

U S CANOLA ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Historic Davenport Hotel / 10 South Post St / Spokane WA
Nov 12-15, 2019 / Draft Agenda

Attendees

Bryan Aalund; USCA Bd - ND Producer	Beth Nelson; MN Canola Council
Ray Albrecht; USCA Bd - Cargill	Gary Nowaczyk; Winfield
Autumn Barnes; Canola Council of Canada	Ryan Pederson; USCA Bd - ND Producer
Brad Birch; NuSeed/Dry Fork Ag	Greg Petrie; USCA Bd - KY Producer
Jack Brown; Univ of ID	Amy Petrie;
Brian Caldbeck; Caldbeck Consulting	Douglas Poole; PNWCA – WA Producer
Claire Caldbeck; Rubisco Seeds	Matt Rekeweg; USCA Bd - Coreteva
Barry Coleman; Northern Canola Growers	Anna Scharf; USCA Bd - OR Producer
Angela Dansby; USCA	Jason Scharf; OR Producer
Blair Elias; USCA	Doug Scoville; ID Producer
Ray Elliot; USCA Bd - Bunge	Barb Scoville;
Nick Gans; Specialist, RMA Regional Office	Ron Sholar; Great Plains Canola
Tom Hance; USCA	Linda Sholar;
Curtis Hennings; WA Producer	David Smoot; USCA Bd - Viterra
Erika Hennings;	Karen Sowers; Pacific Northwest Canola
Logan Hooyer; REG	Mike Stamm; Kansas State University
Brian Hrudka; USCA Bd - BASF	Dan Stenbakken; Viterra
Jim Johnson; Star Specialty Seeds	Dennis Swinger; PNWCA - WA Producer
Scott Kohne; BASF	Ben Thiel, RMA Regional Director
Cody Larvick; USCA Bd - CHS	Dale Thorenson; USCA
Andrew Moore; USCA Bd - GA Producer	Cindy Spoor;
Brian Morse; USCA Bd - NuSeed	Mark Torno; USCA Bd - Winfield
Ray Mosman; USCA Bd - ID Producer	Jon Walters; PNWCA - WA Producer
Morgan McGee;	Alan Weber; USCA Bd - National Biodiesel Board
Pat Murphy; USCA Bd - ND Producer	Mindy Whittle; USCA Bd - Bayer
Don Nagy; PNWCA - MT Producer	Rick Williams; Sr. Specialist, RMA Regional Office
Page Nagy;	Jon C. Wyss, FSA, WA State Executive Director
	Don Wysocki; OR State University

Tuesday, Nov 12

Travel Day / Executive Committee Meeting Conference Call – Wednesday, Nov 6

5:00 pm - Welcome Reception - *Elizabethan A*

Wednesday, Nov 13

7:00 am – Breakfast - *Grand Pennington A*

7:50 am - Review, Approve, & Sign USCA Anti-Trust/Collusion Statement – Pat Murphy, President

8:00 am - Introductions / Approval of Agenda / Minutes – Pat Murphy, President

8:10 am – Financial Report – Mindy Whittle, Treasurer

8:30 am – Regional Reports from Producers/Industry / 2018 Crop Review; 2019 Crop Outlook

9:15 am – Federal Policy Overview & Update – Dale Thorenson & Tom Hance

Crop Ins. & Disaster Assistance (WHIP+); Trade (USMCA, China, Japan);

Market Facilitation Program; FY2020 Appropriations; Biodiesel; Farm Bill implementation; Other?

9:45 am – Disaster Assistance (WHIP+) / MFP - Current Status & Q&A; Washington State FSA Office
Jon C. Wyss, FSA WA State Executive Director

10:00 am - Crop Insurance – RMA Regional Office, Spokane
Nick Gans, Specialist; Rick Williams; Sr. Specialist; Ben Thiel, Regional Director

- RMA Quality Loss Option
- Discuss/Consider asking RMA revising the Special Provisions of Insurance for canola coverage to include a specialty type canola – omega-3 canola
- RMA actions to deal with 2019 crop losses from excessive moisture in Northern Plains

10:45 am – Break

11:00 am - Biodiesel & Renewable Diesel – Review status of petition seeking EPA approval for canola oil for Renewable Diesel as eligible for the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)

11:15 am - Canola Council of Canada Update – Autumn Barnes, Agronomy Specialist, Lethbridge, AB

11:45 am - MFP – Review MFP implementation for 2019; strategy for including canola losses in a potential 2020 MFP – Thorenson & Hance

12:15 pm – Lunch (a short PNWCA meeting will take place during the lunch hour)

1:15 pm - National Canola Research Program Awards for FY2019; FY2020 status – Dale Thorenson
Review nutrition research proposal; Pursue NIFA Commodity Grant Program? – Angela Dansby

1:45 pm - USDA-APHIS’s Part 340/biotech regulatory framework rule – Hance & Thorenson

2:15 pm – Crop Protection & Maximum Residue Levels (MRL) update – BASF, Bayer, Corteva, FMC, Syngenta representatives

2:45 pm – Break

3:00 pm - Communications update / website upgrade – Angela Dansby

3:30 pm - Canola pollinator BMP / implementation / promotion – Dale Thorenson & Angela Dansby

3:45 pm - Future Meetings / Other Business – Blair Elias

March 2020 Meeting / Washington DC (Exec Meets by phone Week of Mar 1)

Mon, Mar 9 / Travel Day; Evening Welcoming Reception

Tues, Mar 10 / NIFA research am; BD meeting starts at 1 pm; Board Dinner pm

Wed, Mar 11 / BD meeting am / Hill Visits pm / Reception?

Thurs, Mar 12 / Breakfast prior to departure for those still in DC, debrief Hill visits

Discuss Meeting Venue/Dates for November 2020 Board Meeting

Other Business

6:00 pm - Dinner at Europa. 6:00 pm drinks, 6:30 dinner / 125 South Wall Street, Spokane WA

Thursday, Nov 14

7:00 am - Breakfast - *Elizabethan A*

7:45 am –Depart for Tour of Palouse and Eastern Washington, with stops at:

(1) Emtman Bros. Farms - The Emtman family has been raising canola ever since the crushing plant was built at Warden in 2012. They average 2500-3500 acres each year, and have about 4500 acres of alfalfa and timothy that are raised for hay. Cattle is also part of the operation, with enough to process and sell farm direct about 65 head per year. <https://www.emtmanbrothersfarms.com/story>

(2) Steptoe Butte State Park overlook - a 360° view of the Palouse!

(3) Viterra crushing plant in Warden, WA.

* Those not attending the plant tour will have lunch with the entire group in Warden and then go directly to the Dewald farm and perhaps another farm in the area.

(4) Dewald Farms - Rob is the 4th generation farming where his great grandfather homesteaded in 1889. His kids are 5th and grandson is the 6th generation. Rob has been raising canola since the late 90's, and it has been very challenging over the years, as has direct seeding. They started direct seeding in 1996 at Ritzville and went 100% in 2002. Crops include winter wheat, winter canola, winter peas, winter triticale, and they have also raised spring peas and spring canola together, sunflowers, cover crops, companion crops, mustard, sorghum, and plenty of Russian thistles over the years.

(5) Rosenhoff Homestead - Ron Jirava is the 6th generation on the farm that was homesteaded in 1882. They started changing cropping practices in 1986 by growing both winter and spring canola, and in 1996 started changing tillage practices by investing in a no-till drill. Also in 1996 WSU agreed to work with Jirava's on long-term, alternative cropping systems. They have grown continuous wheat on 480 acres since 1996 as well as in the research plots. The plots have had a mix of crops and rotations including barley, spring and winter canola, mustard, safflower, triticale, all with varying success. The rest of the farm has been mostly winter wheat summer fallow but fall planted peas are being introduced into the rotation.

(5a*) Gust Farms - Randy Gust farms 15 miles south of Ritzville as a fourth generation farmer. He has grown winter canola for three years in a summer fallow/wheat rotation, and has also tried spring canola, spring wheat, and triticale over the years. Randy has observed some interesting differences between seeding dates this fall that he is looking forward to sharing with the tour group.

* *This is an additional stop if time allows*

(6) Curtis & Erika Hennings farm for a reception/dinner prior to traveling back to Spokane in the evening.

*** 2019 marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of the USCA. Curtis was the first president of the USCA, and attended the founding meeting of the Association. Curtis is a third generation farmer and started oilseed production with rapeseed in 1984, and winter canola in 1986. They also grow winter wheat, winter triticale, spring canola, sunflower, and camelina. When there's a market for an alternative crop, Curtis is willing to try growing it, and that has included safflower, soybean and even fenugreek! Both of their adult children, Hans and Elena, are actively involved in the farm operation. When he was interviewed by WSU for a case study, Curtis stated "I definitely consider growing canola a successful venture when four out of five years I've made more money off canola than winter wheat."

8:00 pm – ETA Davenport Hotel, Spokane WA

Friday, Nov 15

10:30 – 11:45 am – PNWCA/USCA will conduct a panel presentation at Tri-State Grain Growers Convention at the Grand Davenport Hotel in Spokane:

“Canola Production & Marketing in the PNW: Why It's Working and Here to Stay”

Panelists: David Brewer, The Dalles, OR; Douglas Poole, Mansfield WA; Eric Odberg, Genesee, ID; Daniel Stenbakken, Viterra; Karen Sowers, PNWCA; Dale Thorenson, USCA; Aaron Esser, WSU; Don Wysocki, OSU; Jack Brown, UI.