

2011 Annual Report
Proceedings of the 83rd Annual Meeting
Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association Inc.
Canadian Room, Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon, Sask.
January 10, 2012

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Les Trowell at 1:25 p.m. Approximately 185 members and guests were in attendance. In his opening remarks, he welcomed the members and several guests, including: CSGA President Gerald Girodat of Shaunavon, SK; Dale Adolphe, Executive Director and Randy Preater, Special Projects Manager of CSGA Ottawa; visiting delegates from Manitoba, Alberta and Ontario Seed Growers Associations, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada personnel; University of Saskatchewan Crop Development Centre personnel; Canadian Seed Institute personnel and Saskatchewan Agriculture & Food representatives.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Laurie Wakefield/Brent Bews) That the agenda of the 83rd annual meeting be approved as presented. Carried.

2. Disposal of Minutes

Motion (Brad James/Baine Fritzler) That the minutes of the 82nd annual meeting of January 11-12, 2011 be approved. Carried.

3. Appointment of Committees

President Les appointed Roy Klym and Cathy Fedoruk to the Nominations Committee and asked for further nominations from the floor.

Motion (Bill Hetland/Joe Rennick) That nominations for the Nominations Committee cease. Carried.

President Les appointed Brent Bews and Jason Gizen to the Resolutions Committee, and asked for further nominations from the floor.

Motion (Roy Klym/Ryan Wilfing) That nominations for the Resolutions Committee cease. Carried.

4. President's Report

Les presented the President's Report, highlighting some of the activities, issues and challenges that have faced the Association over the past year. It was another difficult growing season in 2011 for may growers, affecting seed production and the quality and quantity of seed available in the province, and continues to put financial pressure on the Association.

The Board continues to represent the members in a number of areas, addressing such issues as the stewardship of midge tolerant wheat varieties; uncertainty with the future of the Canadian Wheat Board; development of guidelines for seed treaters; the future board structure and governance of the Canadian Seed Growers Association; the future role of Western Grains Research Foundation in variety development; and changes from public involvement to private investment in the development of wheat varieties. He told members the issues would be discussed in more detail as the various committees presented their reports.

He expressed his appreciation to members of the Board of Directors for their service and support over the past year, as well as to the advisors who serve with the Board, and bring the insight and support of various industry stakeholders.

Motion (Donna Edwards/Barry Reisner) That the President's Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

5. Executive Director's Report

Dave Akister presented the Executive Director's report, reviewing the operations of the provincial office and the activities of the Board and the Association over the past year. The Board held meetings in January, March, June and November; represented members at the annual meetings of Seed Growers in Alberta and

Manitoba, and at national meetings in Hamilton, ON, as well as holding joint meetings with the Seed Grower Boards from Alberta and Manitoba and hosted the seed industry at the Interprovincial meeting in Saskatoon in November. Directors continue to promote member interests to other organizations such as Saskatchewan Advisory Council on Grain Crops; Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame, Saskatchewan Forage Industry, Saskatchewan Variety Performance Group, Agribition, Canadian Seed Institute, Western Grains Research Foundation, Crop Production Week; Seed Industry Advisory Committee and several others.

Over the past year the Association has also provided assistance to the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission; CropLife Canada's Seed Treater Stewardship Committee; Saskatchewan Crop Insurance and meetings have been held with Agriculture Canada Science Directors to discuss midge tolerant wheat blend testing variability, and the difficulties it causes growers.

He also outlined some of the "lighter" questions fielded by the SSGA office, including a request for assembly instructions on how to set up a seed plant; the germination standards for commercial grain; recommendations for crops which will mature in less than 60 days; the best variety for making the tastiest wheat grass juice; and an organic grower wanted to know why different wheat varieties have different coloured stems, and does that mean they're really GMOs.

He acknowledged and thanked the Annual Meeting sponsors, including: 20/20 Seed Labs, Ag Guru, Alliance Seed Corporation, AgWest, Bayer Crop Science, BioVision Seed Labs, BMO Financial Group, Brett Young Seeds, Can-Seed Equipment, Canterra Seeds, Cimbria Canada, Discovery Seed Labs, EMW Industrial, Farm Business Consultants, Farmers' Edge, Farrell Agencies Ltd., FP Genetics, Grain Millers, Inc., LDM Foods - Yorkton, Lendon Seed Lab, Regina, Lewis M. Carter Manufacturing, Mastin Seeds, Northstar Genetics, Novozymes Biologicals, SeCan, Syngenta Seed Treatments, T&L Seeds, Viterra, and Western Producer Publications. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Motion

(Joe Rennick/Roy Klym) That the Executive Director's Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

6. Education and Publicity Report

Roy Klym presented the Education and Publicity Report, reviewing the past year's activities. Projects included efforts to improve coverage for seed crops under Saskatchewan Crop Insurance programs; development and publication of articles for the Western Producer, dealing with "Questions to ask your Seed Retailer". They are having an impact as both farmers and seed retailers are improving their communications and efforts to meet the requirements of the seed industry.

With the cancellation of the province's last major Pedigreed Seed show at Canadian Western Agribition, efforts are continuing to look for avenues to promote the seed industry to farmers and other stakeholders in the agriculture industry. He expressed appreciation for all the volunteers who have assisted with the seed show over the past years, and the efforts to put together a seed industry display at the last minute for the 2011 event.

In spite of a lack of attendance in the past, the E&P Committee continues to explore options for holding courses for seed growers. CSGA has developed a two-day seed school, but it would require attendance of at least 30 people and a financial commitment of \$300 each to offer the event in this province. He also outlined information on a CFIA grader course to be held soon.

Motion

(Roy Klym/Wanda Jones) That the Education & Publicity Committee report be approved. Carried.

7. National Directors' Report

Joe Rennick and Bob Rugg gave the National Directors' report, reviewing some of the issues facing the Canadian Seed Growers Association. Two meetings of the CSGA Board have been held over the past year, with discussions dominated by strategic planning and discussions on the future of CSGA board structure and governance.

Bob reported on activities of the national E&P Committee, and told members that priorities include development of a two-day end-user program at CIGI; creating a video outlining the role of seed in food

production; soliciting testimonials from end users of Certified Seed; promoting delivery of Seed Business Success grower workshops and encouraging universities to implement seed education modules in their curriculums.

Joe is a member of the Research and Development Committee and reported that only two projects were approved for funding, both in their final year. One includes identifying beneficial characteristics of high yield, organically selected wheat and oat lines at the University of Manitoba, while the other involves the characterization of Ergot resistance in Durum and development of molecular markers at AAFC in Winnipeg. The Committee is also investigating a cooperative research project with the USA and the U.K. which would look at technical reliability, efficiency and cost effectiveness of field inspection procedures on large, western Canada fields.

He also reported on changes to Circular 6 to be implemented in the 2012 crop season. Most changes are administrative clarifications. The next new Circular 6 CD is not planned until early 2013, but the official version of the regulations will be available on the CSGA web site by February 1.

Motion (Joe Rennick/Lawrence Edwards) That the National Directors' Report be approved as presented. Carried

8. Financial Report

The Auditor's Report was presented by Executive Director Dave Akister, outlining the Association's financial position for 2011. The report showed total revenues of \$116,390 and expenses of \$126,676, for an operating deficit of \$13,286. The deficit is due to the continuing decline in pedigreed seed acreage in Saskatchewan in 2011, because of another difficult growing season. While membership revenue was down more than \$17,000, some of the shortfall was made up with increased sponsorship and Seed Guide revenue, and a reduction in expenses.

Current member equity in the Association is \$227,666 compared to \$240,952 reported last year. Those funds will be used to operate the Association for the next year, since membership fees aren't paid until late fall. The Association continues to be able to operate for a year with a year's operating funds in reserve. Highlights of the report included income of \$14,818 from publication of the Seed Guide and \$14,300 in sponsorship. SSGA continues to support the Saskatchewan Variety Performance Evaluation trials in the amount of \$5,000. A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.

Motion (Roy Klym/Joe Rennick) That the Financial Report be approved as presented. Carried.

9. 2012 Budget

SSGA Vice President Laurie Wakefield reviewed the financial affairs of the Association and the continuing decline in the number of members and pedigreed seed acreage in the province. While some of the reductions are due to the difficult growing seasons in the past two years, there also seems to be a pattern of steady decline in the number of members from more than 850 members producing more than 350,000 acres a few years ago, to 510 members reporting about 278,000 acres in 2011. The decline has required the withdrawal of \$28,000 from the Association's reserve funds over the past five years.

He told members that it's difficult to reduce expenses any further without major cuts to programs, so an increase in fees is the next logical step. No increases have been implemented for several years, and Saskatchewan currently has the lowest acreage fee at 22 cents and the fourth lowest membership fees at \$40. The national average fees are 29 cents/acre and \$55/member. He outlined a proposal by the SSGA Board of Directors that the fees be increased to \$50 per member and 29 cents per acre, more in line with the national average.

Motion (Laurie Wakefield/Roy Klym) That the Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association increase membership fees by \$10 to a total of \$50 per member, and that the acreage fee be increased by 7 cents to a total of 29 cents per acre. Carried.

Laurie then presented the budget for 2012, which reflected income from the adjusted fees. He projected revenues of \$133,750 and expenses of \$131,050 for an operating surplus of \$2,700. Membership revenue is anticipated to be about \$104,750, based on 275,000 acres and 500 members. In comparison to 2011

actual costs, the 2012 budget was presented as follows:

Receipts	Actual 2011	Budget 2012
Interest	2,177	2,500
Membership Fees	80,638	104,750
Miscellaneous Income	0	
SaskSeed Communications	14,818	10,000
Proceeds from Meetings	4,457	2,500
Sponsorship	<u>14,300</u>	<u>14,000</u>
	\$116,390	\$133,750
Disbursements		
Advertising & Promotion	\$ 194	\$ 500
Agribition	5,100	5,500
Annual Meeting	23,920	22,000
Crop Production Week	250	1,000
Educational Programs	1,272	1,500
Grants	2,000	2,000
Interest & Bank Charges	144	150
Miscellaneous	661	500
Newsletters	2,543	3,500
Office Contract	27,075	30,000
Office Contract Extension	9,896	7,700
Office Supplies	1,824	2,000
Postage & Mailing	1,180	1,400
Professional Fees	5,658	5,800
Sask Variety Performance Group	5,000	5,000
Telephone & Fax	1,732	2,000
Travel - Board	12,321	15,000
Travel - Out of Province	24,793	20,000
Travel - Staff	<u>4,113</u>	<u>5,500</u>
	\$129,676	\$131,050
Surplus (Deficit):	\$ (13,286)	\$ 2,700

Motion (Laurie Wakefield/Donna Edwards) That the 2012 Budget be approved as presented. Carried.

Motion (Bob Rugg/Brent Bews) That Virtus Group Chartered Accountants of Saskatoon be retained as the Association's auditors for 2012. Carried.

10. The Pedigreed Seed Picture: Quantity, Quality and Questions

Bruce Carriere of Discovery Seed Labs spoke about the quantity and quality of pedigreed seed supplies that could be expected across the province in 2012. He told members that in general, germination rates are above the long term averages across the board and disease results are below the long term averages in most crop kinds.

However, *F.graminearum* and total fusarium is still a problem in barley; some wheat samples were showing infections of *Fusarium*, *Cochliobolus* and *Ergot*; field peas had evidence of *Ascochyta*, *Botrytis* and *Sclerotinia*, while lentil samples showed *Ascochyta*, *Anthraco*se, *Botrytis* and *Sclerotinia*.

Bruce reminded growers that they could stretch seed stock further and reduce costs to their customers by promoting precision seeding. Rather than using bushels per acre, which is a volume measure, seeding rates should be based on the optimum number of plants per square foot for the crop, and seed should be sold by the pound, based on thousand kernel weight (TKW).

As for 2012 seeding expectations, he expected that wheat, oats, canola, field peas and chickpea acreage would be up, while durum, barley and lentil acreage are all expected to be down. The Jury is still out on flax as the industry is still recovering from international market interruptions, and breeder seed is being reconstituted.

11. Resolutions Committee Report

Resolutions Committee Chair Brent Bews reviewed the rules and announced that written resolutions were now being accepted. He reported on the action taken on the 2011 resolutions.

12. Nominations Committee Report

Nominations Committee Chair Roy Klym announced that nominations were being accepted for the positions of President; Vice President, two Directors to serve two-year terms; and one National Director to serve a two-year term.

13. Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture

Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture Bob Bjornerud brought greetings on behalf of the province. In spite of the significant changes going on in agriculture with the Canadian Wheat Board monopoly and some of the difficult issues around poor growing conditions in recent years, there is a positive feeling and “cautious” optimism surrounding the industry, both in the grain and livestock sectors.

He recognized the role that the seed industry plays; the importance of crop improvement research and the need for adequate funding. Governments at both the provincial and federal level are looking at promoting new alliances between public and private interests. Agriculture plays a big part of the provincial economy, representing more than 24% in terms of the jobs and economy. He commended the SSGA Board for the work it’s doing bringing issues to the attention of the provincial government, and urged members to share their thoughts and concerns, and continue to keep the communication going.

14. The Future of Wheat Breeding in Canada

Saskatchewan Seed Grower and former CSGA President **Barry Reisner** from Limerick moderated the panel discussion: “The Future of Wheat Breeding in Canada”. Panellists included: Rod Merryweather, a consultant from Calgary who advises corporations on wheat breeding; Garth Patterson, Executive Director of Western Grains Research Foundation; Dr. Curtis Pozniak, a wheat and durum breeder from the University of Saskatchewan Crop Development Centre in Saskatoon; and Dr. Gilles Saindon, Director General of Science Centres for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Ottawa.

In his opening remarks, Barry expressed his appreciation to SSGA for taking on the timely topic and outlined why the changes in emphasis by both public and private interests will affect most producers. The objective of the panel discussion was to examine the different visions each of the players have for the future of cereal crop development in Canada.

Rod Merryweather opened discussion by noting the increasing shortfall in world wheat supply, and the opportunity for the private sector to get involved at a profit. He presented a comparison of Canadian cereal production with its competitors, noting that the biggest difference is a lower yield. Using Bayer as an example, he showed that the intent is to introduce traits into the marketplace on a global level, but for Canada to remain competitive, it will require a number of changes.

If there is to be a strong interest in private research investment, Canada will need to strengthen its Plant Breeders Rights legislation to protect that investment, and to implement UPOV 91. That international agreement has been ratified by Canada, but never implemented, and he said it is holding investment back. If it isn’t done, wheat could become an “orphan crop and used only for rotations, rather than as a viable, profitable cropping option. If there is a change in the regulatory environment, wheat could rival canola for farm profitability, but it will take a major investment to develop new varieties.

Garth Patterson outlined the structure of the Western Grains Research Foundation, and the role it plays in agriculture research. As a producer-directed and funded organization, it uses funds collected on wheat and barley checkoffs through the Canadian Wheat Board to support Western Canadian variety research. He agreed that Canada is falling behind, investing about \$20 million in wheat research, while competing countries such as Australia invest \$80 Million and the US invests more than \$50 Million in its wheat research programs. The Canadian Canola industry has been so successful because it invests more than \$65 Million annually in research for that crop.

He told members that global consumer demand for vegetable oils, sugar, meat, fish and dairy is growing

at much higher rates than for wheat and echoed concerns that if the trend continues, wheat could be reduced to little more than a rotation crop. All crops need to be profitable, but in order to bring wheat up, it needs additional investment of \$80-\$100 Million annually. In order to do that, it will require Public, Private and Producer (3P) partnerships.

Dr. Curis Pozniak spoke about the need for continuing cooperation between plant breeding institutions. The main goals of wheat breeding are to increase yield, resistance to disease and insects, and end use quality. About 50% of the genetic progress in the past has been due to germplasm sharing, and if that is disrupted through intellectual property protection, it will have detrimental effects.

Dr. Pozniak is co-chair of an International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium, which is trying to map the wheat genome. It's a monumental task, involving some 17 Billion base pairs, but once accomplished, it will help researchers identify what needs to be done to improve yield, resistance and quality. Better integration of information is going to be critical in future, and plant breeders are still the key. All of the work being done is to develop better tools for plant breeders to do their jobs more efficiently.

Dr. Gilles Saindon, Director General of the Sciences Centres at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada outlined the long history of AAFC in Western Canadian Agriculture, with 92% of the durum wheat and nearly 75% of the spring wheat grown in Western Canada today tracing its origins to work done at AAFC research stations in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Nearly 100 Wheat varieties have been released over the years, and from 2006-2010, more than 75% of the wheat planted in western Canada were varieties developed by AAFC

Looking to the future, he said that germplasm development and maintenance will be a core function for the Research Branch, and partnerships will be critical. Industry excels at marketing opportunities, and the sooner private industry gets involved, the quicker varieties can get into farmers hands and the marketplace.

The audience also got involved in the discussion, raising questions about access to AAFC germplasm, Canadian grain quality control; the future of the Variety Registration system, and sources of funding. Members were told that private access to AAFC work was critical, and quality could continue to be a priority with different players involved. Germplasm sharing is a key and it's in everyone's best interest to ensure that continues. It is also vital that all stakeholders help fund cereal research to the same level as Canada's competitors.

Barry thanked the panel and the members for the excellent, thought-provoking discussion. The meeting recessed at 5:05 pm, to be reconvened the following morning.

Awards Banquet

SSGA Director Brent Bews presided over the Awards banquet, held in Ballroom B. He Introduced Dr. Graham Scoles, Associate Dean of the University of Saskatchewan, who in turn introduced the recipients of the SSGA Bursaries. Receiving the \$1,000 awards were Shilow Grywachski, a fourth year Agribusiness student from Humboldt, and Bryce Moore, a third year Agronomy student from Leroy.

Awards chairman Joe Rennick presented Outstanding Service awards to Harvey, Larry and Milton Heavin of Melfort, while Jim Horn of Warman, a long time CFIA Crop Inspector, was presented with an Honorary Life Membership in the Association. Joe also paid tribute to growers achieving milestones in pedigreed seed production. Ken Bews of Eatonia was recognized for 50 years of pedigreed seed production, while Ivan Lung of Lake Lenore and Bernhard Mayerle of Tisdale were recognized for 55years of Pedigreed Seed production.

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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Les Trowell at 8:15 a.m.

1. CSGA President's Report

CSGA President Gerald Girodat of Shaunavon, SK, brought greetings from the Canadian Seed Growers Association. He expressed appreciation to Joe Rennick and Bob Rugg for their service to the National Board and their work on various committees. He reviewed the progress to date on the review of CSGA's governance structure, and the objective of moving the organization forward to meet a changing seed and agriculture industry. While some changes have been identified and implemented, others will require more significant study and input.

2. Report from Canadian Seed Growers Association

CSGA Executive Director Dale Adolphe also expanded on the issues facing the National Board that had been discussed earlier. He reviewed his and CSGA's role in many other organizations, including AOSCA Board of Directors, AOSCA Standards Council, OCD Seed Scheme, National Organic Standard (CGSB), Seed Sector Value Chain Round Table, Canada Grains Council Board of Directors, member of the Seed Industry-Government Working Group, Member of Grain, Pulse & Special Crops Value Chain Round Tables, Western Grain Research Foundation Board of Directors, CSI Board of Directors, CFIA Bio-security Advisory Group Member, CropLife Seed Treatment Facility Protocol Committee and on the Midge Tolerant Wheat Stewardship Committee

Dale reported on the membership and acreage picture across the country in 2011, which is down marginally across the country, but substantially down in Saskatchewan again in the past year. The reductions in this province may have been due, in large part, to the difficult growing seasons. He said that over the next five years, CSGA would be come more efficient, but there would be higher costs.

3. The Future World of Seed Treaters

Russell Hurst of CropLife Canada in Ottawa reported to members on the efforts to develop guidelines for the application of agriculture chemicals, in an effort to address personal safety, workplace safety and environmental issues. He said that seed treatment products are the fastest growing segment of the crop protection industry in Canada, but there are challenges with CropLife member companies receiving registrations/limited registrations on seed treatment products due to the Education, Health & Safety complexity of treatment activities. The Pest Management Regulatory Agency is seeking consistency on treatment activities so CropLife organized a steering committee in 2010 to develop a set of "commercial" seed treatment standards for industry compliance and to address a "gap" in industry stewardship.

He outlined the objectives of the committee and reviewed some of the guidelines that are being considered, along with the potential implications for seed growers. The intent is to establish standards that are "practical, doable, implementable, meet the needs of regulators and overall industry". There are a number of challenges to be addressed, since seed treatment takes place in a lot of different forms including indoor, outdoor, mobile and seasonal. Methods of enforcement and what to do about non-compliance also need to be considered.

Next steps include development of a draft set of commercial seed treatment standards; consultation with industry stakeholders; finalization of the guidelines and implementation of the standards in 2014.

4. Testing Midge Tolerant Blends: Reduction the Margin of Error

Brendan Payne, Business Manager for GenServe Laboratories in Saskatoon, made a presentation outlining the procedures and challenges for testing midge tolerant blends. The presentation was in response to concerns expressed by members about the variability of lab test results, and the implications it has on multiplying future generations of seed when the accuracy of the blend is in question.

He recounted the experience in Bt Corn, where the insect resistance in the US quickly disappeared without adequate attention paid to proper crop rotations and mainlining an adequate refuge, and the success achieved when those concerns were addressed.

He outlined the challenges related to the process, including method of sampling, size of the sample; the extraction process, the varieties used; and the types of markers, and human reliability at various stages, all of which add to the variability of the tests, and many of which are beyond the control of the lab. While many of those concerns can be addressed, they also add substantially to the cost of the testing. However, the industry continues to work on improving the methods and reducing the cost through efficiency.

5. **Launching Reconstituted Breeder Seed**

Todd Hyra of SeCan updated members on the progress to rid Canadian flax crops of trace amounts of an old variety that carried genetic traits that were unapproved in Europe, and resulted in an embargo of Canadian flax shipments to those countries.

A team of industry representatives was assembled to flush the old variety out of the system, and the Crop Development Centre, the developer of the variety, has reconstituted its flax breeder seed to ensure that no new seed contains the trace elements. The process is working, and as the new seed is multiplied by selected seed growers in 2012 and 2013, it is expected to be available to commercial producers by 2014. Several steps are still required, however, to ensure that all previous flax seed is removed from Canadian farms; that producers adhere to agreements to ensure new seed stocks remain uncontaminated, and that all existing flax is disposed of well before the 2014 introduction date.

Growers are being asked to grow the new varieties on land that has been free of flax for 5 years; there has been no commercial flax on the farm (only pedigreed); it is processed in a facility that only cleans pedigreed seed; they agree to a facility pre-cleaning inspection checklist and declaration; they will dispose of all existing stocks of CDC Bethune and CDC Sorrel by July 2013 and there will be no certified sales or reconstituted seed until September 1, 2013

6. **Seedology - A Wild Ride: CSGA 2012**

Richard Stamp, President of the Alberta Seed Growers Association, treated members to a brief overview and video of the activities to be expected when that Branch hosts the 2012 CSGA annual meeting later this summer. The event will be held in Calgary in July during the Calgary Stampede, which will be included in some of the annual meeting activities.

7. **Nominations/Election of Officers**

Nominations Committee Chair Roy Klym presented the committee's slate of officers for 2012 and asked for further nominations from the floor.

a) President - Les Trowell

Motion (Larry Littman/Joe Rennick) That nominations cease. Carried. With no further nominations, Les Trowell of Saltcoats was declared elected as President for the next one year term.

b) Vice President - Laurie Wakefield

Motion (Barry Reisner/Larry Littman) That nominations cease. Carried. With no further nominations, Roy declared Laurie Wakefield of Maidstone elected to a one-year term as vice-president.

c) Saskatchewan Directors - Allen Altwasser/Perry Dangstorp

Motion (Donna Edwards, Laurie Wakefield) That nominations cease. Carried. With no further nominations, Allen and Perry were declared elected as directors for two-year terms.

d) National Director - Bob Rugg

Motion (Brent Bews/Jason Gizen) That nominations cease. Carried. With no further nominations, Bob Rugg was declared as elected as Saskatchewan's nominee to the CSGA Board of Directors for the next two years.

5. **New Varieties Update**

David Gehl, Head of the Seed Increase Unit at the Indian Head Research Station, reported on the new

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada varieties that are in development, including eight wheat varieties; two-row food and hullless barley varieties; a white-hulled oat variety and several field pea, triticale, flax and forage varieties. Of note was a hullless food barley variety that had high milling extract, producing a flour that can be added to wheat flour without compromising dough formation and baking properties while enhancing dietary fibre and anti-oxidant content of the flour blend.

Dr. Pierre Hucl of the University of Saskatchewan's Crop Development Centre outlined a number of promising varieties that are under development, and/or are moving forward for possible registration in 2012, including hullless, feed and malting barley varieties; pulses, flax, several high-yielding wheats, and milling oats. He also reported on a number of varieties that are available for public release from the CDC and reminded the audience that Breeder Seed for public release varieties are available to anyone, including seed growers, for multiplication and marketing and there are no royalties or seed marketing fees. Subsequent production may be Pedigreed but it's the buyer's choice and the buyer may increase or sell seed in any way.

9. Resolutions

The Resolutions Committee of Brent Bews and Jason Gizen presented two resolutions to the members for consideration:

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS: Saskatchewan Seed Growers recognize the value a vigour test provides in complimenting already recognized pedigreed seed standards;

AND WHEREAS: Customer requests for vigour data are increasing annually;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association Board of Directors contact Commercial Seed Analysts Association of Canada, CFIA and any other relevant agencies to begin consultation on standardizing the vigour test.

Moved by Shawn Fraser

Seconded by Brennan Wiens

Carried.

RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS: The Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association would like to officially recognize the contributions of those individuals and organizations that have assisted in this Association's annual meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED: That Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association extend its sincere appreciation to:

- 1) the Guest Speakers and program participants for their enlightening presentations, including: Hon. Bob Bjornerud, Mr. Bruce Carriere, Mr. Rod Merryweather, Mr. Garth Patterson, Dr. Gilles Saindon, Dr. Curtis Pozniak, Mr. Barry Reisner, Mr. Russell Hurst, Mr. Dale Adolphe, Mr. Gerald Girodat, Mr. Brendan Payne, Mr. David Gehl, Mr. Todd Hyra, Dr. Pierre Hucl;
- 2) the Sponsors for their generous contributions and support of this annual meeting, including: 20/20 Seed Labs, Ag Guru, Alliance Seed Corporation, AgWest, Bayer Crop Science, BioVision Seed Labs, BMO Financial Group, Brett Young Seeds, Can-Seed Equipment, Canterra Seeds, Cimbria Canada, Discovery Seed Labs, EMW Industrial, Farm Business Consultants, Farmers' Edge, Farrell Agencies Ltd., FP Genetics, Grain Millers, Inc., LDM Foods - Yorkton, Lendon Seed Lab, Regina, Lewis M. Carter Manufacturing, Mastin Seeds, Northstar Genetics, Novozymes Biologicals, SeCan, Syngenta Seed Treatments, T&L Seeds, Viterra, Western Producer Publications;
- 4) and to any others who have contributed to the success of this meeting.

Moved by Brent Bews

Seconded by Roy Klym

Carried

With no other business, President Les expressed his appreciation to the speakers, guests and the members for their participation at the annual meeting and for their support of the Association.

Motion (Wayne Amos/Hans van Burck) That the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association be adjourned. **Carried.**