

**Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia
Annual General Meeting
Friday, November 18, 2016**

8:00 – 9:00 am	Registration Desk Open – Nutrition Break in Salon ABC Sponsored by: Green Diamond Equipment Ltd. & Bayer Crop Science
CHAIR: Barron Blois	
9:00 -9:15 AM	Welcome – Barron Blois, President
9:15 – 9:45 am	2016 Nova Scotia Wild Blueberry Extension Report – Peter Burgess, Perennia
9:45 am- 10:15 am	Update on Maine Research & Extension –Dr. David Yarborough, University of Maine
10:15 – 10:45 am	Wild Blueberries & Health Research – Dr. Wilhelmina Kalt, AAFC, Kentville
10:45 – 11:15 am	New Wild Blueberry Marketing Approaches - Marion Bartelt-Simon, MK2 Agency, Hamburg, Germany
11:15 – 11:40 am	Greetings from Bill Casey, MP Cumberland-Colchester
11:40 – 12:00 noon	State of the Industry -Peter Rideout, Executive Director, WBPANS
12:00 – 1:30 pm	LUNCH – Provided in Salon ABC, Sponsored by Dupont Canada, RBC Dominion Securities & Koppert Canada Visit Trade Show & Poster Presentations in the hallway outside meeting rooms – Researchers will be available to discuss their Research.
1:30 -1:50 pm	Management Tips for Current Weed Concerns in Wild Blueberries -Dr. Scott White, Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture
1:50 – 2:10 pm	Precision Harvesting Technologies to Increase Harvestable Berry Yield and Quality Dr. Travis Esau, Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture
2:10 – 2:30 pm	Towards Sustainable Wild Blueberry Production: The Case for Double Cropping Dr. David Percival, Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture
2:30 – 2:50 pm	Microbial Communities Associated with <i>V. angustifolium</i> From Natural and Managed Habitats – Dr. Svetlana Yurgel, Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture
2:50 – 3:05 pm	Nutrition Break Provided in Salon ABC Sponsored by NS Crop & Livestock Insurance Commission & NSDA Programs Visit Trade Show & Poster Presentations in the hallway outside the meeting rooms – Researchers will be available to discuss their Research.
3:05 – 3:30 pm	World Blueberry Production – Dr. David Yarborough , University of Maine
PANEL DISCUSSION Moderator: Jeff Orr 3:30 – 5:00 pm	WILD BLUEBERRY FARM & INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT IN A LOW PRICE ENVIRONMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homer Woodward, Vice President, Jasper Wyman & Son – New Marketing Approaches • Jason Stewart, Farm Manager, Southern NB, Bragg Lumber Co. – Reduced Cost Farm Practices • Peter Burgess – Extension Wild Blueberry Specialist, Perennia, -Identifying High & Low Potential Fields and Designing Management Strategies • Peter Van Dyk – Van Dyk Blueberry Enterprises - Value Added Product Development
5:00 pm	ADJOURNMENT
6:00 pm	Reception & Cash Bar Music by Andy Crossan & Carol Gillis
6:30 pm	Banquet - \$35 / ticket (PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE BEFORE NOON FRIDAY) ONLY 150 BANQUET TICKETS AVAILABLE
8:00 pm	Greetings from Hon. Keith Colwell, Minister of Agriculture WBPANS Recognition Awards,

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Saturday, November 19, 2016**

8:30 – 9:30 am	Registration Desk Open – Nutrition Break in Salon ABC Sponsored by: Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board
CHAIR: Barron Blois	
9:30 am	Call to Order
	Minute of Silence
	Approval of Agenda
	WBPANS President’s Report – Barron Blois, President
	WBANA- Canada Update – Neri Vautour, Executive Director WBANA-Canada
	Report from Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture – Chris van den Heuvel, President, NSFA
	Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting 2016
	Financial Statements presented by Nancy Frame, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
	2017 Proposed Budget – Presented by Joe Slack, WBPANS Finance Committee Chair
	Appointment of Auditors
	Promotion Committee Report – Alice Pugsley, Chair, WBPANS Promotion Committee
	Nominating Committee Report – Jeff Orr
	Presentations to Retiring Directors
	New Business
12:00 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH PROVIDED IN SALON ABC SPONSORED BY PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Jasper Wyman & Son Ltd., Dow Agro Sciences Inc & Eastern Drainage
CHAIR: David Atkinson	
1:00 pm- 1:30 pm	Atlantic Technology Transfer Team for Apiculture Update – Robyn McCallum, & Cameron Menzies, Perennia
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Occupational Health & Safety Responsibilities for Owners, Employees and Contractors & Harvester Course Update – Carolyn van den Heuvel, Farm Safety Nova Scotia Transportation & Compliance Issues
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Crown Land Project Review & Next Steps – Mark Tekamp, NS Dept. of Natural Resources
2:45 – 4:00 pm MODERATOR: Joe Slack	Farm Financial Management Options – Panel Discussion with public and private sector financial institutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Murray, NS Farm Loan Board • Chris Gallant , Scotiabank • Darlene Acton, Farm Credit Canada
4:00 pm	ADJOURNMENT