

Title of Special Initiative: BCGPA Annual Seminar/ AGM, March 4, 2000
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Organization(s): BC Grain Producers Association

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Objectives:

- Host annual seminar and AGM on March 4, 2000 in Fort St. John.
- Stimulate discussion about grain transportation issue

Accomplishments:

- Stimulated great discussion with our 3 quality speakers right up until 5 p.m.
- Integrated business of meeting with discussions with speakers.
- Heard feedback from producers wishing they had attended.

Tasks in progress: not applicable for short term initiative

Extension and Communication:

- Submitted articles to Peace Prospects page of Northern Horizon before and after meeting.
- Invited 2 media reporters to cover news worthy topics, such as discussion with Kevin Archibald on grain transportation issues.

Finances:

Total expenditures	\$3,129.34
Total income from sponsors and income at the door	\$ 548.00
BCGPA deficit payment	\$ 77.87
Total request for Special Initiative Funds (80% of costs)	\$2,503.47

Variances from original work plan, schedule or budget:

Interest from sponsors and turnout of members was even lower than our conservative predictions. Therefore industry income was down. There are several reasons for this, many of them out of the control of the organizing committee.

There were substitutions and cancellations in the original slate of speakers just days before the seminar, resulting in 3 speakers rather than 4. There were also some savings in advertising and photocopying costs. Thus, total costs were also lower than anticipated.

Summary comments, conclusions:

The directors of the BCGPA are presently initiating 3 changes or initiatives that will improve the members' interest in the organization and support for next year's annual seminar/AGM.

Attachments: Detailed Financial Information (available on request)