contents but one thing to note, the financial statements are a compilation agreement, management is responsible, the accountant just took the information and compiled it for you – did not complete an audit review
- See Statement of Financial Position
- See Statements of Changes Assets
- See Statement of Operations
 - o Revenue increased by \$100,000 (casino funds Is \$75,000 and biocontrol went up by \$40,000)
 - o Higher expenses, with biggest increase in advertising and promotion
 - o GST non-refundable portion (50% refunded, 50% captured in write-offs)
 - o Excess revenue over expenses ~ \$95,000
- No questions, but can email Megan or accountant
- Motion to accept Financial report – Danielle Grant
 - o Seconded by Elaine Rude
- Appointment of auditors: Danielle Grant and Carla Preachuk
 - o Both accepted and motion to appoint auditors moved by Sebastian Dutrisac

2022 Report on Operations and Communications:

- Show 2022 Year in Review (infographic printed and placed on the tables)
 - o In 2023 we have already attended 10 events
- Encouraged attendees to use EDDMaps
- Social media increased numbers for all platforms, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram
 - o If not already subscribed, please do for the newsletter
- Over 32 sponsor organizations, as well as the members (167)
- Megan and Paige as full-time staff, and a seasonal bio-control tech
 - o Seasonal will be hired from May to September
- Sturgeon County, the newest weed free forage county
 - o still have some work to do, but in 2 years have certified 90 weed free forage inspectors
- Squeal on pigs, gets the most attention but they are bad news – want to get more information out there
- Doing a ton of work on the don't let it loose campaign, and ramping up our messaging and events
- Factsheets, we have over 150 currently in the library, and currently Chris Neesar is reviewing our factsheets (huge in-kind support)
- Last year had online conference, this is our first one in person (this year 2023 293, hit a new high)
- Report on Operations Revision (Q code on table and on AISC Website under resourced)
 - o we revised the economic assessment on invasive species in Alberta
 - o updated number \$2.1 billion per year
- We were able to bring EDDMaps pro to Alberta thanks to partnership with Alberta Agriculture

- Wheatland County, tons of in-kind support for the Alberta Invasive Species plant guide update
- Thank you to sponsors and where the money has gone
- Aired radio clips on English and Cree; could not locate them to share at the AGM
- Motion to adopt operations report - Nikole Kimmel
 - o Seconded by Marcia Raymond
 - o None opposed

New Business

- See slides

Board Acknowledgments

- Karen Anderson, 6 years, she will be missed and unfortunately not here today
 - o Service gift accepted by Nicole on Karen's behalf
- Jeanie Suffern, 6 years, instrumental in developing the website, and incredible grateful for her time and volunteer spirit and helping us out

Nominations

- Industry (2 openings)
 - o Atty Bressler, nominated by Nicole Kimmel
 - o Neil Ritokoski, nominated by Ashley Tkachyk
 - o None opposed, moved by Doug Macauley
- 2 Vacancies with Alberta Government
 - o Nicole Kimmel nominated by (note taker missed this name)
 - o One spot remained open
 - o Sonja Raven ceased nominations, none opposed, moved forward
- 2 Vacancies Other government:
 - o Chad Verpy declined nomination
 - o Mike Jenkins accepts, accepts nomination
 - See nomination write-up online
 - Who nominated?
 - o Jay Byers , accepts nomination
 - See nomination write-up online
 - Nominated by Rod Foggin?
 - o Farrah Fisher, accepts nomination
 - See nomination write-up online
 - Nominated by Marcia Raymond
 - "In recent developments, appointed liaison with AISC and Triple F, and have history as a weed inspector in special areas (south), University in Saskatchewan and did

comparisons of weed Legislation between AB and Saskatchewan, manage and coordinate weed inspector program in Northern County, love the excitement that Paige and Megan bring to the AISC and bring some fresh and new ideas to the council”

- Voting was opened to members with an online poll
 - o Outcome – Farah Fisher and Mike Jenkins
- Motioned to close the polls by Doug Macauley; none opposed carrying

Big EDD Award

- Amanda Zee had 65 reports
 - o on the spot accepting speech and very encouraging - 2 minutes out of my day and hopefully it makes a difference

Motion to adjourn AGM - Ian McDonald

- o Seconder Atty Bressler
- o All in favor; AGM adjourned 1:49 pm