

Meeting Report Form

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Meeting:	Sask Young Ag-Entrepreneurs AGM
Date:	January 28 & 29, 2010
Attended by:	Norm Hall
1. Objective of Meeting:	To open and enhance dialogue with the SYA board about affiliating with APAS and APAS sponsoring the SYA
2. Discussion and information relevant to APAS' objectives:	<p>-Larry Martin – George Morris Centre – Talked about Market Trends, Safe Foods/Food Safety, Aging Ag Population, Regulation Reform – had a discussion with him after about regulatory review and there may be something come about</p> <p>-Ralph House and Gerry Holland - Sask Ag and Food – Farm Business Development Initiative – Growing Forward</p> <p>-CWB – Producer Payment Options</p> <p>-Chandra Mark – Enterprise Saskatchewan – went over the 17 business committees that are under Enterprise, Chandra looks after Agriculture and Agri Products.</p> <p>- Alana Koch – DM SAF – looking at an Ag Regulatory Review – not public right now as they are just going over some antiquated regulations, may become a public review like the environment review later on, but currently undecided. Pushing to get rid of the CWB, Gov't staying out of business, promotion of the Ag Sector – value of ag to the public, collaborate with provincial and Federal gov'ts, progressive and relative research. Agriflex funding is a one off application, similar to CARDS, guidelines quite unclear</p> <p>- Cory Williams – CanPro Consulting – Variable Rate Fertilizing</p>
3. Recommended direction for APAS in response to this meeting: <i>(Reminder: the direction should pertain to the priorities identified in the Strategic Plan)</i>	<p>Enterprise Sask has a conference going on in Saskatoon March 2-4, one of the days is on Carbon, - APAS should look into it as a possible Environmental Committee event. She will email more information to me next week.</p> <p>The SYA don't seem to be looking too hard for money, administration or office space, but they do really like our report on youth. They will be sending someone to our board meeting on Feb 16th. We should make contact with them prior to that meeting just to confirm. They are concerned about our some of our policy directions. There is also some concern about us being perceived as a partisan organization. We didn't get a chance to discuss this perception with them further in this forum.</p>
4. Who else attended this meeting (people, organizations, industry sectors, government, etc.)?	<p>Larry Martin – George Morris Centre, Ralph Houser and Gerry Holland – SAF, 100 - 2400 College Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 1C8 Chris Kuntz – CWB, Chandra Mark – Enterprise Saskatchewan, Alana Koch – DM SAF, Cory Williams – Crop Pro Consulting, Chris Corbett – FarmLink Marketing Solutions, there were others that did concurrent sessions that I didn't attend or after I left.</p>