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Objectives:

- Enable 2 or 3 members of Research Committee to attend the Prairie Registration Recommending Committee for Grain (PRRCG) meeting.
- Have input into varietal and grain industry development in Western Canada.

Accomplishments:

- Met with Jim Helm. Barley and oat breeder
- Met with Fred Townley-Smith, in charge of wheat breeding in Winnipeg
- Met with breeders and set up contract work for 2000.
- Got an update on fusarium situation
- Wheat growers update

Tasks in progress:

- Gather information on new varieties and new breeding programs
- Conform to standardized methodology across Canada
- Contribute to recommendations for wheat and pulse varieties across Canada.

Extension and demonstration:

- Field Crop Variety Performance 1999 books compiled/ distributed (500 copies).
- New Crops and Agronomic Trials 1992-99 book compiled/ distributed (300 copies).
- Articles in 2 issues of Canola Digest about the activities of this research committee.
- Articles in Peace Prospect page of Northern Horizon and BCMAFF newsletter.

Finances:

Total projected costs	\$5175.00
Actual costs	2624.17

(need to get more details from Cheryl)

Variances from original work plan, schedule or budget: none

Summary comments, conclusions:

- Attending these key meetings is critical for the success and reputation of our research program.
- We remind them where the Peace Region is when they make decisions that affect our industry.

Minutes of BCGPA Research Committee Meeting
Friday, November 19, 1999 at 10 a.m.
Oil & Gas Comm. Conference Room, 2nd Floor BCMAF office, FSJ

Present: Maurice Fines Garry Scott, John Aalhus, Bruce Baxter, Kerry Clark, Jim Collins, Ken Nickel, Garnet Berge, Jack Dobbs, Joanne Anderson, Raymond Verboven, Sandra Burton.

1. Approval of Agenda/ Additions

Motion to accept agenda (Jim Collins/ Garnet Berge). Carried.

2. Contractor/ employee agreements

Joanne to be offered full time work and budget for next year to reflect this change.

Motion that the Labor Management Subcommittee consist of: John Aalhus, Ken Nickel, Maurice Fines, Garry Scott (Jim Collins/ Bruce Baxter). Carried

Meeting of the Labor Management Subcommittee to follow this meeting today.

3. Expenditures in 1999 Budget to date

➤ Discrepancies in Cheryl's & Raymond's worksheets.

Action: need to track \$19,000 cheque mailed from Investment Agriculture.

Action: address change/ account # with Investment Agriculture.

4. New trial possibilities for year 2000:

Hard white wheat especially with Fred Townley-Smith and Rossnagel.

Garry stressed importance of this in the future & contacts with Pioneer.

Agricore - barley silage trial

- alfalfa for silage

- 2 years, fee for service

Flax - Northern Flax Coop trials, single row, with Rossnagel from Saskatoon.

Jim Helm's Alta Agric. vs. high yielding barley, early breeding program, pre coop test vs. Saskatoon later in process.

Triticale - seed production, grazing/ silage

Cereals (wheat, triticale, barley).

Tomslake trials on a fee basis for BC Forage Council, PR Forage Association

Jack: other possibilities: flour mill for Peace, niche market, contract grown or to feed

market, Pacific NW based company, "Solar" varieties, "Teal", cp. Pregis from Armstrong

Action: Redirect requests from Agricore re: silage & triticale to PR Forage Assoc.

Action: Raymond to bring information to directors meeting.

Action: Jack to supply information required for Hemp Project application.

5. Budget for year 2000

Discussion about **tractor options & land rent**: Dennis Meyer's tractor, need to separate land rent & custom work. Glen Aalhus land rent - has it been paid?

Jack: clarifies last years situation, consolidated report vs. separating **hemp project**.

Ken: commented about generated **contract income** & budget for next year.

Garnet: comments from levy council - like to see 40% PRAD, 40% Investment Agric.

Jack: contracts were kept separate initially.

Action: Raymond \$8000 for canola vigor study - Bruce suggested enterprise analysis.

Garry: for next year show \$30,000 income, then less from Levy Council.

Jim: Investment Agriculture members were impressed with plots. Ongoing activities not funded by them. Case needs to be made, no provincial research \$ into forage or grain commodity research. Need to stress our activities of new variety, new crops testing.

Garnet: from Levy Council perspective **equipment replacement** worked into budget not moving between categories at end of year, increase % into equipment rent.

John: depreciation high enough.

PRAD funds can't be used for capital, but equipment rental legitimate.

Motion: increase equipment rent from 11 to 15% (Garry Scott/ John Aalhus). Carried.

Motion: have contract expenses in detail as per John's example (John Aalhus/ Garry Scott). Carried.

Action: Raymond/ Joanne can supply copy of detailed **costs per plot** in budget. To be reported separately to committee and council.

Question re: \$17,000 for **project management, administration**

Jim: commented extra costs because of audit last year.

Discussion of where Administration money should go. Garnet: money goes to project management & helps with smaller projects e.g. Jim Smolik activities with Safety Nets.

Jack: real plot cost separated verses value, efficiencies

Comments about this project's administration funding BCGPA & other committees.

Bruce: cost analysis include real % for project management info only for this committee.

Jim: \$17,000: real cost of audit & book keeping costs, employee cheques, etc.

John: is the calculated cost per plot enough to cover Cheryl's cost for employee management? If we increase employees, what is our cost?

Motion to use Raymond's figures for proposal next year as recalculated with 11-15% increase in equipment rental (Garry Scott/ Garnet Berge). Carried.

Action: Sandra to fax or email a letter of intent & budget for Variety & Agronomic Trials and Industrial Hemp Project 2 weeks prior to Dec. 2 board meeting (i.e. today!) to **Investment Agriculture**.

Motion: **Future Funding Account** to be set up in 2002 to access new provincial & federal funding, and anticipating a new funding schedule, and machinery replacement (John Aalhus/ Jim Collins). Carried.

Motion: when applying for funds for year 2000, a total of \$30,000 from retained earnings be applied to next years budget proposal. Remainder of funds to go into the Future Funding Account (Garnet Berge/ Bruce Baxter). Carried.

5. Equipment modifications

> New front openers for seeder

Jack: zero till capabilities issue still not being addressed, e.g., at Clarence's for pea trial.
Ken asked Raymond about canola seedling difficulties & wind. Some issues addressed this spring e.g. narrowing seed cups, diluting seed.

Jack: smaller diameter cones improve low volume seed rates for canola and forage seed (6*\$800), initial spinner to distribute to cones problems with mechanical lift.

> Cab for seeder

Cab i.e. canvas cover "roll up".

Motion proposed seeder modifications are okay, including cost estimate for zero till capabilities while it's there (John Aalhus/ Bruce Baxter). Carried.

> Work to be done by FABRO

Trucking by Mike with Golden Bear, Kenver or Butler to meet Fabro halfway.

> Roller harrows & Power harrows

Jack: roller harrow purchase \$800

Motion we buy roller harrows from Jack (Garnet Berge/ Garry Scott). Carried

Power harrows - annual beef session, smallest needs 80hp., can't be hauled & huge weight. Possibility of trading in, 2 sizes smaller are more popular.

Motion that Raymond advertise & initiate sale of power harrows (Ken Nickel/ Garry Scott). Carried.

Action: Garnet Berge/ Garry Scott to talk with Rick & Dan to use drill.

Action: Raymond to take used sprayer to Kenver.

> Combine

Maurice reminded members the replacement of the combine within the next couple of years is prudent.

6. Forage seed plots at Baldonnel

Clarification of contract arrangement with Glen Aalhus, rental same as with Blanchette.

Jack & Ken: summarized history of research committee involvement in fine seeds work and all research projects going on that site.

Motion: BCGPA undertake paying Glen Aalhus for 1998 and 1999. 2 years at \$250/ yr (from plot rental budget category) because of BCGPA association with the site (Garnet Berge/ Jim Collins). Carried.

Motion we offer to manage plots for a transition period until March 2000 and set down on paper a letter of expectations that be mailed to all 4 groups involved at site & move to resolution of management gaps at site (Jim Collins/ Bruce Baxter). Carried.

Action: Ken or Sandra to investigate funding for PRFSA to manage site.

7. Unreported projects & "archives of data"

E.g. malting barley trial and nitrogen trial, disasters reported (what made them fail?), rates of P on peas, copper trials, exotics with market comments.

Kerry: volunteers to compile these "pockets of gold" retroactively.

Perhaps Harvey as part of his new duties, could do a market analysis as a published supplement.

Ken: might be possible to get \$ from National Research Council to do market analysis, through Enterprise Center.

Action: Jim to help Investment Agriculture appreciate BCGPA's new work

8. Other additions/ comments

Motion: that there be no unqualified drivers driving BCGPA vehicles. Raymond is responsible for ensuring that new crew members driving have appropriate licenses for equipment. Class 3 required for hauling the tractor & seeder.
(Garnet Berge/ Bruce Baxter). Carried.

Suggestion/ directive: Joanne obtain her class 3.

Action: distribute Variety and Agronomic Trial report.

Email committee members approved proposal for 2000 season.

Announcements:

Next Research Committee meeting as needed.

Prairie Regions Recommending Committee on Grains annual meeting in Edmonton
Sunday Feb. 20-23, Canola meetings Feb. 20- 21, 2000.

9. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**BC GRAIN PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION
RESEARCH PROJECT
INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENTS
APRIL 01, 1999 TO MARCH 31, 2000**

	Operations
Income	
BC Grain Industry Development Council	1,035.00
Peace River Agriculture Development Fund	<u>4,140.00</u>
Total Income	5,175.00
Expenses	
Expert Committee on Grains	1,949.17
Project Management	<u>675.00</u>
Total Expenses	2,624.17
Excess of Income over Expenditures	2,550.83
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<u>Accounts Receivable</u>	
BC Grain Industry Development Council (HB-10%)	103.50
Peace River Agriculture Development Council (HB-10%)	<u>414.00</u>
Total	517.50

BC GRAIN PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION
RESEARCH PROJECT
EQUIPMENT FUND
APRIL 01, 1999 TO MARCH 31, 2000

	Equipment
Income	
BC Grain Industry Development Council	36,000.00
Equipment Purchases/Modifications 1999	<u>(23,900.82)</u>
Balance Carried Forward	12,099.18
 Expenses	
Equipment Purchases - 2000	1,341.51
Equipment Modifications - 2000	<u>682.50</u>
Total Expenses	2024.01
 Excess of Income over Expenditures	 10,075.17
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<u>Purchases</u>	
Dust Collector	541.51
John Deere Roller Harrow	<u>800.00</u>
	1341.51
 <u>Modifications</u>	
Fertilizer Spreader	210.00
Seed Drill	<u>472.50</u>
	682.50