

Manitoba Organic Alliance January 24th, 2019 Annual General Meeting Brandon, Keystone Centre

Welcome from the MB Organic Alliance – members can vote, all certified organic operators are members. Kate thanks Janine for taking minutes and all for attending this meeting.

1. **Agenda circulated.**

Janine moves the Agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

2. **Minutes from 2018 AGM-** amended to remove the words for organic as indicated.

Motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Carried

3. **President's Report:** 2019 has been an encouraging year as the demand for organics continues. MOA commends OPAM and OFCM for creating MOA as an alliance.

We hired an agronomist in partnership with the U of MB and POGI, we worked with other prairie provinces. We hired Katherine Stanley as the extension agronomist-at which she excelled, accomplishing many successful events and farmer gatherings and educational webinars.

Organic hemp is over 5K acres in MB so now qualifies for Crop Insurance. We hired a coordinator and are in the process of hiring another to support the sector development.

Kate thanks all the MOA Directors and Laura Telford our provincial organic specialist. We thank Kate for her service on the MOA board as president. Kate calls for nominations for the BOD>

4. **Nominations Committee Report:** MOA has a wide range of representatives on the board for 2 year terms, with a maximum of 3 consecutive terms. Kate calls for nominations from the floor in addition to the existing nominations of Ann Kirk, Patty Harris, Laura Natrasony and Kim Wilton.

5. **Financial Report:** Eric presents his Activity Report/ Profit & Loss Statement.

He points out much appreciated sponsorship from Kroeker Farms & Gallant Sales, and Prairie Organic Development Fund and Prairie Organic Grain Initiative. 25\$K Revenue in 2018.

Disbursements: summary-Management contract with Kate Sjoberg; Intercropping Workshop, Katherine Stanley's Extension Services primary activities. See attached

\$70 K in the bank, \$17 K being held for the Think Whole Conference. Eric moves we accept the financial report as presented. Carried.

6. Kate makes the second and third calls for nominations. Larry moves the presented slate of board nominees be accepted as presented- Larry Black, Chuck Liebert and Alden Braun returning board members. New board members are Ann Kirk, Patty Harris, Laura Natrasony and Kim Wilton.

7. Motion to thank Pat Pollock and Kate for their years of service to the MOA board upon their retirement from the board. Thank you both so much!
8. Ian Robson from the National Farmers Union calls on attendees to participate in the AAFC consultation on royalties for seed breeding. Support the farmers rights to save seed. We need to promote diversity in the seed business.

Janine moves the AGM meeting be adjourned. Carried Thanks all!

MOA Board Mtg Jan 24th Present- Chuck, Terry, Larry, Kate, Janine, Liz, Eric and Kim. Regrets Alden, Hermann, Ken

Welcome Kim! We thank Terry for his service as he indicates he resigns.

Motion from Larry to rank Candidate B, Dana for hiring first, with candidate A for runner up.

Action: Alden to contact candidates and thank them for participating, offer the position to candidate B. If not accepted offer to candidate A.

Action: Liz will call the next MOA meeting with Kate and Eric's help and present the Welcome to the board package. Kate agrees to forward a MOA introductory package to Liz.

Liz expresses concerns that the list of weekly deliverables is clearly outlined and in place prior to the hiring start date.

Thanks and Adjourned.