

		Action
11:00 a.m.	<p>1. Chair, Terry Youzwa calls the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Youzwa welcomes everyone and commemorates SaskCanola’s 25th Anniversary and invites attendees to join SaskCanola for lunch with special guest Honourable Lyle Stewart and guest speaker Drew Lerner. Youzwa thanked all present for attending SaskCanola’s 2015-2016 business meeting.</p> <p>Youzwa introduced the Board of Directors and the staff of SaskCanola.</p> <p>Youzwa acknowledged the cooperative work SaskCanola undertakes with the following Canadian organization: Alberta Canola Producers Commission, Manitoba Canola Growers Association, Canola Council of Canada and the Canadian Canola Growers Association.</p> <p>2. Approval of Agenda Motion # 1 That the agenda be approved as presented. Truman/ Stefton/ Carried</p> <p>3. Approval of Previous Minutes Motion # 2 That the minutes of the January 11th, 2016 meeting be approved as presented. McClean/ Halstead/ Carried</p> <p>4. Annual Report Tranberg reports on the state of industry. Seeding this year got off to a strong start but things changed while some parts of the province received excessive moisture other areas were too dry.</p> <p>Wiebe travelled to India, Stockbrugger and Tranberg travelled to Mexico for the second trade mission to promote canola awareness.</p> <p>Tranberg introduces the research committee chair, Wayne Truman. Research is one of the primary reasons that SaskCanola was established in 1991. Tranberg gave a summary of the 2015-16 Research activities. For every dollar SaskCanola invested in research was matched by \$3.72 of partner funding. 18 SaskCanola research projects initiated in 2015/16.</p>	

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Research results are shared with farmers through our website.

Tranberg introduces the policy & procedure chair, Charlene Bradley. Policy and procedure committee goal is to engage in dialogue with Saskatchewan canola producers to strengthen relationships and gain understanding so that we can best address their challenges. Tranberg gave a summary on the 2015-16 activities. SaskCanola invests in the future of agriculture by awarding undergraduate and graduate scholarships to exceptional students. SaskCanola sponsors worthwhile agriculture causes and events. SaskCanola uses a variety of mediums to relay information to our primary audience, farmers, along with many secondary audiences.

Tranberg introduces the canola and advocacy promotion committee chair, Brett Halstead.

The goal of the advocacy promotion committee is to provide a positive influence on legislation and policy to improve the landscape for producers and to inform and influence consumers in order to improve their perception of canola and agriculture. To promote the value of canola and its products leading to increased demand and enhanced customer awareness. Tranberg gave a summary of activities for 2015-16 including the launch of License to Farm during Crop Production Week 2016.

Update on the carbon resolution presented at the 2016 AGM, SaskCanola has spent the past year participating in the SSCA Carbon Advisory Group. The main message communicated regularly to both politicians and bureaucrats is that if there is to be a penalty imposed on greenhouse gas emitters through carbon pricing or emission reduction limits, those who remove GHGs through carbon sequestration should be compensated in equal measure. Senior officials in all levels of government have been receptive to this message and we continue to focus on positive and productive communication.

11:25 a.m. **5. Financial Report**

Tranberg introduces the Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee, Doyle Wiebe.

Wiebe presented the 2015-16 Audited Financial Statements. Our financial position is very strong. The year ended with a surplus of \$169,000. SaskCanola received a \$177,000 for the Estate of Morris Sebulsky and are looking for a special project to invest this donation on.

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Expenses overall were \$232,000 higher than budgeted due to the Board deciding to sponsor the Sask Agri-Food Innovation Centre in the amount of \$275,000 subsequent to the budget approval in June. It is the first of 2 payments, the second one being due in the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Wiebe presented the 2016-2017 Budget.

Wiebe announced that SaskCanola shows four years of levy refunds at a 6-7% payout rate. He stated the board regularly discuss how we may show all canola producers the value they are getting from their levy contributions, one of strategic pillars is “producer engagement” which was partly brought about by concern of this item.

Motion # 3

That the Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission audited financial statements for the year ended July 31, 2016 be received by the membership.

Wiebe/ Bradley/ Carried

Motion # 4

That the Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission appoints Twigg & Company as auditor for the year ending July 31, 2017.

Wiebe/ Jeeves/ Carried

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6. Resolutions

Youzwa called for resolutions from the membership.

Motion # 5

“Since the early 1980’s the province of Saskatchewan has had a very prohibitive and ineffective agriculture Drainage Policy which has consequently resulted in unpermitted drainage on approximately 150,000 quarters of land throughout the province.

Whereas Agriculture is the only industry in Saskatchewan where for each dollar generated, the result is a \$4 economic spinoff to the province, a 4:1 multiplier.

Whereas Canola crops are very sensitive to excess moisture.

Whereas, per the Saskatchewan Farm Stewardship Association (SaskFSA), proper water management is a crucial management tool that will yield a minimum of \$85 per acre net economic return.

Whereas farm inputs such as fertilizers and crop protection products are

at risk of leaching into the environment if land cannot be properly managed due to prohibiting AG Water Management Policy.

Whereas proper water management practices reduce downstream flooding and preserve wildlife habitat quality.

Whereas the Water Security Agency is in the process of enforcing the prohibitive AG Water Management Policy and issuing fines for non-compliance in the form of Bill 44.

Whereas multigenerational farms are being further lost and threatened by drainage closures and consolidations in the Quill Lakes basin, essentially making that region the proverbial “Canary in the Coal Mine”

To be resolved: that SaskCanola supports efforts in rescinding or delaying Bill 44 until there is a workable AG Water Management Policy in place to assist / enable producers to obtain registration for unapproved works.

To be further resolved: that SaskCanola gets actively involved now, in defending Saskatchewan Canola producers by advocating for a solution based water management policy, with the overall goal of reducing production risks due to excess moisture, while protecting the environment and mitigating downstream flooding.”

Groeneweg/ Pylatuik/Carried

Motion # 6

“To be resolved: that SaskCanola support in principal the retention of the Maximum Revenue Entitlement for rail transportation for western grains.”

Sefton/ Hillier/ Carried

11:50 a.m. **7. New Business**
Youzwa called for any new business. No new Business.

11:51 a.m. **8. Canola Influencer Award**
Youzwa states to commemorate SaskCanola’s 25th Anniversary, from 2016/2017 onward, the Canola Influencer Award will be annually bestowed upon a member of the agricultural community that has made significant contributions of knowledge, education and ongoing efforts to promote canola. Candidates should have made distinguished and exceptional contributions to canola, and agriculture as a whole, sustained over many years.
Dr. Keith Downey is awarded the first Canola Influencer Award for his leadership role in the development of the canola crop. Youzwa presents Dr. Downey with the award, followed by words of thanks from Dr.

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Downey.

11:59 **8. Adjournment**
Motion # 7
To Adjourn.
Halstead

Signed by:

Chairperson _____