



**Alberta Invasive Species Council
Board of Director Meeting Minutes**

Location: Conference/Video Call (Zoom)

Date: March 15, 2021

Time: 1:00 - 1:50 pm

Call to order at 1:00 pm

Annual Report - Jay Byer

- AISC reorganized structure and committee set up
- Increasing advocacy - rethink programs like Weed Free Forage
- New website - Jeannie Suffern has done an amazing job with this
- Procedures updated and improved
- Good financial outlook
- Looking for new Directors
- Thanks extended to Board, current and new employees, and members
- Jay moved report be accepted as circulated. Asked only for objections due to Zoom format
- Report accepted

2020 AGM Minutes

- Motion to accept the 2020 AGM minutes as circulated
- Motion to accept by Jeannie Suffern. Seconded by Leah Predy. Motion carried

Financial Report - Matt Gibson

- Detailed financial reports are available on the website
- "No strings attached funds" are \$235 872.78
- Project deliverables have been completed and reported to the satisfaction of funders
- Money in different accounts for different mandates
- Revenue and expenses went down - in 2020, did not have access to casino funding
- Balance sheet and income statement online
- Sebastien Dutrisac motioned to accept financial report. Crystal Isonson seconded. Motion carried

Appointment of Auditor

- Sebastien Dutrisac motioned that MVO Accounting in Lethbridge be appointed as our Auditor. Jay Byer seconded

Special Resolution - Matt Gibson

- Matt Gibson made a motion to apply for the Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA) Loan as AISC has lost sources of funding due to ongoing pandemic.
- Poll to members - 74 for (99%), 1 against (1%)

Operations Report - Megan Evans

- Megan's first year in role
- 2 staff and a number of contractors
- AISC has 68 members - low, but due to tying membership to conference
- Created 5 new policies and revised three existing
- Presented at 13 events
- New website
- Working towards a members-only portal on website
- EDDMapS update - 4665 downloads, 1006 reports, 72 reporters
- Grow Me Instead - incorporated feedback, almost ready to send off to print
- Weed ID Booklet - Wheatland County
- AIS Pocket Guide - working with DFO and gov to re-issue
- Biocontrol Release Program - partnership between Ag Canada and Ag Fieldmen. Tim Skuse left to work with AG Canada, so AISC took over management a few years ago
- Weed Free Forage program
- Members are encouraged to contact Megan Evans if they want to get involved or get more info on any AISC programs

Big EDD Award - Doug Macaulay

- Gerry Ehlert has won 2020's Big EDD Award with 355 reports

AISC Director Recognition - Doug Macaulay

- Jay Byer and Matt Gibson presented with recognition plaques for 6 years of service each. They are thanked for their service and their presence will be greatly missed

Election of Directors - Doug Macaulay

- 5 Vacancies - 1 Industry, 1 provincial government, 1 other government, 2 academic/individual/NGO
- Board term is 3 years, responsibilities posted on website
- Nominations for every category except provincial government
- Called for nominations from the floor. Three calls for nominations. No nominations were made
- Doug Macaulay made a motion to close nominations. Leah Predy seconded. Motion carried
- Launched poll of previously nominated candidates. Ashley Tkachyk and Natalie LaForest in Academic/Individual/NGO category, Sebastien Dutrisac in Other Government, and Connor Frizzley in Industry
- Nomination forms are posted on website
- Welcome to new Board members!

Motion to adjourn AGM made by Matt Gibson. Seconded by Crystal Ionson. Motion carried

Adjourned: 1:50 pm