

**Agriculture Union
National Executive Meeting**

**April 10-11, 2010
National Office**

1. Call to Order

National President Bob Kingston called the meeting to order; in attendance were Debbie Forsythe, Denis Sicard, Howard Willems, Fabian Murphy and Larry Budge.

2. Opening Remarks

Bob greeted everyone to the meeting and commented on the Polish tragedy in the news this morning.

3. Adoption of Agenda

The proposed agenda was adopted unanimously, **M/S/C** –Sicard/Murphy.

4. Hours of Session

The following hours of session were adopted unanimously, **M/S/C** – Willems/Sicard.

April 10	9:00am to 5:00pm
April 11	9:00am to completion

5. Approval of the January 2010 National Executive minutes

The Executive reviewed the draft minutes and made a few corrections; the January 2010 minutes were then approved unanimously, **M/S/C** – Sicard/Murphy.

6. Business Arising Out Of The Minutes – National Council Tracking Report

Business from previous minutes: nothing to report.

Tracking report:

The Executive reviewed in detail the National Council Tracking report that will be handed out and discussed later in the week at the meeting.

7. Financial Report

Investments

- **M/S** – Willems/Murphy – That the investments coming to maturity before the next Executive meeting shall be reinvested at the best possible rate of return.
UNANIMOUS.

Audited Financial Statements

The Executive reviewed the draft statements prepared by Ted R. Lupinski, CA.

- **M/S** – Forsythe/Sicard – That the Executive approve the 2009 year end audited financial statements.
UNANIMOUS.

8. National Office

Bob and Debbie provided a progress report.

9. Communication

Regarding web site: Debbie noted comments from the Executive and will discuss with Alan Pryde regarding cosmetic changes that are required.

10. CFIA Update

Progress report – see attached.

11. AAFC update

Progress report – see attached.

12. CGC Update

Progress report – see attached.

13. CSPS/ PSC update

Progress report – see attached.

14. DND update

Progress report – see attached.

15. Negotiations update

Treasury Board agreements are now available on TB web site. The PSAC is already getting ready for next round with Regional Bargaining Conferences to take place this fall, starting with Québec and Atlantic on November 13-14; followed by the NCR and Ontario on November 27-28 and the West on December 4-5. Fabian's committee will make recommendation on how election will be carried out. Regarding input deadlines, the Executive set a deadline of September 10th for our input; the PSAC deadline is October 1st.

16. Social Justice Fund – Haiti

Debbie gave a progress report which is available on our website. So far the SJF Committee has approved 10 projects totalling \$55,915.

17. Local Reports to National Executive

The Executive discussed the merits of receiving Local updates. They agreed that from now on, and at least twice a year, each RVP and Director will submit brief reports on status of their locals. The reporting will be done via template that will be sent out to Council members. This item will be discussed later this week at Council meeting to decide what will be included on the template.

18. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 5-6, 2010.

Having dealt with all agenda items the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by,



Larry Budge
Administrative Officer