

## **SNAP AGM**

**Wednesday October 5, 2016, 5:45 PM**

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

**Present:** Paule Hjertaas, Margaret Skeel, Dale Hjertaas, Mary Aird, Linda Langenbacher and Tom Gentles.

**Proxies:** Colleen French, Sandra Brandt, Suzanne Henry, Elaine Hughes, Sylvie Roy, Rob Wright and Josette Wier. These seven 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 6:45 p.m., noting the required quorum was met. Paule reviewed the agenda.

Moved by Margaret Skeel/Mary Aird to adopt the agenda. Carried.

#### **2.0 Approval of the 2015 AGM Minutes**

Moved by Margaret Skeel/Linda Langenbacher to approve the minutes of the 2015 AGM as presented. Carried.

#### **3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

#### **4.0 Annual Report**

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

Mary commented favorably on the well-written President's report. The website continues to have material added and remains a valuable resource; it includes visitors from around the world. Paule was pleased by the high number of "likes" on the webpage, many from people she has not heard of before.

Paule included where Denise McDonald took the display in 2015 in this year's report, as this wasn't submitted in time to include in last year's report.

There was discussion on how GMOs are or should be discussed on the website. It was pointed out that SNAP is concerned about pesticides, thus the GMO issue by SNAP should be related to the increase in pesticide use due to GMO crops, and not about the safety of GMO foods.

Paule has included one item about safety of GMO foods on the website as she thinks that people interested in pesticide reduction are also interested in GMO food safety. It is

already stated under the item that, although GMO food safety does not seem to directly imply pesticides, the information has been added because she felt it filled a need to know and adds to the knowledge of the technology and its potential health effects.

Moved by Paule Hjertaas/Linda Langenbacher to adopt the annual report. Carried.

## **5.0 Financial Statement**

Dale Hjertaas presented the financial statements.

Moved by Dale Hjertaas/Tom Gentles to adopt the financial statements as presented. Carried.

## **6.0 Approval for dispensing with an auditor for the year 2015-16**

Moved by Dale Hjertaas/Mary Aird to waive both an audit and a review of the 2015-16 financial statements. Carried.

## **7.0 Other Business**

Paule discussed how some of the funds might be spent. Increasing the reach of SNAP through social media was deemed as a good use of funds, and is not costly. There was agreement it was worth investigating and doing if not expensive. Taking the display to events is also good promotion. Paule has the display available.

## **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 Margaret Skeel/Dale Hjertaas that the following be re-elected for another 2-year term as Directors:

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| Directors | Tom Gentles | 6 <sup>th</sup> 2-year term (since 2008) |
|           | Mary Aird   | 4 <sup>rd</sup> 2-year term (since 2011) |

The following board members will continue in their functions for the year 2016-17:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Paule Hjertaas, President

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Margaret Skeel, Secretary