

Saskatchewan Network for Alternatives to Pesticides (SNAP) AGM

Wednesday October 3, 2018, 5:45 PM

Location: Western Pizza & B-B-Q Chicken (1979) Ltd, 3847 A Albert St,
Regina, SK

Present: Paule Hjertaas, Margaret Skeel, Dale Hjertaas, David Donald

Proxies: Sandra Brandt, Colleen French, Suzanne Henry, Sylvie Roy, Michelle Sanche and Rob Wright. These six assigned to Paule Hjertaas to vote.

Program

1.0 Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

President Paule Hjertaas called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m., noting the required quorum was met. Paule reviewed the agenda.

Moved by Margaret Skeel / David Donald to adopt the agenda. Carried.

2.0 Approval of the 2017 AGM Minutes

Moved by Margaret Skeel / Dale Hjertaas to approve the minutes of the 2017 AGM as presented. Carried.

3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

Dale followed up on last year's motion to provide a grant of up to \$3,000 to Dr. Corey Sheffield at the RSM if he presents a worthwhile project proposal related to bee populations and neonicotinoids. Dr. Sheffield declined the offer as he is not pursuing this line of research. Thus the money was not spent.

4.0 Annual Report

The annual report was reviewed. Paule briefly touched on each of the items and answered questions. The annual report is sent out to members and others on her list by email.

Under Member Action, Geraldine is Geraldine Perron and John is John Duncan.

Under Networking: Peter von Stackleberg, a former Leader Post journalist who broke the story of the IBT (Industrial Biotest Laboratory) scandal sent a partial pdf of the book published from his 1980 articles exposing massive fraudulent data from the labs hired by the pesticide companies, and Dr Stuart Hill, who set up one of the first institutes of sustainable agriculture within a University (at McGill University) sent materials and links.

David commented it was a good annual report.

Moved by Paule Hjertaas / David Donald to adopt the annual report. Carried.

5.0 Financial Statement

Dale Hjertaas presented the financial statements.

Moved by Dale Hjertaas / Margaret Skeel to adopt the financial statements as presented.
Carried.

6.0 Approval for dispensing with an auditor for the year 2017-18 and the coming year 2018-19.

Moved by Dale Hjertaas / Margaret Skeel to waive both an audit and a review of the 2017-18 and 2018-19 financial statements. Carried.

7.0 Other Business

Paule suggested that Regina needs an alternative lawn-care company. SNAP does not have the funds to train someone. There are some institutes in Canada that train people.

Paule asked if there were any suggestions on how SNAP could spend some of its funds. David suggested organic farmers but Paule said she didn't think it was a good fit, and organic agriculture also received good federal funding this year.

Paule brought up that some students and researchers who have research findings different from industry expectation get their funding pulled and cannot publish so perhaps SNAP could help fund publishing research of that type.

How can we publicize and let people know some funds are available?

Dale suggested we take out a trademark on the name Saskatchewan Network for Alternatives to Pesticides. Should we decide to disband the organization, we could transfer the name to another group and thus protect it; for example if we want to transfer the website. Paule does not want industry to take the name and use it to distribute false information.

Dale will investigate if and how to do this.

Moved by David / Dale that SNAP trademark the Saskatchewan Network for Alternatives to Pesticides name, if this is possible. Carried.

8.0 Elections to the Board

SNAP directors are elected for a term of 2 years. The bylaws allow for up to 7 directors.

Moved by Dale Hjertaas / Margaret Skeel that the following be re-elected for another 2-year term as Director:

Director	Mary Aird	4 th 2-year term (since 2012)
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The following board member will continue as Officers for the year 2018-19:

President	Paule Hjertaas	6 th 2-year term (since 2007)
Treasurer	Dale Hjertaas	6 th 2-year term (since 2007)
Secretary	Margaret Skeel	5 th 2-year term (since 2009)

Moved by David Donald / Dale Hjertaas to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Paule Hjertaas, President

Margaret Skeel, Secretary