

**Manitoba Canola Growers Association
Annual General Meeting
February 15, 2018
Victoria Inn
1808 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg, MB**

85 in attendance.

1. Welcome and introduction by Chuck Fossay, President – MCGA.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: To adopt the AGM agenda.

M/S/C (John Sandborn/Curtis McRae)

3. Adoption of the minutes from February 16, 2017 Annual Business Meeting.

Motion: To approve minutes of February 16, 2017 Annual General Business Meeting.

M/S/C (Bill Nicholson/Ed Rempel)

4. Annual Report of the Association:

- **Research & Production Report** – Clayton Harder.
- **Leadership & Training** – Ron Krahn.
- **Market Development** – Brian Chorney.

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

- Alex George presented the 2016-2017 financial statement of the association.

Motion: “To approve the 2016-2017 Financial Report as presented.”

M/S/C (Curtis McRae/Don Thiessen)

Motion: To Appoint D. F. George as the auditor for MCGA for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2018.

M/S/C (Curtis McRae/Simon Ellis)

6. Resolutions.

Resolution 1. Seed cost reduction

- WHEREAS canola seed is costing farmers \$600 per bushel and more:
- BE IT RESOLVED that Manitoba Canola Growers Association work with the Canadian Canola Growers Association and the Canola Council of Canada set a goal to significantly reduce farmer seed costs over the next 5 years.

M/S/C (Butch Harder/Ian Robson)

Vote: 14 in favour

7 not in favour

Resolution 2. Dangers of tight crop rotations

WHEREAS tight crop rotation presents a serious long term danger to canola production and to clubroot and chemical resistant weeds:

BE IT RESOLVED that Manitoba Canola Growers Association work with the Canadian Canola Growers Association and the Canola Council of Canada to provide more information as to the danger of the poor management practice of tight rotations.

M/S/C (Butch Harder/Colin Penner)

Resolution 3. Oppose End Point Royalties

WHEREAS End Point Royalties would be nothing but a huge seed tax to farmers:

BE IT RESOLVED that MCGA vigorously oppose the introduction of End Point Royalties as they could apply to canola.

Motion: To amend Resolution #3 to read as follows:

WHEREAS End Point Royalties would be nothing but a huge seed tax to farmers:

BE IT RESOLVED that MCGA vigorously oppose the introduction of a “bushel tax” or End Point Royalties as they could apply to canola.

**Vote # 1 – 9 oppose & 9 in favour
Vote # 2 – 11 oppose & 10 in favour
Defeated**

Vote on the original Resolution #3:

**Vote: 16 in favour / 9 opposed.
M/S/C (Ed Rempel/Butch Harder)**

Resolution 4. MCGA ask the Federal Government to complete a full rail costing review and Maximum Revenue Entitlement adjustment

Preamble: Given that many farmer delivery points no longer exist it is fair to say that Rail company costs to ship grain have been reduced. Therefore, accuracy of information is needed and required by law in setting of grain rail freight rates which cost farmers money on all their crops including canola. Before any new transportation legislation is designed the updated Costing Review is required to be able to adjust the Maximum Revenue Entitlement which is a help to farmers and to Rail companies in Canada.

WHEREAS there is new Railway Transportation legislation governing Grain Transportation and this affects the cost to ship grain to market; and

WHEREAS a full rail costing review was last done in 1992; and

WHEREAS the formula for estimating railways costs for purposes of setting the Maximum Revenue Entitlement has not been updated to reflect changes to the railway system that have occurred since 1992; and

WHEREAS reduced costs to the railways as a result of fewer delivery points, longer trains and technological changes have not been passed on to farmers,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MCGA call upon the Federal Government to carry out its legal responsibility to complete a full rail costing review and adjustment of the Maximum Revenue Entitlement according to its results.

M/S/C (Ian Robson/Dean Harder)
Vote: defeated

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 (Curtis McRae/Jack Froese)

7. Other Business:

- **Introduced new directors: John Sandborn & Pamela Bailey**
- **Jack Froese thanked outgoing directors Brian Chorney & Ed Rempel for 14 years of service to MCGA.**
- **Chuck Fossay presented Brian & Ed with Long Service Awards.**
- **Chuck Fossay thanked the Staff for their years of service to MCGA as follows:**
 - **Ellen Pruden, Canola Eat Well Director, 20 years**
 - **Leanne Campbell, Communications Manager, 12 years**
 - **Jennifer Dyck, Canola Eat Well Manager, 11 years.**
 - **Liz Hiebert, Finance & Office Manager, 9 years.**
 - **Roberta Galbraith, Member Relations Manager, 6 years.**

10. Motion: To adjourn the 2018 MCGA Annual General Meeting.

M/S/C (Edgar Scheurer)