

Progress Report on 2018 Resolutions

2018 AGM Financial Resolutions

1. **“Be it resolved that** the 2017 -2018 ABP audited financial statements and auditor’s report be accepted.”

Board

Carried: No further action required

2. **“Be it resolved that** the firm of Kingston Ross Pasnak chartered accountants be appointed as auditors for 2018-2019 year-end audit.”

Board

Carried: No further action required

2018 AGM General Session Resolutions:

1. **“Be it resolved that** ABP request the Solicitor General direct and require the Royal Canadian Mounted Police respond with the authority given them, and paid for by the people of Alberta, to property crimes in rural Alberta. And that the crown pursues these crimes for conviction and incarceration be appropriate for the crime.”

Zone 1, 8

Carried: The ABP Board of Directors have included this issue in their lobbying with the government. Rural crime in Alberta is high and the RCMP are working with the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association and municipalities to address the problem. The RCMP rural property crime reduction strategy that was introduced last year has already made some progress. ABP will continue to lobby the government on producer’s behalf.

2. **“Be it resolved that** ABP consult with other agricultural commodity groups to lobby the government under a united front for better protection of rural residences and the right to protect ourselves, our families and our property.”

Zone 7

Carried: The ABP Board of Directors have included this issue in their lobbying with the government. Rural crime in Alberta is high and the RCMP are working with the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association and municipalities to address the problem. The RCMP rural property crime reduction strategy that was introduced last year has already made some progress. ABP will continue to lobby the government on producer’s behalf.

3. **“Be it resolved that** ABP lobby the Alberta government to address excessive regulations governing smaller abattoirs with the aim of promoting their economic viability everywhere throughout the province.”

Zone 5, 6

Carried: The ABP board have lobbied the government in the past about the regulations surrounding the activities of abattoirs and will continue discussions going forward in talks with the new government.

4. **“Be it resolved that** ABP lobby the Alberta government to change regulations to allow for mobile inspections for on farm harvesting of beef to allow for the sale of beef by producers.”

Zone 9

Defeated: There are a number of Food Safety laws that apply to the sale of beef off the farm that would need to be changed before a producer would be allowed to sell his own beef.

5. **“Be it resolved that** ABP lobby the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association and the Alberta government to certify vet techs to be qualified to preg check on a non-exporting basis, to enable producers to access preg testing services.”

Zone 1

Carried: This is an issue that the ABP Board has been lobbying the Alberta government and the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association to consider.

6. **“Be it resolved that** ABP lobby the Alberta government to get a decent way of dealing with drugs for animals.”

Zone 9

Defeated: Though the motion was defeated by the delegates, ABP continues to work with the Alberta government and the ABVMA for producers to get better access to drugs.

7. **“Be it resolved that** any producer with a valid ‘Producer Herd Health Protocol’ (prescription) from a veterinarian be able to fill it (get medication/vaccines) at a vet clinic, UFA, Hardware store, Feed Store, etc.”

Zone 9

Defeated: Currently a producer with a prescription from a vet can have it filled by any vet pharmacy.

8. **“Be it resolved that** ABP lobby the provincial government to reinstate the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency Mobile Field Representatives.”

Zone 1, 2

Carried: The ABP Board of Directors agreed that ABP needs to become more vocal in its support of age verification acknowledging that there are benefits to the industry when producers age verify. To this end the directors carried a motion at their May 1st meeting to lobby for and support best practices by producers including age verification

9. **“Be it resolved that** ABP lobby the Alberta government to reinstate previous funding levels back to Western Canadian large animal veterinary schools.”
Zone 1

Carried: A similar resolution was carried at the 2017 AGM and ABP Directors spoke about their concerns with government representatives recommending that the government continue to fund both programs. ABP will continue to discuss the changes with government during talks with Ministers and staff

10. **“Be it resolved that** ABP support Alberta Lamb producers to lobby Fish and Wildlife to not create arbitrary “buffer” zones on protecting Bighorn sheep.”
Zone 2

Carried: ABP had discussed this issue at a previous board meeting and agreed that we needed to support lamb producers in opposing the governments arbitrary use of Highway 22 as a buffer zone for domestic sheep.

11. **“Be it resolved that** ABP strengthen it’s lobby to the provincial government to address the increasing wildlife/livestock conflict issues, seeking solutions to the present state of mismanagement of provincial wildlife that presently exists and that the solutions go beyond the call for compensation due to wildlife damage or predation.”
Zone 3

Carried: Wildlife affects producers across the province and ABP directors will continue to lobby the government about the need for permanent effective solutions to this ongoing issue.

12. **“Be it resolved that** ABP work with other agricultural commodity groups to lobby the provincial government for greater input on all issues regarding wildlife (i.e. timing of hunting season; bag limits; Alberta Conservation Association; compensation of agricultural losses).”
Zone 7

Carried: Issues with predator and ungulate damages to producer herds and crops continue to be topics that ABP is lobbying the Alberta government about. Some progress is being made.

13. **“Be it resolved that** ABP approach the Federal and Provincial government to review the compensation that is awarded to producers in regard to wildlife damage (especially goose and duck damage) to their crops and swath grazing.”
Zone 4

Carried: Wildlife issues affect producers across Alberta and ABP has lobbied government staff and officials in the past about appropriate compensation for producer losses. ABP will continue to lobby for suitable compensation with the government.

14. **“Be it resolved that** ABP lobby the Alberta Solicitor General requesting that they increase the number of Fish & Wildlife officers to allow for a more timely and effective response to wildlife predation and ungulate grazing of private property.”
Zone 9

Carried: Wildlife is an on-going issue that the ABP directors continue to discuss with the Alberta government. Getting Wildlife officers out to a confirm a wildlife kill or to observe damage done by ungulates in a timely manner continues to be an issue that ABP lobbies for with government staff and Ministers.

15. **“Be it resolved that** ABP lobby Alberta fish and Wildlife and Parks Canada to monitor and control infected ungulate populations that are known to carry Liver Flukes and that may transmit this parasite to cattle populations.”
Zone 2

Carried: The directors discussed the resolution at the May 1st Board meeting and requested more information on the issue before making any recommendations.

16. **“Be it resolved that** ABP should ask government to change legislation for paid access for hunting and all other recreation to help cover the increased costs of fire fighting liabilities on private land, no matter who, or how fires are started.”
Zone 2

Carried: The directors discussed the resolution at the May 1st Board meeting and requested more information on the issue before making any recommendations.

17. **“Be it resolved that** ABP lobby the Alberta government to make available more grazing area in the McKenzie County.”
Zone 9

Carried: ABP will raise this issue with the appropriate Ministry

18. “Be it resolved that ABP direct check-off dollars to increase funding for forage research and lobbying at the national level through the Canadian Forage & Grasslands Association.”

Zone 5

Defeated: Since 2014, when the check-off became refundable, ABP has provided over \$100,000 in funding for forage research. This money has been leveraged significantly with other organizations, such as the Beef Cattle Research Council, to fund forage research with recognised research facilities. The Canadian Forage & Grasslands Association is not a research facility.

19. “Be it resolved that ABP educate producers on the value of age verification to encourage more reliable age verification.”

Zone 2

Carried: The ABP Board of Directors agreed that ABP needs to become more vocal in its support of age verification acknowledging that there are benefits to the industry when producers age verify. To this end the directors carried a motion at their May 1st meeting to lobby for and support best practices by producers including age verification.

20. “Be it resolved that ABP supports the allowance that source identification of calves and information (birth dates and dates of vaccination and medication treatments) be available to all sectors of the industry (including premise of birth, backgrounding premises, feedlot premises and harvest facility).”

Zone 7

Defeated: The information would need to be accessed through the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) RFID tags and this is confidential information. When the CCIA was formed each province needed to sign the agreement and did so with the understanding that information collected by the tags would remain confidential. To allow CCIA to release the information each province would have to agree and to sign a new agreement.

21. “Be it resolved that ABP do everything in their power to make the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency RFID tag information transparent (limited to premise identification and producer identification).”

Zone 2

Carried: A similar resolution was debated at the 2016 AGM and carried. Before CCIA can release any information associated with the RFID tags each province would have to approve changes to the provincial agreements that were signed by the

provincial organizations. RCMP officers can access this information but need a warrant.

22. “Be it resolved that ABP do more to promote the nutritional and environmental benefits of beef through increased use of targeted, digital marketing, directly with consumers, especially with millennials.”

Zone 6, 8

Carried: ABP is actively working to promote Alberta beef using 30 second commercials at large venues; ABP sponsors All for the Beef, directed at FOODS 2100 targeting students from Grades 8 to 12; Revamp of K-6 resources completed late fall of 2019; and by attending other consumer trade shows when the opportunity arises. The ABP Marketing & Education manager, Brad Dubeau, will continue to refine our marketing campaign to focus on these areas over the next few years.

23. “Be it resolved that ABP broaden our promotion to the Alberta Education curriculum to Junior and Senior high school students. Teaching, in addition to the nutritional benefits of beef, an expanded knowledge on animal husbandry practices and environmental benefits.”

Zone 6

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24. “Be it resolved that ABP consider starting post secondary scholarships going towards agricultural studies.”

Zone 8

Carried: ABP provides money to 4-H clubs for scholarships but we do not have the funds available to provide scholarships to post secondary students.

25. “Be it resolved that the check-off be made mandatory at all slaughter facilities as a one-time payment. Not taken off at each time the animal changes ownership.”

Zone 4

Defeated: Similar resolutions have been made at the zone level in the past and ABP has investigated the possibility of going to a one-time payment and determined that it is not a viable option. With a

refundable check-off the delegates did not consider this option financially feasible.

26. “Be it resolved that ABP go to a single point check-off.”
Zone 8

Defeated: Similar resolutions have been made at the zone level in the past and ABP has investigated the possibility of going to a one-time payment and determined that it is not a viable option. With a refundable check-off the delegates did not consider this option financially feasible.

27. “Be it resolved that ABP look into reducing the number of delegates from 6 to 3 per zone.”
Zone 2

Defeated: Though this resolution was defeated at the AGM with the Regulatory Review taking place this year a reduction in the number of delegates per zone may be revisited.

28. “Be it resolved that should the plebiscite go through as non-refundable, that ABP ends the Cattle Feeder Council in 2 years to improve on overall efficiencies and less confusion within government as to who represents the cattle feeding sector.”
Zone 2

Redundant: The results of the plebiscite were announced before the AGM began and would remain refundable.

29. “Be it resolved that ABP should be provided the name and address from willing producers, whom check off dollars are remitted to ABP.”
Zone 6

Carried: ABP works continuously to maintain a current list of producers. This is an on-going activity and ABP constantly works to maintain this list.

30. “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the government to ensure lab grown and synthetic meats or alternative plant-based proteins not be allowed to be labelled as beef or meat.”
Zone 6

Carried: This is an issue that the ABP staff and directors are already working on and will continue to address this issue. ABP is motivated to ensure that alternate products are correctly labelled and is not considered beef.

1. “**Be it resolved that** ABP investigate the actual benefits that Canada Beef realizes for beef cattle producers in Alberta.”
Zone 2

Carried: Information on the work that Canada Beef does and how Canada Beef benefits the cattle industry in Canada and Alberta can be found on their website <https://canadabeef.ca>

2. “**Be it resolved that** in order to protect affected producers and their livestock and our industry image, ABP lobby the Alberta government to require the Alberta Energy Regulator to significantly speed up response times and corrective measures whenever air pollution measurement ‘alarms’ or monitors indicate that pollution levels have exceeded approved safety levels – even when this occurs in more remote areas of the province, such as in the Three Creeks-St. Isadore area.”
Zone 9

Carried: The directors felt it was reasonable to expect a quicker response to alarms that measure the amount of pollution in an area. ABP will lobby to have responses to these alarms made in a more timely manner.

3. “**Be it resolved that** the appropriate ABP committee encourage Alberta Meat Inspection to allow mobile slaughter of accidentally compromised animals to achieve some form of an “inspected” status that would allow healthy protein to be harvested for human consumption.”
Zone 6

Carried: The Directors felt they needed more information before determining how to proceed with the motion.

4. “**Be it resolved that** ABP lobby the Alberta government to promote farm inspection for non-ambulatory animals to be slaughtered and used for human consumption.”
Zone 5

Carried: The ABP Directors will add this issue to the list of topics that they discuss with the government staff and officials.

5. “**Be it resolved that** ABP reach out to post secondary education institutions to present on what ABP is about to increase awareness.”
Zone 8

Carried: This is an issue that the ABP is currently working on. ABP has an on-going relationship with

2018 Resolutions for Board of Directors:

post-secondary institutes that offer agricultural programs and ABP talks about the benefits of beef to post-secondary students. ABP will continue to expand its focus on post-secondary institutions across Alberta.

6. **“Be it resolved that** ABP reverse the agreement with Alberta Environment & Parks that one of its delegates voted in favour of, which was for bison to be listed as an endangered species.”

Zone 9

Carried: Bison have not been listed as an endangered species yet. The motion went through but did not get Ministerial approval. With the change in government, there will likely be further consideration of this issue

7. **“Be it resolved that** ABP and the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association investigate the feasibility of the check-off being charged on all cattle entering Canada.”

Zone 3

Carried: Canada already charges a Service Charge of \$1.00 on all cattle entering Canada

8. **“Be it resolved that** ABP support and lobby the Federal government to ban growth enhancing hormones in Canada in the production of beef.”

Zone 8

Defeated: The majority of producers support the responsible use of growth enhancing products in the production of beef.

Zone 9

Defeated: The ABP Research Committee agreed to wait until the results of this project they have funded along with the Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association, the Saskatchewan Agriculture Development Fund, and the Beef Cattle Research Council are available in 2022 in order to accurately assess if a Johne’s surveillance program is warranted in Alberta, and if so, how it should be implemented prior to approaching the provincial government on this topic.

2018 Resolutions for Research Committee:

1. **“Be it resolved that** ABP lobby the Alberta government to fund and support a Johne’s Surveillance program to mitigate the risk to the beef industry.”

Zone 1

Defeated: The ABP Research Committee agreed to wait until the results of a project they have funded along with the Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association, the Saskatchewan Agriculture Development Fund, and the Beef Cattle Research Council are available in 2022 in order to accurately assess if a Johne’s surveillance program is warranted in Alberta, and if so, how it should be implemented prior to approaching the provincial government on this topic.

2. **“Be it resolved that** ABP could arrange a testing program for Johne’s disease in beef cattle in the province of Alberta with some type of funding compensation to the producer.”