

**Manitoba Canola Growers Association
Annual General Meeting
February 15, 2024
Victoria Inn and Conference Centre, Winnipeg, MB
7:45 am - 9:00 am**

37 Voting members
50 Guests
8 Staff
95 Total in attendance

1. Call to order at 7:46 am. Welcome and introduction by – Jackie Dudgeon MacDonald - Chair - MCGA.

- Introductions

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To adopt the AGM agenda as presented.

M/S/C (Chuck Fossay/Robert Misko)

3. Adoption of Minutes for February 16, 2023 Annual General Meeting

Motion: To adopt the minutes from our February 16, 2023 AGM.

M/S/C (Chuck Fossay/Boris Michaleski)

4. Annual Report of the Association Video

- MCGA Annual Report Video

5. Canadian Canola Growers Association Report

- Kelly Green - Vice-President, Communications
- Highlighted Advanced Payment program, Policy Development and Advocacy

6. Canola Council of Canada Report

- Chris Davison – President and CEO
- Research highlights, new steering committees for flea beetles and verticillium, new sclerotinia assessment tool.
- Trade highlights - biofuel opportunities, and simplified Clean Fuel Regulation.
- Differentiated Value highlights - Canada/China dialogue held in Beijing and in person engagement in all major markets.

Question from Ian Robson - Bill C282, one type of agriculture should not attack another. Poor planning for CCC to oppose this bill. Not in tune with what farmers want. Biofuel - how did you convince politicians this was a good idea?

A: Chris Davison, CCC: Bill C282 not about supply management, CCC would have opposed it regardless of which sector it was focused on. This is about trade negotiations not being limited. Biofuel: decreased emissions and benefits to the Canadian economy are drivers.

Q: Name not available: APP reduction in interest free back to \$100,000 - what is being done?

A: Dave Gallant, CCGA: History of interest free limits, lobbying going on for a higher limit at a consistent rate. Up to the Ag Minister to change. Administrators of APP want stability in it.

Q: Anastasia Kubinec: Will there be support from the board for MB based canola variety trials?

A: Amy Delaquis, MCGA: 2023 board established support. Some hurdles with industry, but on track for program in 2024

Butch Harder: comments commending MCGA for their position of Bunge/Viterra merger

7. Finance Report Audited Financial Statement introduced by Warren Ellis

- Alex George - George & Associates
- Alex George presented the 2022/2023 financial statement of the association.

Motion: To accept the Financial Report for 2022/2023 as presented.

M/S/C (Warren Ellis/Jill Verwey)

Motion: To appoint DF George as the auditor for MCGA for the financial period ending July 31, 2024.

M/S/C (Fred Greig/Robert Misko)

8. Resolutions

Call for resolutions from the floor

- No resolutions came forward from the floor.
- Resolution presented by Nicolea Dow and Fiona Jochum by the January 29 deadline.
 - WHEREAS...
Farmers need to match genetics to need in order to optimize their crop management
 - WHEREAS...
Canola disease genetics labelling is not readily available to farmers
 - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED...
That MCGA encourage the canola seed industry to utilize and/or develop universal labels to provide information on canola disease genetics to farmers.
 - Carried by the membership unanimously
- Update on action on active resolutions

9. Other Business

Welcome New Directors Evan Gillis, Jason Kehler, Darren Nykoliation and Jay Derkach, and Re-elected Director Nicolea Dow.

Thanks to Outgoing Directors - Bill Nicholson, Jack Froese, Pam Bailey and Clayton Harder

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 (Chuck Fossay/Boris Michaleski)

10. Canola Award of Excellence – Pat and Paul Orsak

11. Adjourn the 2024 MCGA Annual General Meeting at 8:57 am – Jackie Dudgeon MacDonald