

Title of Project: Canola Council Liaison (2000) or Canola Committee Project (1999)
Report Title: 1999 Annual Report
Report Covering Period: April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000

Organization(s): B.C. Grain Producers Association

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Objectives: (as stated in approved project proposal)

- Participate as a director for Canola Council of Canada
- Ensure that our region is well represented in industry developments
- Ensure that producers are advised of problems and activities affecting our industry
- Travel to 4 meetings of the Canola Growers Association, Canola Production Committee, Canola Council of Canada and 1 other meeting as issues arise

Accomplishments during this reporting period:

1. Canola Council of Canada:

- Dale Adolfe to take on responsibility for keeping informed on GMO issue.
- Produced and distributed Biotech Pamphlet with Canola Digest (available from BCGPA)

2. Canadian Canola Growers Association

- Hired an office manager
- Developed a policy manual & revised constitution
- Initiated IPM project, pesticide harmonization & liason with WTO

3. Crop Production Committee, CCGA

- Set priorities for research in 2000 at production centers
- Launched Decision Support System CD (ask to borrow copies from Garnet or Sandra)

Tasks in progress:

1. Canola Council of Canada:

- Keep informed on GMO issue: Dale Adolfe (CCC contact person)
- Organize copies of information on GMO issue in BCGPA (contact Sandra Burton)

2. Canadian Canola Growers Association

- Survey producers across Canada for 1st phase of IPM project.

3. Crop Production Committee, CCGA

- Update Canola Growers manual

Extension and Communication:

- Committee chair gives reports at directors meetings throughout the year
- Committee report distributed at AGM March 4, 2000

Finances:

The total expenditures for this project for this time period were	\$ 7,170.25
The total projected budget for this project was:	\$ 7,170.25
This leaves a deficit or surplus of	\$ 00.00

Variances from original work plan, schedule or budget: more meetings than anticipated.

Summary comments, conclusions:

Brian Haddow has been elected the new Canola Committee Chair for 2000.

Attachments: Canola Committee Report from AGM, Detailed financial statement from bookkeeper

**Canola Committee Report by Garnet Berge
for BCGPA Annual Seminar & AGM on March 4, 2000**

Weather for 1999 Season & Crop Conditions

The weather for the 1999 Season in the Peace River region was cool and dry. Precipitation was 30% below averages and temperatures were 20% below averages (i.e. 30 year averages).

There were 83,169 acres of canola in the BC Peace River region in 1999. Crops were slow to germinate and grow and were at least 7 to 10 days behind normal throughout the season. Average yields were 25 bu/ac. There were some reported crop losses of 81.8 tonnes, for a total value of \$22,907.00 in crop insurance claims. (Source: Lee Bowd, BCMAF, Dawson Creek)

Activity Highlights of 3 Canola Organizations

The BCGPA are represented at meetings of 3 canola organizations:

Canola Council of Canada:

- GMO Issue: Dale Adolfe is contact for GMO issue
(Sandra has copies of all emails of news articles and information)
- Biotech Pamphlet produced and distributed with Canola Digest
(extra copies available: ask Sandra)

Canadian Canola Growers Association

- Hiring an office manager
- developing a policy manual & revising constitution
- Pesticide Harmonization & WTO
Canadian Canola Growers Assoc. asking \$20,000 from AB, SK and MB and \$2500 from BC. Matching funds through a Canada-Manitoba Rural Development fund.
JoAnn Buth is organizing a cross Canada project on integrated pest management practices with canola. As part of this initiative they will survey canola growers in all participating provinces.

Crop Production Committee, CCGA

- setting priorities for production centers
- launching Decision Support System CD (ask to borrow copies from Garnet or Sandra)
- updating Canola Growers manual

Canola Meetings Attended Representing BCGPA

March 14: Canadian Canola Growers Association meeting in Puerto Vallarta
March 15: Board of directors meeting of Canola Council of Canada in Puerto Vallarta
March 16: Canola Council of Canada AGM in Puerto Vallarta
April, 1999: CD-Rom meeting in Winnipeg
June 27-30: Summer CCGA and Crop Production meetings in Melfort, Sask.
July 15-16: Canola Council of Canada directors meeting in Saskatoon, Sask.
Nov. 4: CCGA fall meeting in Winnipeg
Nov. 5: North American Canola Growers Crop Protection meeting in Winnipeg
Nov. 6: North American Pesticide Market meeting in Winnipeg
Nov. 8-9: Canola Council of Canada meeting in Ottawa
Nov. 16-17: Crop Production Committee and Phil Thomas Industry meeting, Edmonton
Jan. 19-21: CCGA Interviewing for General Manager, Winnipeg
Feb. 4-9: Transportation Issues in Ottawa
Feb. 22: CCGA conference call
Mar. 4-7: CCC AGM & CCGA meetings in Winnipeg

**BC GRAIN PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION
CANOLA PROJECT
INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENTS
APRIL 01, 1999 - MARCH 31, 2000**

Income

BC Grain Industry Development Council	1,434.05
Peace River Agriculture Development Fund	<u>5,736.20</u>

Total Income	7,170.25
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Expenses

Membership	577.98
Project Management	774.17
Travel	<u>5,818.10</u>

Total Expenses	7,170.25
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Excess of Income over Expenditures	0.00
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Accounts Receivable

BC Grain Industry Development Council (HB-10%)	143.40
Peace River Agriculture Development Council (HB-10%)	<u>574.00</u>

Total	717.40
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