

Wild Blueberry Association of Nova Scotia 2022 Annual Meeting

Photos by Linda Harrington



Lots of hard work, and an emphasis on service has permitted Tony MacDonald, TG Mac Sales to develop a loyal customer base.



André Tardif executive of JR Tardif appears at most WBPANS events and field days.



Chris Kennedy of Central Equipment staffs the company's booth at the WBPANS trade show.



Ralph Lloy (left) of Doug Bragg Enterprises discusses harvesting products manufactured in Cumberland County.



Sarah Schaefer, Perennia Food & Agriculture ready to explain ways in which Perinnia benefits the industry.



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Mike McKay and Meagan Wash, Pictou County Berry Ltd.



Trevor Davison and Janette MacDonald, of Truro based NS Federation of Agriculture



BASF Canada regularly attends WBPANS events.



A familiar display at WBPANS annual Trade Shows is Bayer Crop Science Inc.



Millie Pettrigrew, Fulton Insurance Agencies Ltd, Truro awaits WBPANS attendees to finish another AGM session.



Paul Kelley, Koppert Canada Ltd. tidies up the booth to explain how his company benefits producers.



Tidal Tractor representatives Chris Sears and Josh Tanna Hill were ready to explain how the company's modern new facilities helps provide better service.



Todd Burgess, Bee Pollinated Inc. has been able to find his niche in a competitive blueberry supply network.



Patrick Bryne, Allan Equipment Manufacturing Ltd enjoys explaining his company's products to WBPANS producer members.



Sandra and Tim Fisher of Truro Agromart Ltd. were busy answering questions about the shortage of agricultural chemicals.

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JR Tardif, a leader in flail mower technology designed for blueberry fields in the Maritimes, had samples of machinery on display at the annual Wild Blueberry Producers of Nova Scotia (WBPANS) 2015 Field Day.

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Alice Pugsley presented the Promotions Committee Report.



Andrew Byers, Senior Apiculturist and ATTTA Project Lead, presented an overview on the applied research carried out this past year.



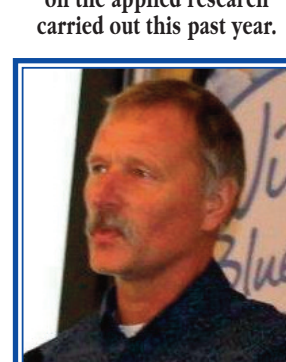
Annie Bennett, Apiculturist discussed the activities the Atlantic Tech Transfer Team in Apiculture have been busy with the last year.



David Harrison, the incoming WBPANS President for 2023 emceed the Friday meeting.



WBPANS President Peter Swinkels welcomed everyone to the 2022 NS Wild Blueberry Conference.



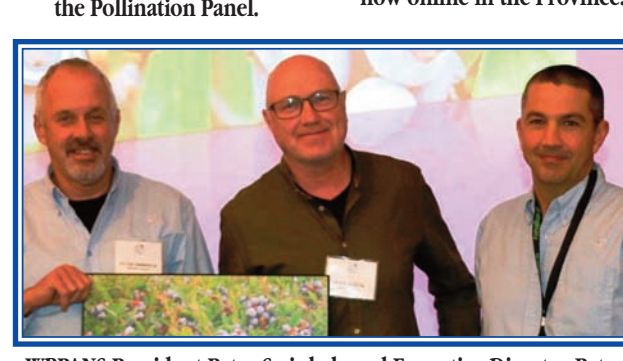
Peter Van Dyk represented wild blueberry producers on the Pollination Panel.



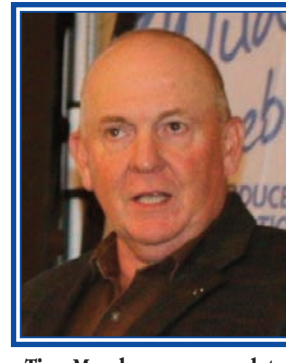
Thomas Harrington, Perennia Agriculture Technology Specialist, gave an update on the Weather Station Assistance Program, noting here is a total of 88 stations now online in the Province.



Neri Vautour, Executive Director WBANA Canada.



WBPANS President Peter Swinkels and Executive Director Peter Burgess make a presentation to Mark Austin who was retiring from the Board of Directors.



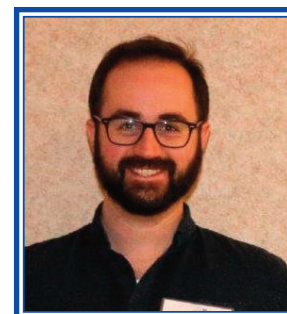
Tim, Marsh, gave an update from the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture.



The Honourable Greg Morrow, Minister of Agriculture stopped by the WBPANS 2022 Conference on November 17th.



The 2023 WBPANS Board of Directors- Back Row, (L-R): Andrew Dobson, Peter Van Dy, Alice Pugsley, David Harrison, Neil Erb. Front Row (L-R): Don Mingo, Janet Geldart, Peter Swinkels, Peter Burgess, Ron Welton, Jeff Orr. Missing from Photo: James Fullerton and Samantha Haley.



Patrick Hennessy, 2nd Year PhD student and Vanessa Deveau, 2nd Year Masters student were both recipients of a 2022 WBPANS \$10,000 Bursary.



However, we have included details of their role and theme of their presentation, as follows: Dr. David Percival presented some of the recent research findings his team are working on. Dr. Travis Esau gave an update on some interesting research work with an electronic weed zapper. Hugh Lyu, Perennia's Wild Blueberry Specialist presented information on the importance of utilizing the Growing Degree Day (GDD) numbers that are becoming more readily available. Janelle MacKeil, had some very useful information on the integrated management of the Blueberry Fruit Fly. Jason Sproule, Provincial Apiculturist was on the Pollination Panel and noted there are currently 946 registered bee keepers in NS, with 218 new entrants. Jeff Orr, Chair of the WBPANS Research Committee invited producers to voice their opinion on what research projects are (or could be) most important to the membership. Joel Langdon explained the use of remote sensing equipment to identify fescue grasses on sprout fields in the fall. Paul Kittilsen represented beekeepers on the Pollination Panel and Dr. Scott White had important information for producers on the latest research into weed management.

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