

Attendance: Jason Smith (Chair), Jack Bates, Dalbir Benipal, Gurprit Brar, Bryce Guliker, Humraj Kallu, Ripan Malhi, Eva Wang, Carolyn Teasdale, Anju Gill (staff), Clara Moran (staff), Karen Carter (staff)

Regrets: Surjit Gosal, Charanjit Chahal, Raj Grewal, Harjot Toor (?)

1. Call to order (J. Smith)
2. BCBC Flood Response Strategic Chart – A. Gill highlighted 4 keys areas of focus:
 - Grower support - active listening, advising, holding and attending meetings and developing communication material
 - Raising awareness - organizing speakers for media, press releases to actively seek media opportunities, active outreach to politicians and officials, speaking to stakeholders and growers about the impact on blueberries
 - Gathering information - hiring third party for cost analysis, understanding flood response/ resources and disseminating information accordingly, grower surveys, research reports, diking system reports and other commodity responses
 - Advocacy - setting tone (collaborative, factual, and flexible), meetings with decision makers and stakeholders, connecting and giving growers the platform to present their own lived experiences, and report submission as needed
3. Flood assistance update – the flood cost analysis report is ready and it’s been submitted to the team working on AgriRecovery under the BRM branch, BC Ministry of Agri Food and Fisheries. This report is quite extensive in providing costs per acres and general impact for years to come.
4. Contributions for Global Safeguard
 - Do processor packers have to pay their portion of the GSI as calculated to be acknowledged in the BCBC Newsletter? There are some packer who are willing to contribute partial amount. After deliberation the consensus was that it’s important to acknowledge full contributions, however accept partial contribution as well and recognize the contributors accordingly.

MOTION: “To acknowledge processor packers as *participated in full in GSI* if they have paid their portion as calculated.”
5. Adjourned at 9am