

ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 8, 2020, 12:00 p.m.

Present: Kelly Smith-Fraser - *Chair*
Melanie Wowk - *Vice Chair*
Brad Osadczuk - *Finance Chair/Zone 1*
Darren Bevans - *Zone 2*
Jim Bowhay - *Zone 3*
Shawn Freimark - *Zone 4*
Assar Grinde - *Zone 6*
Colin Campbell - *Zone 7*
Mike Nadeau - *Zone 9*
Brodie Haugan - *@ Large*
Kolton Kasur - *@ Large*
Fred Lozeman - *@ Large*
Jason Hale - *CCC*
Chris Israelson - *CFC*
Charlie Christie - *Past Chair*

Staff: Rich Smith - *Executive Director*
Rosanne Allen - *Office Administrator*

Absent: Cathy Sharp - *Zone 5*
Emil Dmytriw - *Zone 8*

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

(a) Additions and Adoption of Agenda:

Additions: 8(d) Alberta Institute of Agrologists (AIA) Requirements; 8(e) Crown Land Camping;

Motion by Kasur/Grinde:

“That the agenda be approved with changes.”

Carried

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

(a) Minutes of the May 20, 2020 meeting:

Motion by Bowhay/:

“That the minutes of the May 20, 2020 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.”

Carried

3. Financial Report

(a) Financial Statement ending May 31, 2020:

The directors reviewed the financial statement and found no extraordinary items. ABP expenses are in line with the budget with 15% of the budget spent as of May 31st when we are 16.67% of the way through the fiscal year. Marketings are

down by around 91,000 from this time last year. The BMO investments that were unrealized losses on the March and April statements due to the Covid-19 pandemic, have come back and now have unrealized gains agains.

Motion by Osadczuk/Grinde:

“That the financial statement be accepted for information purposes only.”

Carried

(b) Approval of the audited financial statement:

The Audit Committee had reviewed the audited financial statements and the findings of the auditors. Once again, ABP had a very clean audit and the auditors were highly complimentary about the work done by Laura Procnier in managing ABP finances and preparing for the audit. The internal, unaudited financial statements will be in the Semi-AGM report and the audited financial statements will be reviewed at the fall meetings and approved by the delegates at the next AGM.

Motion by Grinde/Friemark:

“That the ABP Audited Financial Statements be approved as presented.”

Carried

(c) Banking resolution:

Motion by Israelson/Grinde:

“That, effective July 1, 2020, the signing officers for the Alberta Beef Producers bank account at the Royal Bank of Canada be:

Chair	-	Kelly Smith-Fraser
Vice Chair	-	Melanie Wowk
Finance Chair	-	Brad Osadczuk
General Manager	-	Brad Dubeau
Controller	-	Laura Procnier

All cheques require two signatures. For cheques of \$20,000 or more, one signature must be the Chair, Vice-Chair or Finance Chair.

And for establishing credit (credit cards) two signatures are required, that of the General Manager and the Controller.”

Carried

4. Staff Report, Policy and Governance

(a) Operations update and performance report:

The monthly operations report and Strategic Objectives Performance Report were made available to the directors in the Dropbox package. Smith was questioned about the parameters

in the Performance Report and how the targets for results were established.

(b) Final review of regulation and bylaw amendments:

The Special Resolutions pertaining to the Bylaw and Plan Regulation amendments were sent to the delegates more than 15 days before the Semi-Annual General Meeting as is required by the Bylaws. When working through the Bylaws, Smith and Adrienne Waller realized there were wording problems that needed to be addressed. These further amendments fundamentally changed the Bylaws that were originally sent out to the delegates and will require approval at the Semi-AGM. Smith sent a notice to the delegates on June 5th with the amendments to the Special Resolutions which will be voted on during the Semi-AGM on June 9th.

The Board had a final review of the proposed regulation and bylaw amendments before consideration of the Special Resolutions at the Semi-AGM. Smith was questioned about the rules surrounding the nomination of a delegate and the removal of delegates.

5. Council and Committee Reports

(a) Cow Calf Council:

Not much new to report. Haven't had a meeting since the last Board meeting.

(b) Cattle Feeder Council:

The council has not met recently but have been working on the various projects. The council will cease to exist at the beginning to the Fall Meetings.

(c) Research Committee:

Research and technology transfer call went out this past week. The LOI's will be in by end of August and then the committee will meet to discuss them.

6. Decision Items

(a) Alberta Counsel engagement:

Smith signed the engagement agreement with Alberta Counsel on June 5th. Alberta Counsel will be providing lobbying training for the Executive, staff members, and directors, as well as a lobbying tool kit for ABP use. They also will be supporting the ABP government relations work over the next four months. last week.

(b) COVID-19 update and strategy:

We are proceeding with the Town Hall on June 11th at 7:00. Kelly Smith-Fraser will be speaking, along with Greg Schmidt from ACFA, a representative from the Alberta Auction Markets Association and Brad Osadczuk talking about the Western Livestock Price Insurance Program (WLPIP). Markets have been improving but are still more uncertain and volatile than most people have ever seen. It is becoming a larger issue than producers have had to deal with in the past. Producers need to

consider price insurance and other strategies for dealing with the potential of very low markets in the fall.

(c) Semi-AGM resolutions and agenda:

The agenda for the Semi-Annual meeting has fewer topics than usual due to the nature of the meeting during the COVID-19 pandemic. Smith spoke about the Special Resolutions that need to be carried at the Semi-AGM to fulfill the direction from the Regulatory Review. The delegates will also be choosing an ABP representative to BCRC. The meeting has been opened to only delegates, staff, and Marketing Council.

As an update, the Board was told Doug Sawyer has been appointed as the Chair of Marketing Council and Stan Church is the Vice-Chair. Julie Stitt and Patricia Henderson have also joined the Council.

(d) Regulations and standards for private rail crossings:

There are new Transport Canada regulations for private rail crossing coming into effect in November of 2021. There are 8,000 rail crossings in Canada and most of them may need to be upgraded to meet these regulations. The cost of upgrades can range from \$750 to \$100,000.

CN Rail has contacted ABP regarding the new regulations and its strategy for approaching landowners with private rail crossings. They are looking for ABP to help them inform land owners about the initiative and possibly to support CN in requesting an extension on the date for compliance with the regulations and development of a program providing financial assistance to land owners and leaseholders who must make extensive upgrades. The directors were supportive of ABP working with CN.

(e) CRSB representative:

Our current representative on the CRSB council is Greg Bowie. His term is up but has indicated he would be interested in sitting for one more 2-year term. He is currently the Co-Chair of the Sustainability Framework Committee and is Vice Chair of the CRSB company that was established to limit liability.

Motion by Assar/Israelson:

“That the ABP Board of Directors approved the re-appointment of Greg Bowie as their representative on the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef.”

Carried

7. In Camera

8. Discussion Items

(a) Results Driven Agriculture Research:

Smith-Fraser updated the directors on the activities related to Results Driven Agriculture Research. The organization held three roundtable meetings last week with the boards and commissions, applied research associations, and academic

institutions to discuss the scope and priorities for the research funding. The interim Board is still meeting every 2 weeks and there will be roundtables near the end of June to discuss terms of investments, funding allocations for sectors, and board and advisory committee composition. The first decisions on research allocations will be made in the fall while the interim board will be disbanded and replaced with a more permanent Board during the winter.

(b) Fusarium graminearum:

Fusarium graminearum will be removed for the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation under the Pest Act. It is well established in Alberta now and it does not make sense trying to control it through a regulation aimed at eradicating it. Alberta will now be consistent with other provinces in managing Fusarium graminearum through best management practices rather than through regulation and enforcement.

(c) Alberta Institute of Agrologists Registration:

Smith-Fraser had received an email from a consultant expressing strong concerns about the requirements for people with agriculture degrees who are providing agrology services to register with the Alberta Institute of Agrologists. This registration is expensive and places an unfair burden on Canadians with agriculture degrees compared to people who may be doing similar work but are not required to register. Smith will investigate the legislation.

(d) Crown Land camping:

Smith-Fraser informed the directors about a Facebook group called Crown Land Camping Alberta. This is a very popular group among people who engage in random camping on crown land. Smith-Fraser was concerned that this group could lead to more public access on crown land under grazing dispositions. Smith will talk to AGLA to see if they are aware of the group and share our concerns.

(e) Zone Reports:

Zone 1: The zone has held its first meeting in 2020. They discussed the changes made by Covid-19 and plans moving forward. Talked about best/worst case scenarios.

Zone 2: Met with Zone 1 at a restaurant in Taber and discussed the Fall Meetings. Think there is a benefit to a face to face meeting of directors and delegates.

Zone 7: Have held a conference call with the delegates; discussed the Semi-annual meeting; all of the zone's delegates have participated in the CCA Town Hall meetings; there is concern about people camping on crown land.

Zone 9: have spoken to the delegates about the Semi-Annual meeting; will be chatting about Fall Meetings soon.

9. Reading Materials

- (a) Board of Directors Resolutions & Action Items:
- (b) Beef Supply at a Glance:

10. Next Meeting and Upcoming Events

- (a) Semi-Annual General Meeting – June 9, 2020, Zoom Meeting.
- (b) Board of Directors Meeting – July 22, 2020, ABP Board Room, Calgary, AB
- (c) Board of Directors Meeting – September 2, 2020, ABP Board Room, Calgary, AB
- (d) Board of Directors Meeting – October 14, 2020, ABP Board Room, Calgary, AB

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Israelson at 1:00 p.m.