

BC Fruit Growers' Association

Friday File

March 3, 2017



Tree Fruit Production Guide Meetings

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Monday, March 6, 2017	Tuesday, March 7, 2017	Thursday, March 9, 2017
<p>Summerland 9 am - 11:30 am Summerland Research Centre (PARC) 4200 Highway #97, South Summerland, BC</p>	<p>Oliver 9 am - 11:30 am Oliver Rec Centre 6359 Park Drive Oliver, BC</p>	<p>Creston 7 pm - 9 pm Creston Rec Center Erickson Room 312 19 Avenue N Creston, BC</p>
<p>Winfield 2pm- 4pm Winfield Memorial Hall 10130 Bottom Wood Lake Road Lake Country, BC</p>	<p>Cawston 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Cawston Hall 2199 Main Street Cawston, BC</p>	

AGENDA

Topic	Presenter
1. On-line availability of TFPG and overview of nutrient section production guide	Glen Lucas / Hugh Philip
2. Pathology update	Gayle Jespersen
3. Entomology update	Susanna Acheampong
4. Local horticulture update	BCTF Field Service / Crop Consultants
5. Tractor safety and Personal Protection Equipment	Carol Reid/Kevin Paterson
6. Apple Clearwing Moth Project	Glen Lucas
7. SIR update	Melissa Tesche
8. Starling Control Program update	Glen Lucas

Bursaries

Thanks received

Tessa Bokla, Gavin Day and Emerveer Khosa all expressed their *thanks and appreciation* for being awarded one of the 2016-2017 BCFGAs bursaries.

Water Well Registration Workshop


A trickle will become a flood

The BCFGAs organized a free workshop for growers to register their water wells. Unfortunately, registration was very low, though there are many irrigation water wells to be registered. We wound up having only one session instead of 2 sessions - our apologies to those affected.

All property owners will need to register water wells that are used for irrigation by the end of 2019. Those who register in 2017 will save a \$250 registration fee.

The BCFGAs is not at this time considering putting on further workshops, due to the lack of interest. Growers may try to navigate the process themselves. Consultants are available to advise on registration, for an additional fee of approximately \$750. The BCFGAs is considering providing assistance to its members for a fee.

How to contact the BCFGAs Office

<p>BCFGAs Office - 250-762-5226 Toll free -1-800-619-9022</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brenda Zarr, Member Services and Replant Admin, local 1.• Glen Lucas, General Manager, local 2.• Bunvir Nijjar, Corporate Secretary and Seasonal Agriculture Worker Program, local 4.
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BC Fruit Growers' Association Executive for 2017

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Meetings and Events - check the [BCFGA Calendar](#) on our website for more information

Date	Meeting	Place
Mar 2	Strategic Initiatives advisory committee	Glen Lucas
Mar 6-7 Mar 9	TFPG meetings - Okanagan TFPG meeting - Creston	Glen Lucas Fred Steele
Mar 13-17	CHC AGM	Fred Steele, Pinder Dhaliwal, Glen Lucas
April 25	BCFGA Executive meeting	Exec
May 9	BC Election	

BCFGA Executive Meeting

February 27, 2017

The Executive met February 27 for the first full meeting following the Convention. As usual at its first meeting, the Executive reviewed and approved governance and staff policies. The Executive also reviewed the following priorities for the year, which are in addition to regular, ongoing activities and any unanticipated events:

- i. Member Services
 - Member information brochure - develop
 - Bylaws - possible Special General Meeting
- ii. Labour
 - Federal Low Skill Worker Program changes - on budget day
 - SAWP sexual discrimination under BC Human Rights - mediation
 - Mexico SAWP workshops in April
- iii. Crop Protection
 - Apple Clearwing Moth project
 - BMSB and AM planning
 - Product reviews - PMRA
 - GROU priorities
- iv. Financial Programs
 - Export market ranking
 - Next Agricultural Policy Framework
- v. Public Relations
 - Rejuvenation proposal
 - Municipality Updates
 - Provincial election

The Executive got a start on setting committees. If you are interested serving on the Crop Protection or Labour Committees, and are willing to provide 2 or 3 days per year of your time (a small per diem is paid), then please contact an Executive member or Glen Lucas.

The Executive also reviewed and discussed [the Okanagan College strategy planning session](#) - overview (pages 1-57) and results of a workshop with industry representatives (pages 58-62).