



## **DRAFT Minutes Board Meeting**

of February 15, 2022

via Zoom call

**Attendees:** Jason Smith (Chair), Jack Bates, Gurprit Singh Brar, Bryce Guliker, Charanjit Chahal, Humraj Kallu, Ripan Malhi, Harjot Toor, Eva Wang, Carolyn Teasdale, Eric Gerbrant (9:35), Michael Dossett (9:40), Anju Gill (staff), Clara Moran (staff), Karen Carter (staff)

**Regrets:** Raj Grewal, Surjit Gosal, Dalbir Benipal

- 1. Call to order** – J. Smith called the meeting to order at 9:06.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda** [Motion 22/02/15:10](#) To “approve the agenda as circulated”.  
Carried
- 3. Approval of the January 18, 2022 meeting Minutes.** [Motion 22/02/15:11](#) To “approve the meeting minutes of January 18, 2022.”
- 4. Business arising from the Minutes - none**
- 5. Reports:**
  - 5.1. Chair – UBC sent a request to BCBC for a letter of support for the nomination of Parm Bains to receive the UBC Alumni Achievement Award. [Motion 22/02/15:12](#) To “send UBC a letter of BCBC Board of Directors full support for the nomination of Parm Bains to receive the UBC Alumni Achievement Award”
  - 5.2. ED – A. Gill provided a written report and highlighted ongoing projects.
  - 5.3. Promotions Committee – H. Kallu presented a written report as circulated. BuyBC funding was confirmed today at \$75,000 for the next fiscal year 2022-23.
  - 5.4. Research Committee - G. Brar presented a written report and highlighted a few key points. (see below)
  - 5.5. IR Committee – R.Malhi no business to report.
- 6. Financial report** H. Toor presented the BCBC financial reports to December 31, 2021.
  - Court action has commenced on those processor packers who have unpaid levies from 2019 and 2020. It is expected that we should receive levies for an additional 10 million pounds for the 2021 year.
  - The 2021/2022 budget as it is now, does not require reduction or adjustments at this time.
- 6.1. Research approvals (see attached report)** G. Brar highlighted a number of points in the circulated research report.
  - E. Gerbrandt put forward the following items for Board approval:  
**Leasing land for urgent planting required for 2019 and 2020 seedlings.** A number of parcels of land have been identified for leasing purposes for planting 2019 and 2020 seedlings. [Motion: 22/02/15:13](#) “To move forward to find at least 5 acres to lease for the breeding program for 10 years at \$2,000 per acre.” Carried. The BCBC Board will take the lead on negotiating the lease.

**Imagery sensing for tracking Scorch.** E. Gerbrandt requested the Board allocate a budget of up to \$6,000 for developing the use of imagery/gps to map out the spread of scorch. The project is a one-year project. [Motion 22/02/15:14](#) “To move forward on the imagery research project to map out scorch with a budget of up to \$6,000.” Carried.

**Budget allocation for ACS grant program.** E. Gerbrandt requested a tentative research budget allocation of \$10,000 (for 5 years) to participate in the proposal for Perennial Fruit and Nut Crop for Agricultural Climate Solutions Program – (attached from a previous research meeting emailed 11/18/2021). The amount is leverageable 9 to 1. It was the general consensus of the Board that the tentative budget allocation for the tentative \$10,000 for 5 years in the 2022-23 would be agreed to.

**AAFC Test and Option Agreement.** M. Dossett provided an overview of the AAFC agreement to go forward. [Motion 22/02/15:](#) “To move forward with signing the AAFC Test and Option Agreement.” Carried. Explanation of how royalties will be paid was explained. (copy attached)

## 7. Project Updates

- Processor Packer/Grower initiative is not going anywhere yet. Lack of participation from both the growers and the processor packers is the cause.
- Pollination project sub committee – E. Wang stated this initiative is on hold until the fall.
- Market Development Study. This should be completed by the end of March 2022.

## 8. Directors’ business

- Board directors’ attendance and committee participation is required by all directors. Board information will not be shared with those not in compliance with the attendance bylaw.

*BCBC bylaw 6.19 A Director is deemed to have resigned if:*

*(a) he or she is absent from three consecutive Board meetings*

*without an excuse considered sufficient by a majority of the Board;*

It was agreed that the Board Chair have a conversation with those that are not attending or participating as required, before any action commences. As part of the AGM report, attendance of meetings by the Board Directors will be noted. [Motion 22/02/15:](#) “To include Board Directors’ attendance record as part of the report information that is circulated at the AGM.” Carried.

- Also discussed, was clearly laying out the expectations of new Board members on the nomination forms and have them sign. A new nomination form will be prepared for upcoming nominations. As well, mandatory Board Director training program will be required.

[Motion 22/02/15:](#) “To have mandatory director/board training for all directors.”

## 9. In-camera

## 10. Next board meeting – March 29, 2022 at 9:00

## 11. Adjourn at 11:03

Attached documents for 6.1 reference:

- proposal for Perennial Fruit and Nut Crop for Agricultural Climate Solutions Program – (attached from a previous research meeting emailed 11/18/2021).
- AAFC Test and Option Agreement