



Draft minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on December 17, 2020 at 9:00am via conference call.

On the call: Jack Bates, Jason Smith, Ripanjit Malhi, Bar Hayre, Carolyn Teasdale, Dalbir Benipal, Harjot Toor, Bryce Guliker, Gurprit Singh Brar, Eva Wang, Dave Gill, Anju Gill (Staff), Clara Moran (Staff), Abbie Henderson (Staff)

Regrets:

1. **Call to Order** – J. Bates called the meeting to order at 9:03am.
2. **Approval of the Agenda** - [Motion 20/12/17:27](#) "to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of Invoice from Curtis LLP." Carried.
3. **Approval of the October 15th, 2020 Minutes** - [Motion 20/12/17:28](#) "to approve the minutes from the previous meeting." Carried.
4. **Business Arising from Minutes** – Update on Item 7.1: A. Gill reported that the contract with Dawn Wattie has ended. Generally, processor packers are agreeable on the idea of cost-share with the Council, however the formula is pending consensus – D. Wattie stated a sixty/forty split was mentioned to the processor packers. The IR & FC Committees will need plan for how to proceed.
5. **Introductions** – All on the call introduced themselves to the Board.
6. **Chair appointment (BOD & FC) – led by C. Teasdale**
 - Chair, Jack Bates appointed by acclamation.
 - Vice Chair, Dalbir Benipal appointed by election.
 - Finance Chair, Jason Smith appointed by acclamation.
 - Research Chair, Gurprit Singh Brar appointed by acclamation.
 - Promotions Chair, Bar Hayre appointed by acclamation.
 - Industry Relations Chair, Ripanjit Malhi appointed by acclamation.
7. **AGM debrief** – C. Moran reported that 184 people registered through the Pheedloop platform, 102 of those were growers. Between 75 and 90 people attended the December 9th Virtual Field Day sessions on the event website. Between 20 and 40 people attended the Promotions team and Research program update sessions. 50 growers attended the AGM proceedings. C. Moran will report on the Exhibit Hall numbers.
8. **Invoice from Curtis Lawyers** – A. Gill provided a summary of the ongoing USITC Global Safeguard investigation. The first invoice from the Council's defense lawyers at Curtis LLP has been received, and payment is due. [Motion 20/12/17:29](#) "to approve the payment of US \$54,095.60 to Curtis LLP for the Global Safeguard Investigation defense." Carried.
9. **Processor/packer appointment** – 2 EOIs were received and after some deliberation Humraj Kallu was appointed by election.
10. **Announcements/Next meeting** –
 - **10.1** - A. Gill informs Directors all board/committee relevant materials are available via Dropbox.

- **10.2** – There will be a mandatory one-hour orientation for all Directors before the next meeting. Further information will be communicated to all Directors.
- **10.3** – Farmer protests in India – the protests have garnered international attention. Radio Sher-e-Punjab held series of talks on the conditions of Canadian farmers. D. Benipal and G. Brar participated in these series to speak on the BC's blueberry industry.
- **10.4** - Next meeting – mid January.

11. **Adjournment** – [Motion 20/12/17:30](#) "to adjourn meeting at 10:49am." Carried.