

NSAC Board Meetings

Summary of Minutes

Board Meeting - January 14th, 2008

Sunflower Research

The board discussed areas of priorities for research and based on budgets have allocated \$17,400 to be spent on tangible, short-term projects.

Sunflower Post-Registration Trials

With the recent announcement that the MAFRI Oilseed Specialist position will be vacated in mid-January, the board discussed the need for a coordinator to arrange the trials. It was agreed that D.Mabon would assume the necessary responsibilities for the 2008 trial coordination until such time that the Oilseed Specialist position is filled. The board also discussed the concerns expressed by the contributing seed companies such as site location, site maintenance and data accuracy and changes for 2008.

Manitoba Special Crops Symposium

The board reviewed the 2008 MB Special Crops Symposium agenda and the arrangements for the Nufarm Canada bus transportation from the SW part of Manitoba into Winnipeg.

Board Meeting - March 6th, 2008

Reorganization of the NSAC Board

Blair Woods was acclaimed as President, Kelly Dobson as Vice-President and Dean Fraser as Secretary/Treasurer. The committees were structured based on knowledge of the Board of Directors and approved.

NSAC Code of Conduct

The Board of Directors of the NSAC adopted the NSAC Directors' Code of Conduct Policy which outlines a Directors' legal obligation and to ensure they meet the standard of care imposed under the Business Corporations Act (Manitoba).

Annual General Meeting Review

D.Mabon reported from the NSAC Annual General Meeting held on February 21, 2008 at the MacDon Centre in Winnipeg. The Board discussed a grower's concern that MB Sunflower Processing Industry is losing business from MB Sunflower growers due to the increase in check-off fees. The board expressed little concern as the NSAC has good working relations with a number of US companies which are deducting and remitting the fees back to the Association.

D.Mabon was instructed to contact US purchasers to determine whether there is any refusal by Manitoba growers in deducting Canadian levies.

Sunflower Post-Registration Trials

D.Mabon update board members that the 2008 Sunflower Post-Registration Trials will be expanding to 6 sites around Manitoba; Morden, Melita, Minto, MacGregor, OakBluff and Carman. All trial locations will be located within commercial Sunflower fields to minimize the possibility of bird damage. It was discussed with the seed industry in January that we need to revise our protocols with suggestions to thinning plots and the collection of additional data such as harvest moisture, test weight, oil analysis, seed size and hull ratio. The Board approved a motion to collect harvest moisture when the earliest variety achieves 13 per cent moisture.

Manitoba Special Crops Symposium Review

D.Mabon provided a recap of the symposium including attendance in general as well as for Sunflower topics. The board review tradeshow and grower commentary and made suggestions for next years show. The NSAC board agreed to continue with the partnership for 2009.

Board Meeting - June 4th, 2008

Sulfentrazone Update

D.Mabon updated the board on the recent announcement of Authority (sulfentrazone) registration on Chickpeas in Saskatchewan only. The board discussed its disappointment that the registration did not include Sunflowers and reviewed the concerns expressed by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency. The Board agreed to take action and move forward with a User Requested Minor Use Label Expansion in order to see Spring 2009 registration. The Board approved a motion that based on the recent information brought forward and the requirements that the NSAC may need to take action to move forward with the Authority label expansion, financial expenses may be incurred to meet this priority for our membership.

Keystone Agriculture Producers

The Association has been approached to join the Keystone Agriculture Producers (KAP) to provide a Sunflower presence as a commodity group member





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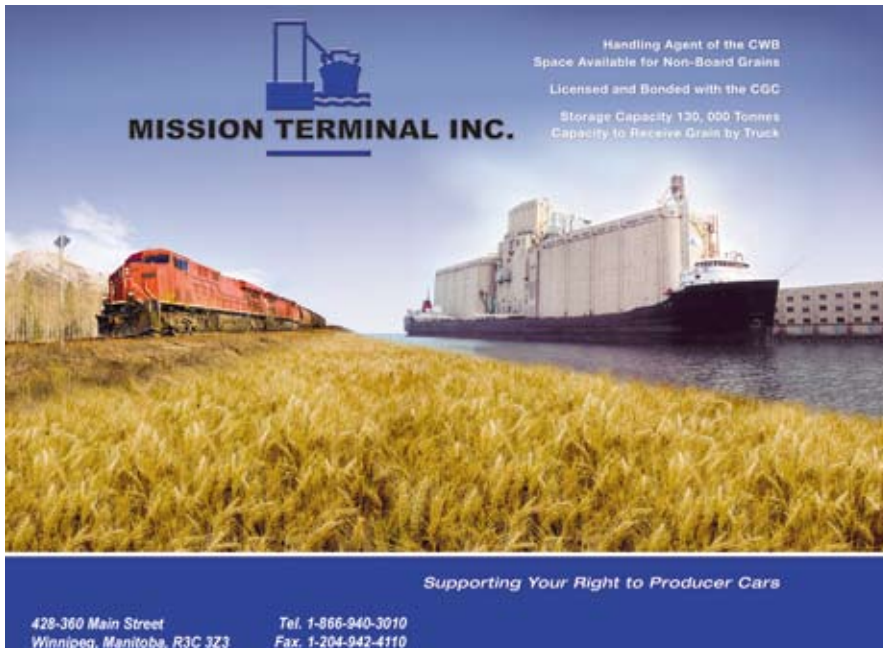
with their organization. The board approved a motion to apply for membership to KAP.

Bill C-39 Act to Amend the Canada Grains Act

The board reviewed the announcement of Bill C-39 which reflects the government's commitment to reducing regulation and mandatory costs to the grain sector, including producers. The key component of the bill includes clarifying the Canadian Grain Commission's mandate, eliminating inward inspection and inward weighing, and eliminating security as a requirement for licensing. The board agreed that any program replacement that is put into effect needs to be mandatory between all commodities and purchasers. The board agreed to provide feedback to the steering committee which includes MPGA to research available options to replace the CGC producer payments.

Matrix Group Inc.

The NSAC office was contacted by the Matrix Group Inc. to establish a magazine on behalf of the Association for our membership. The publication would be a once a year mailing that would include editorial, trial and research information as well as any other relevant information that the board wishes to include. The magazine to produce and mail would be at no expense to the organization as the costs are off set by advertising. The board approved a motion to initiate a market study of the industry to determine if a magazine would be viable.



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