

2016 Resolutions status

updated February 11, 2016

Appreciation resolutions A and B:

- municipal presentations will express appreciation and provide detail on supported activities (SIR, Starling Control, and Wood chipping).

1. Therefore be it resolved that that qualified tourists be able to apply for an International Experience Program visa after arrival in Canada.

Resolution passed at CHC previously - Pinder Dhaliwal to raise at CHC Labour Committee to make an action plan.

2. Therefore be it resolved that rootstock (nursery) and trees one year old not be charged a SIR parcel tax.

Did not pass, no action required.

3. Therefore be it resolved that the SIR services continue to strive for efficiencies.

Grower participation on SIR Board continues to monitor. BCFGAs Crop Protection representative and General Manager attend SIR Board meetings.

4. Therefore be it resolved that the BCFGAs request that crop insurance insure wind damage under quality coverage in the crop insurance program.

Write letter to Production Insurance Branch to formalize request.

5. Therefore be it resolved that additional funding be provided when the replant program so that all qualifying projects are funded.

A meeting with ADM Arif Lalani scheduled for Feb. 17, formal request to follow for increase in funding for 2016 Replant Program.

6. Therefore be it resolved that regional districts provide adequate funding for chipping programs to operate all year.

Municipal presentations will request full support for chipping programs.

7. Therefore be it resolved that the BCFGAs investigate practical methods for the disposal of posts, by working with post manufacturers and regional districts

A letter will be prepared to request local landfills to confirm policy on treated post disposal.

8. Therefore be it resolved that the BCFGAs encourage the province to include the impact on BC agriculture in the Columbia River Treaty renewal.

Ongoing communication with Ministry of Energy and Mines.

9. Therefore be it resolved that BCFGA demand that the provincial and federal governments address the growth in urban deer populations and the damage incurred by agriculture.

Monitor Ministry of Forests and Ministry of Agriculture committees/reviews.

10. Therefore be it resolved that the BCFGA request that nuisance deer hunting permits be available in the Okanagan as in the Capital Region District.

Appointees to Ministry of Forests to make request (may need to be formalized by BCFGA). Input provided to Ministry of Agriculture problem wildlife review in January 2016.

11. Therefore be it resolved that BCAC and the province be requested to focus on incentives rather than red tape and further be it resolved that the province reverse the erosion of EFP Program funding for Beneficial Management Practices.

Resolution to BCAC AGM required.

12. Therefore be it resolved that the BCFGA promote the availability of affordable water and Further be it resolved that agriculture allocations be given priority.

BCFGA to monitor and to promote drought policy. Need ensure an active and energetic participant on the Water Stewardship Committee of the OBWB.

13. Therefore be it resolved that BCFGA and SIR develop a plan for area wide pest control for Apple Clearwing Moth, Spotted Wing Drosophila and other tree fruit pests for the consideration of growers.

Support the partnership with SIR to have a facilitated workshop(s) to determine the plan.

14. Therefore be it resolved that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency increase its vigilance to protect quarantine areas from invasive pests.

The BC PPAC needs to develop an emergency plan, identify resources. BCFGA Crop Protection Chairman to attend meetings.

15. Therefore be it resolved that the BCFGA work with the Cooperative and other packing houses to open new markets to tree fruit exports.

A presentation and discussion on marketing opportunities will be held at the next BCFGA Executive meeting (March).

16. Therefore be it resolved that the BCFGA request government to de-register the Arctic Apple immediately, and
Further be it resolved that the government place a moratorium on future GE tree fruit pending scientific research and trade and consumer impacts, and
Further be it resolved that there be no compensation for de-registration, for those GMO/GE growers who plant GMO Arctic Apple trees after Nov. 10, 2015.

Write BCFGA letter to federal Minister of Health.

17. Therefore be it resolved that the BCFGA coordinate an area-wide control program for ACM using the pheromone Isomate P, and
Further be it resolved that the BCFGA apply for innovation program funding to immediately launch a 3 year pilot program in 2016.

Proposal being developed for Feb 12 deadline.

18. Therefore be it resolved that agriculture water availability be protected under the new Water Sustainability Act and Regulations.

Monitor when new act proclaimed.

19. Therefore be it resolved that all agricultural inputs be exempt from PST.

Forward resolution to BCAC.

20. Therefore be it resolved that the federal infrastructure program for the private sector be used to promote water-saving and energy-saving technologies, both on-farm and in packing plants.

Monitor and assist preparation of applications. Promote national bare ground program through CHC.

21. Therefore be it resolved that the services required for water supply for agriculture irrigation be declared an essential service by the Labour Relations Board.

Write to Labour Relations Board.

22. Therefore be it resolved that the BCFGA investigate the possibility of holding another vote on a research and promotion levy under Farm Industry Development Act and the National Farm Products Marketing Act.

Monitor NVDC vote. Explore/seek to develop broad-based support through meetings to implement industry strategy (note that co-op is opposed). Develop a plan of action through a new marketing approach.

23. Therefore be it resolved that industry events be scheduled to bring qualified researchers to provide information on the use of Glyphosphate.

Resolution did not pass.

24. Therefore be it resolved that the BCFGA coordinate Grower Requested Own Use applications for importing chemical and fertilizer inputs from the US, at US prices.

Explore process at CFA annual meeting Feb 23-24.

25. Therefore be it resolved that the Ministry of Agriculture budget be increased to restore programs, and
Further be it resolved that the Minister of Agriculture make explicit with the Ministry of

Agriculture that a government goal is the strengthening agriculture associations that provide vital services to primary producers, government and citizens.

Write letter to Minister, hold discussions at ADM level.

Late Resolution #1

Therefore be it resolved that the government of Canada enact mandatory labeling of GMO fruits and vegetables.

Write letter to federal Minister of Consumer Affairs.