



MPGA Board Meetings

Summary of Minutes

Board Meeting – July 28, 2004

Report by Mark Goodwin, Pulse Canada – ongoing meetings with government, life science companies and industry has led to the development of a 5-step process to deal with issues related to chemistries within all crop groups. The pulse sector is identifying chemistries of top priority.

Pulse Canada Research – Meetings were held in London, Ontario with Pulse Canada Research (PCR) committee to further develop priorities and review the role of PCR. Provincial groups will continue to set research priorities and share the information with PCR for distribution back to the provincial groups.

Producer Security – MPGA continues to work with Saskatchewan Pulse Growers and the consulting firm of Kelwin Management Consulting to address this issue. The next step is to involve industry and to approach the Canadian Grain Commission with a pulse industry focus to producer security.

U. S. Dry Bean Report – Director, Lincoln Wolfe, attended the US Dry Bean Convention held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Presentations by Beans For Health Alliance raised interest in how MPGA can participate in their goal to increase consumption of edible beans and promote the health benefits. Lyn Murray of Bush Brothers indicated he would be interested in coming to Manitoba to have a firsthand look at Manitoba bean production.

Canadian International Grains Institute (CIGI) – Linda Malcolmson, Director of Special Crops, Oilseeds and Pulses, updated the board on activities at CIGI. CIGI is actively working with the Canadian Soybean Export Association (CSEA) and have partnered with the Guelph Food Technology Centre on a pilot project to survey food processors as to the limitations on Soy products and what are the technical needs of food exporters. A national image is sought in the promotion of the soybean industry and MGPA has been invited to participate in a project spearheaded by

CSEA. Linda also updated the board on the final touches being made to the new pilot pulse lab. This lab will look at the processing capabilities of Canadian pulses and will include splitting, dehulling, milling and full fat soy flour. This lab will be a unique facility that will be made available to other research groups.

KAP General Council Meeting Report – T. Jones reported on the KAP meeting updating the board on issues that were covered re: the education tax on farmland, restructuring of the Agriculture Policy Framework, Manitoba Agriculture's Growing Opportunities program, Farmer Rail Car Coalition negotiations with CP and CN service agreements, environmental farm plans, and alternate land use services through KAP's partnership with Delta waterfowl.

PMRA Registrations – Emergency use registration for *Matador* on soybeans has been approved. In cooperation with Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime provinces, emergency registration of *Quadris*, *Tilt*, *Headline* and *Folicure* have been approved should there be a soybean rust occurrence in Canada.

Anthracnose in Peas – There have been confirmed lab results of anthracnose in peas in both Manitoba and Saskatchewan. There needs to be communication between the research community and extension staff. This issue will be monitored closely throughout the rest of the growing season.

Bean Congress – Mexico – The dates have been set for December 1–3, 2005 in Merida, Mexico. The tentative agenda will include a one-day formal congress and both pre- and post-meeting tours. Pulse Canada will be the team leader on this initiative.

NAFTA Meetings – Don Sissons and Mark Goodwin will attend the December meeting with aggressive plans to work with the Mexican bean industry.

Pulse Canada Update – Gord Bacon provided an update on the most recent Pulse Canada Research committee meeting.