

**District A Farmers' Institute**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**January 29, 2017, 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.**  
**Nanoose Place, Nanoose, B.C.**

1. Call to order
2. Introductions: Delegates and Members
  - Guests: James Street, Food Processing Consultant AGRI
  - Jan Slomp, President, National Farmers' Union
  - Seann Dory, Young Agrarians
  - Regrets – Chris Zabek, Superintendent
3. Approval of Minutes of last AGM, as distributed
4. Reading of Correspondence - handled within relevant topics
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Business arising from the minutes
7. Reports: - Local F.I. reports
  - President's report
  - Standing Committee Reports:
    - Annual Advisory Board Meeting with Ministry**
    - a. Brief Summary of 2016 Meeting and gov't feedback
    - b. Discussion on strategies, strengths, format, etc.

**Election of Officers for 2017**

8. New and Unfinished Business:
  - a. Agenda Items for 2017 Advisory Board Meeting with Ministry
  - b. BCAC, the Farmer Identity Card and FARM Community Council-see email correspondence at meeting
  - c. New District A Director's seat on Coastal Invasive Species Committee
  - d. Alberni F.I. Abattoir Feasibility Study and their investigation of D and E licensing options. (Lisa Aylard – AFI delegate)
  - e. Discussion on how to strengthen ties between District and Locals
  - f. Welcome of new Mid Island F.I. - Arzeena Hamir
  - g. Continuing discussion of dues from locals (email from Chris)
  - h. Islands Agriculture Show – District A has a booth (looking for some staffers for the booth) and will be one of the panel presenters on Saturday – topic – The Community Agriculture Sector
  - i. New Grow Local B.C. Grant
  - j. North Island 4-H Auction update - Makenna Cyr
  - k. Should District 'A' have a brochure?
9. How often should we hold meetings? Or, adopt “Standing Committee” format?  
Or, can we continue to do most of our work by email and phone?
10. Adjourn.

