



BCCA AGM – Feb 23, 2023 - Agenda

8:30-9:00: Check-in

9:00 President's Welcome – **Sukhpaul Bal**

9:10 Business meeting:

- Approval of Agenda and Adoption of 2022 Minutes from the BCCA AGM
- President's Report – **Sukhpaul Bal**
- Treasurer's Report – **Erin Carlson**
- Market Access Committee Report – **Richard Isaacs**
- Research and Extension Committee Report – **Gayle Krahn**
- Membership Report – **Beth Cavers**
- Export Programs Report – **Beth Cavers**
- Vote for 2023/4 Board of Directors – Officiated by **Bill Wolk**, BC Tree Fruits Cooperative
- Adjournment

10:15 *Coffee Break (15 minutes)*

10:30 **Keynote:** Dale Goldy, Little Cherry Disease Taskforce, Gold Crown Nursery and G2 Orchards – “*Planting New Rootstocks: How Steep is the Learning Curve?*”

11:20 Research Update – *How Environmental Stress Affects Fruit Set* - **Dr. Hao Xu**, AAFC

11:35 *Regulations have changed: Spray Drift & Rodenticides* – **Ken Sapsford**, P.Ag., BCMAF

11:50 *BC Fruit Works – The New Way to Find Temporary Workers!* - **Tyrion Miskell**, BC Grapegrowers' Association

12:05 *LUNCH (45 minutes)*

12:50 Research Update – *Ground Cover Management in Cherry Orchards* - **Dr. Mehdi Sharifi**, AAFC

1:05 Research Update – *Cherry Fruitlet Analysis* - **Dr. Mehdi Sharifi**, AAFC

1:20 Research Update – *Fruitlet Study – Fruit Sensory Characteristics* – **Dr. Masoumeh Bejaei**, AAFC

1:35 *Little Cherry Disease and Insect Updates* – **Dr. Jose Urbez Torres**, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC); **Dr. Siva Sabaratnam**, and **Dr. Susanna Acheampong**, BCMAF; Introduction of new Provincial Plant Pathologist, **Ms. Li Ni**.

2:10 Research Update – *Investigation of Hot Water Treatment of Nursery Material to Control Oriental Fruit Moth and Other Non-Regulated Pathogens* - **Dan O’Gorman**, AAFC

2:25 **Keynote:** **Dr. Greg Lang**, Michigan State University – “*Will the orchard you plant in 2023 be suitable for the technologies of 2028 and beyond?*”

3:20 *Agriability Update* - **Dalraj Grewal**, BCMAF

3:35 *The Future of Pest Management? Drone Spraying in Cherry Orchards* - **David Nield**, Biologist, AAFC

3:50 Closing and final thank-you to sponsors and presenters.

Reception to follow from 4:30 to 6:30 – please RSVP if attending. Free for BCCA members.