

4. DELEGATION/PRESENTATION**5. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION****5.1 Staff Report from Melissa Tesche, Acting General Manager, dated August 8, 2017 re: Program Update**

The Acting General Manager reviewed the Program Update in detail.

The Board inquired about Brown Marmorated Stink Bug. Staff explained that based on the invasion patterns that BMSB exhibited in the US, it is estimated (though not guaranteed) to be about 5 years before it would move into crops from urban settings. The BC Ministry of Agriculture is in charge, and the BMSB committee has been meeting, traps have been put out, and collaborative outreach has been conducted.

Ms. Teschner arrived at 9:16am.

To keep growers informed on the Decision Aid System, staff explained there is a tentative plan to mail information to all growers after harvest and have a workshop at the horticulture forum to get growers signed up. Outreach would continue into the spring when one-on-one support would be provided.

The Board asked what staff are doing about the bin movement issue. Staff had prepared a response strategy that they were able to test out in the spring when an outbreak of codling moth occurred in Cawston: the property owner was educated on the issue, surrounding growers were notified, additional moths were diverted to the area, and increased monitoring occurred along with regular communications between SIR staff, industry advisors, and the growers involved. Outbreak in a clean area is where SIT works well, but education is necessary to avoid outbreaks.

Bin movement was a key issue when SIR switched from eradication to suppression. While it is out of SIR's control, educating growers was seen as the best tool to help prevent future outbreaks. In the winter, staff will approach BC Ministry of Agriculture and BCFGa to work collaboratively to message best practices for bin management.

Moved by: Grower Lalli

Seconded by: Director Baker

"THAT the OKSIR Board receives the staff report from Melissa Tesche, Acting General Manager, dated August 8, 2017 re: Program Update."

CARRIED

5.2 Staff Report from Cara Nelson, Director of Business Development, dated August 5, 2017 re: Business Development Activities Update

The Director of Business Development presented the Business Development Activities Update in detail.

The Board discussed concerns about the difficulty in shipping into the USA with FedEx due to the pivotal role of shipping in accessing the market for sales of sterile codling moth. Staff explained that much of the challenge appears to come from within the FedEx system, whereas the permitting process with USDA-APHIS has been very successful. While expensive and frustrating for SIR and our collaborators, it is necessary to go through the import/shipping process in order to understand the logistics to successfully ship sterile moths for field release in other regions. Other carriers are also being investigated, as is market development assistance from senior government.

There was also some concern that marketing to the Northern hemisphere could draw on the program's seasonal supply. It was noted that the current needs of the local program do not require the rearing facility to operate at full capacity during our growing season. Upon generating interest in the SIT for codling moth in both Northern and Southern hemispheres, it is now necessary that the Board advances its

strategic plan to address how best to utilize and resource the facility's production capacity while maintaining the integrity of the local program service.

Moved by: Grower Lalli

Seconded by: Director Eliason

*"THAT the OKSIR Board receives the staff report from Cara Nelson, Director of Business Development, dated August 5, 2017, re: Business Development Activities Update;
AND THAT the OKSIR Board meeting set for October 6, 2017 be cancelled;
AND THAT a Strategic Planning Workshop be set for October 27, 2017."*

CARRIED

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Interim Financial Statements to June 30, 2017

The RDCO Financial Manager presented the OKSIR Program Interim Financial Statements to June 30, 2017 in detail to the OKSIR Board.

Moved by: Director Bush

Seconded by: Grower Lalli

"THAT the OKSIR Board accepts the Interim Financial Statements to June 30, 2017."

CARRIED

8. ADJOURN TO IN-CAMERA

There was no in-camera meeting.


9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT


Moved by: Grower Lalli

"THAT the SIR Board meeting be adjourned at 10:16am"

CARRIED



Chair



Corporate Officer