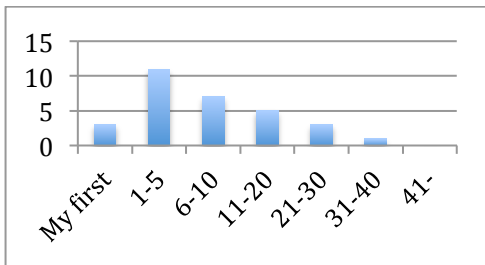


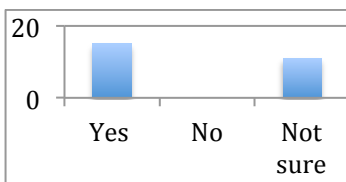
YAA August Survey

(Abridged)

1. This year marks 50 years for the Yukon Agricultural Association. How long have you been a member?



2. Is the YAA still a worthwhile organization?



I am not sure how open the board/membership is to innovation, new ideas, a real push for more good food grown here. I have a sense that there are cliques in the farming community that prevent a collegial feel in the organization.

Gov. needs to support YAA in a more meaningful way.

I don't think the present board reflects the complexity of Yukon agriculture AT ALL.

YAA got [succeeded in getting] the YTG to develop policies.

I have a home garden.

I find it valuable to be a member of an organization that is dedicated to supporting farmers. Being new to farming, the members and the events are a valuable resource.

3. What YAA should do more of:

INCLUSIVENESS

Be more transparent - involve more of the community not just the members.

Better representation of all agriculture sectors and groups in Yukon, including micro-farming, home gardens and small farms, not just the large ones (7).

Encourage alternative and forward thinking people to join and be board members to reflect the complexity of the agriculture community.

Partnering with other aggie organizations - we are a small group let's consolidate our resources!

Reach out and encourage others opinions.

Support the membership with their concerns.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

More frequent "events" other than board meetings to get farmers out and talking to each other.

Community involvement.

Help facilitate connections between similar farms.

Open-farm visits for members.

Have rodeos and fall fairs again.

PROMOTION

Not sure how many Yukon peoples are aware that the org exists. We have been here 5 years and just heard about you this past year.

Promoting Yukon grown products (such as hay veg live stock).

Promote buying local feed (hay) and produce.

Promote and support food safely (with the production of beef, poultry and pork).

Have a presence at the farmers market.

Encourage small holding food production, including supporting Whse chicken raising, promoting home gardens.

POLICY

It would probably useful for the YAA to regularly review its purpose, objectives and action items. This will help YAA determine what it should do more/less of.

More detailed info re: meetings with other organizations, meetings with YG, etc. so farmers can have a deeper understanding of what's being discussed.

More visible in political scene.

Offer members incentives (3).

To be involved with policy making with YG (2).

More infrastructure building towards processing (3).

EDUCATION/WORKSHOPS

Best planting practices for our area.

Consumer education.

Facilitation of small farmer / operator workshops.

Focus on food growing that mitigates, not increases, climate change.

Identify succession planning ideas for farmers - how can land/money poor interested folks collaborate with land rich older folks in the Yukon.

More educational seminars relevant to our area (7).

Provision or advice on access to resources for hobby farmers.

The perfect farming ecosystem for the ultimate preservation and better health of our environment.

Workshops on land application processes and how to be successful.

OTHER

Being as my active involvement is minimal, I can't say.

Without more meaningly support from gov't, YAA has gone as far as it can in advancing agriculture as gov't refuses to support all agriculture in Yukon.

4. What three things do you feel YAA should do less of?

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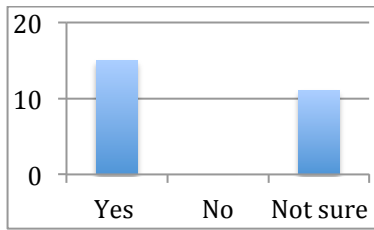
Less of trying to advance a industry that government seems not willing to support and is only burning out volunteers trying to do so.

Not overstep into private enterprise concerns with the new land development.

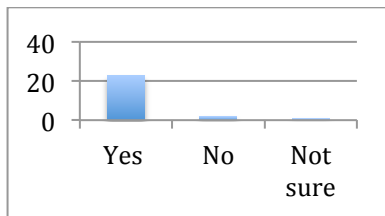
I'm happy so far with everything.

Nothing (3).

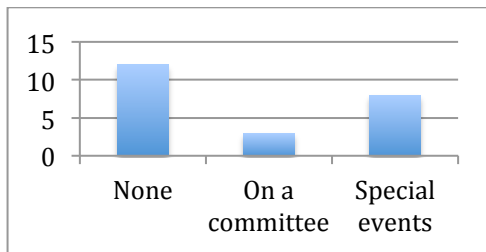
5. Are board members easy to reach?



6. Is the office easily accessible to you?



7. In what areas would you like to be more active, as a volunteer?



8. Any other comments regarding member engagement?

I enjoy the conferences and speakers, and the discussions that happen there.

I like receiving occasional emails from YAA on various topics.

I'm not active in social media but it may be a way of reaching younger people and engaging them in Yukon agriculture.

It would be nice to have a members meeting occasionally within different Yukon communities. For Example, Dawson, Watson etc.

Members who show interest, and there are jolly few, should be encouraged, not discouraged.

Dissenting opinions should be considered, not discarded. Young people need to be brought in, and for that, we need to be open to new ideas, new approaches, think outside the box.

Needs real members.

Survey monkey is good. Give cost breaks for YAA members to attend North of 60 banquet. Just an Idea. Bring farm families together more often. Relevant speakers.

Thank you for all your efforts!

These surveys are a great idea!

Unfortunately my experience with YAA is that the "old boys club" lead the way. It would be nice to see more diversity.

We're just starting out so thank you so far for all the encouragement and information!