

BC FRUIT GROWERS`ASSOCIATION

Special General Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2017, Best Western Hotel, West Kelowna, BC

Present:

Chair of Session, Fred Steele, President, BCFGGA
Five other BCFGGA Executive members including BCFGGA Vice-President Pinder Dhaliwal
Eleven delegates, representing two BCFGGA Regions
BCFGGA members, approximately 6 growers
BCFGGA Staff: Glen Lucas, Brenda Jorde, Bunvir Nijjer

1. Introduction and Welcome

BCFGGA President, Fred Steele, called the meeting to order at 11:12 am. Delegates and members were welcomed.

2. Credentials Report

The credential report was presented:

North Region

1. Tarsem Goraya
2. Amarjit Lalli
3. Jora Dhaliwal
4. Jeet Dukhia
5. Parvinder Uppal

South Region

1. Denise MacDonald
2. Doug Nield
3. Rajinder Brar
4. Mehar Khaira
5. Julie Sardinha
6. Mewa Gill

Moved/Seconded: A. Lalli/ D. Nield

That the Credential Report be approved.

Carried.

3. Agenda

It was noted that the meeting notice was sent to all members. Some clarification was provided that Delegates vote on the bylaw proposals and no new bylaw proposals can be introduced or voted upon without providing advance notice. However any amendments can be made to the current bylaw proposals and members are welcome to provide input.

The agenda was approved by consensus.

4. President's Report

BCFGA Vice-President Pinder Dhaliwal was asked to chair the meeting while the BCFGAs President Fred Steele provided an update on the following:

- Recent activity
 - Agriculture Day
 - Meeting with Ag. Minister Lana Popham
- Labour
 - SAWP housing
 - Mexico raises housing, payroll and bullying issues
 - The harassment and bullying policy templates are available on our website
 - Fair wage Commission
 - The BCFGAs will present to the Commission on November 21st, 2017 in regards to the minimum wage increase to \$15
 - Employment Standards review
 - It is coming up early next year
- Replant

Moved/Seconded: A. Lalli/ J. Sardinha

To receive President's report.

Carried.

12:44 pm.

5. By-Law Proposals

Recommendations from the Member Services Committee, the Executive and staff were presented to the Delegates.

Resolution 1- Majority for Special Resolutions

Moved/Seconded: D. MacDonald/ D. Nield

To change the majority vote requirement for special resolutions to 75% as introduced in the new Society Act.

Carried by the requisite 75% majority.

Resolution 2- Member funded versus charity

The new Society Act requires a non-profit organization to define in its constitution whether it's a charity or member funded organization.

Moved/Seconded: J.Dukhia/ A. Lalli

To amend the constitution of the BCFGa to become a member-based society

Carried by the requisite 67% majority.

Resolution 3- What to do upon dissolution

Moved/Seconded: J.Dukhia/ A. Lalli

To amend resolution 3 by replacing “donated to Okanagan College [and x in equal shares]” with the wording “donated to a trust managed by BC Tree Fruit Co-operative.”

Carried unanimously.

The amended resolution 3.

Carried by the requisite 67% majority.

Resolution 4- To make the definition of Associate membership match with current practice

Moved/Seconded: J.Dukhia/ J.Dhaliwal

Carried by the requisite 67% majority.

Resolution 5- Change the minimum annual sales requirement for Full Membership

Moved/Seconded: A. Lalli/ T. Goraya

To amend the bylaws of the BCFGa by replacing the minimum annual sales requirement for full membership in section 2.(a)(i) of “\$2,000” to “\$15,000.”

The amended resolution 5.

Carried by the requisite 67% majority.

Resolution 6- Introduce multi-year terms for Executive

Moved/Seconded: A.Lalli/ P.Uppal

There was some clarification provided in regards to the proposed resolution:

- 2018 will be a transitional year where all the positions will be re-elected but with one or two terms as determined in the proposal;
- an individual may only serve a maximum of 3 consecutive terms in the same position unless that individual is nominated for a different position;

- The individual that has completed the maximum number of terms in the same position must take one year break prior to getting nominated for the same position

To amend resolution 6 by replacing “a random draw held at the 2017 North District Annual Meeting and 2017 South District Annual Meeting” with the wording “the greatest number of votes” and replacing “those not chosen by random draw” with the wording “with the lesser number of votes.”

Carried unanimously.

The amended resolution 6.

Carried by the requisite 67% majority.

Resolution 7- Change the wording Executive to Board of Directors

Moved/Seconded: A.Lalli/ D.MacDonald

Carried by the requisite 67% majority.

Resolution 8- Allow Family members to participate in the BCFGAs

Moved/Seconded: J.Dukhia/ J.Sardinha

To amend resolution 8 by adding “an annually-appointed” close family member and that “the annual appointment of a close family member must take place after the Annual Convention and before April 1st.”

Carried unanimously.

The amended resolution 8.

Carried by the requisite 67% majority.

Resolution 9- Renumbering and Consolidation of the Bylaws

Moved/Seconded: A.Lalli/ D.MacDonald

Carried by the requisite 67% majority.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.