

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS HELD DECEMBER 2-4, 2013
AT THE SHERATON CAVALIER HOTEL, CALGARY, ALBERTA**

Monday December 2, 2013

1. Call to Order

Chair Doug Sawyer called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. welcoming the delegates and guests for coming despite the less than cheery weather.

(a) Approval of AGM Chairs:

Doug Sawyer declared the meeting open and introduced the AGM chairs.

Motion by Doug Sawyer/Walt Suntjens:

“That Judy Nelson and Roy Eckert be approved as Chairs for the 2013 ABP Annual General Meeting.”

Carried

(b) Introduction of Delegates:

Judy Nelson congratulated the new and returning Directors and invited them up to introduce the delegates in their zone. Nelson reminded the delegates that nominations were still open for Cattle Feeder Council, Cow Calf Council and Canadian Cattlemen’s Association.

(c) Rules of Procedure:

Nelson referred the delegates and guests to the Rules of Procedure and spoke briefly about miscellaneous resolutions and protocol for a smoothly running respectful meeting.

(d) Election of Ballot Counters:

Motion by Mark Francis/Greg Bowie:

“That John Brown and Samuel Vallejos be appointed as Ballot Counters for the 2013 ABP Annual General Meeting.”

Carried

(e) Approval of 2013 AGM Agenda:

Motion by Gordon Graves/Bob Lowe:

“That the Agenda of the 2013 ABP Annual General Meeting be approved.”

Carried

(f) Approval of the 2012 AGM Minutes, the 2013 Semi-Annual Minutes:

Motion by Cecilie Fleming/John Bland:

“That the Minutes of the 2012 ABP Annual General Meeting, the 2013 Semi-Annual Meeting be approved as presented in the AGM Information Package.”

Carried

2. Chair’s Report

Doug Sawyer presented his report to the delegates touching on the EU trade deal and the opportunities it presents us; the opening of Harmony Beef and the potential for export; the new talks coming out of Korea and the possibility of a free trade deal; COOL and the Farm Bill; sustainability of beef; the Straw Man project; the plan review – mandate, structure and funding; thanked the out-going directors for the hard work.

Motion by Doug Sawyer/Walt Suntjens:

“That the Chair’s report be accepted as presented”

Carried

3. Finance Report

(a) Acceptance of 2012/2013 Financial Statement:

John Buckley presented the 2012/2013 audited financial statements for acceptance.

Motion by John Buckley/Danny Hozack:

18. **“That the 2012/2013 ABP audited financial statements and auditor’s report be accepted as presented.”**

Board

Carried

Motion by John Buckley/Chris Simpson:

19. **“That the firm of Kingston Ross Pasnak LLP Chartered Accountants be appointed as auditors for the 2013/2014 yearend audit.”**

Board

Carried

Motion by John Buckley/Rob Somerville:

“That the financial statement be approved as presented.”

Carried

4. Review of Afternoon Agenda

Nelson gave a quick overview of the afternoon agenda. The presentation by Dr. Dolores Peters on BSE surveillance will be done via phone instead of in person.

5. Review of ABP Plans and Objectives

Rich Smith, Executive Director discussed the ABP strategic objectives and long term goals and priorities. Smith discussed the ABP mandate; the mission statement; industry priorities for sustainability and competitiveness; ABP long-term goals; and the strategic objectives for 2013/2014.

The delegates were asked to look at the proposed Governance Manual and the changes to the printed copy.

Motion by Judy Fenton/Roland Cailliau:

“That the ABP Governance Manual be accepted with the changes discussed.”

Carried

6. Final Call for Nominations for Cow Calf Council Members at Large and Cattle Feeder Council Delegates at Large

The following were nominated as candidates for Cow Calf Council Members at Large:

Norman Hennigar
Lyndon Mansell
Chris Simpson
Tim Smith
Rose Wymenga

Nominations were called for three times

Nominations ceased

The following were nominated as candidates for Cattle Feeder Council Delegate at Large:

Garth Porteous

Nominations were called for three times

Nominations ceased

7. Pursuit of Profit & the Cost of Being Average

Dale Kaliel, ARD, spoke to the historical trends for the beef industry and managing profit and risk. Pursuit of profit is about the producer understanding their operation and to manage their business proactively.

8. BSE Surveillance Update

Dr. Dolores Peters, ARD, updated the assembly via telephone on the importance of BSE surveillance and why we need to maintain our testing numbers.

9. Speeches for Cow Calf Council Members at Large Candidates

Each candidate gave a brief speech to the general assembly.

10. Election of Cow Calf Council Members at Large

The following were elected as Cow Calf Council members at Large for 2013-2014:

Lyndon Mansell
Chris Simpson
Tim Smith

11. Speeches for Cattle Feeder Council Delegates at Large Candidates

Each candidate gave a brief speech to the general assembly.

12. Election of Cattle Feeder Council Delegates at Large

The following was acclaimed as Cattle Feeder Council Delegates at Large for 2013-2014:

Garth Porteous

13. Adjournment

The meeting was recessed until Tuesday, December 3rd.

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

1. Call to Order

The meeting was reconvened at 8:35 a.m.

2. Conservation & Stewardship (EG&S)

Darren Bevans, Zone 2 delegate and manager of Deseret Ranches, Alberta spoke to the assembly on compensation for maintaining wildlife on producer land.

Francois Blouin, MULTISAR, spoke about the habitat stewardship program for the sustainability of range lands, conservation of wild species and the recovery of species at risk.

Nancy Labbe, gave an overview of the World Wildlife Fund, its mission, conservation of wildlife species, its members and maintaining the sustainability of the planet.

3. Final Call for Nominations for Directors at Large

The following were nominated as candidates for Directors at Large:

Greg Bowie
John Buckley
Colin Campbell
Mark Francis
Danny Hozack
Bob Lowe

Nominations were called for three times.

Nominations ceased.

4. Speeches for Directors at Large Candidates

Each candidate gave a brief speech to the general assembly.

5. Election of Directors at Large

The following were declared elected as Directors at Large for 2013 – 2014:

Greg Bowie
John Buckley
Mark Francis
Bob Lowe

6. Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC) Report

Reynold Bergen, Science Director, presented the BCRC report. Bergen explained to the assembly the breakdown of the \$3 check-off. BCRC is working with Canfax research to breakdown the value of research and how research has contributed historically.

7. UFA – Producer Loyalty Program Partner

Rob Giguere, United Farmers of Alberta, gave a brief background on UFA and their current projects. UFA has been a part of the ABP loyalty program since its inception and Giguere spoke about some of their upcoming campaigns for producers and loyalty program users.

8. Alberta Beef. Famous Taste Campaign

Katie Phipps from AdFarm updated the delegates on year two of the Marketing & Educations Committee 'Famous Taste Campaign' that premiered last summer.

9. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. and new guests were introduced and welcomed.

10. Final Call for Nominations for CCA Director

The following were nominated as candidates for Canadian Cattlemen's Association Directors:

Howard Bekkering
John Bland
Colin Campbell
Larry Delver
Bob Lowe
Pat Rutledge
Doug Sawyer
Cathy Sharp
Rob Somerville
Bryan Thiessen
Rose Wymenga

Nominations were called for three times.

Nominations ceased.

11. Canadian Cattlemen's Association report

Dave Solverson, CCA Vice President, and Dennis Laycraft, CCA Executive Vice President, spoke to CCA priorities; projects; foreign trade; and youth in the industry.

12. Speeches for CCA Director Candidates

Each candidate gave a brief speech to the general assembly.

13. Election of CCA Directors

The following were declared elected as Canadian Cattlemen's Association Directors:

Howard Bekkering
Larry Delver
Bob Lowe
Doug Sawyer
Cathy Sharp
Rob Somerville
Bryan Thiessen

Motion by John Bland/Ted Ford:

"That the ballots be destroyed."

Carried

14. AGM Resolutions Debate

1. Motion by Bob Low/Cecilie Fleming:

"Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Progressive Conservative Government of Alberta to remove or change Section 49(1) of the wildlife act that reads as follows: *'No person shall directly or indirectly buy or sell, trade or barter, or offer to buy or sell access to any land for the purpose of hunting any big game or any fur-bearing animals on any land'.*"

Zone 2

Carried

2. Motion by Darren Bevans/Tyler Sawley:

“Be it resolved that ABP emphasize to the Alberta government that approved wildlife predation payments to producers not be allowed to be delayed by the Alberta Conservation Association, but that these approved payments must be delivered to producers on time. Livestock producers must not be used as negotiating pieces by the Alberta Conservation Association.”

Zone 2

Carried

3. Motion by Maarten Braat/Dee Parke:

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby Alberta Financial Services Corporation to secure recognition of feeding practices of bale, swath corn grazing, and stockpiled forages for loss due to wildlife damage.”

Zone 9

Carried

4. Motion by Dee Parke/Norman Hennigar:

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta government and Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to increase hunting and harvesting of elk in problem areas.”

Zone 9

Carried

5. Motion by Rob Somerville/Rose Wymenga:

“Be it resolved that lobby the Alberta government so that cattle losses due to predators, including coyotes, be fairly paid by general funds of the province of Alberta.”

Zone 5

Carried

Motion by Gordon Graves/Brian Chomlak:

“That the motion be amended to change ‘be generously paid’ to ‘be fairly paid’.”

Carried

6. Motion by John Buckley/Brian Edge:

“Be it resolved that ABP oppose the re-introduction of bison to Banff National Park until all the concerns and questions expressed by the cattle and beef industry have been addressed in a satisfactory manner.”

Zone 3

Carried

7. Motion by Colin Campbell/Ted Ford:

“Be it resolved that ABP urge the Alberta government to cease issuing licenses for fresh water use in the enhancement of oil and gas recovery.”

Zone 7

Carried

8. Motion by Bob Lowe/Jake Meyer:

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Provincial government to encourage voluntary market based incentives for Ecological Goods and Services.

Zone 2

Carried

Motion by Bob Lowe/Cecilie Fleming:

“That the motion be amended to change ‘market based payments’ to ‘market based incentives’.”

Carried

9. Motion by Rick McKnight/Judy Fenton:

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government to repeal Bill 43 and to give producers the right to decide if the check-off is refundable or not by producer vote.”

Zone 7, 4

Carried

10. Motion by Judy Fenton/Tim Smith:

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta government to have the \$2.00 service charge returned to non-refundable thereby allowing all producers and all sectors to share equally in the challenges.”

Zone 4

Carried

11. Motion by Roland Cailliau/Ron Weiler:

“Be it resolved that any producer who withdraws any of their check-off should not be kept on as active members of ABP.”

Zone 9

Defeated

12. Motion by Tim Smith/Judy Fenton:

“Be it resolved that ABP consider the option to have a onetime non-refundable service charge on all animals at time of slaughter or export.”

Zone 4

Carried

Motion by Dave Solverson/John Buckley:

“That the motion be amended to change ‘lobby the Alberta government’ to ‘consider the option’.”

Carried

Carried

16. Motion by Brian Chomlak/Gordon Graves:

“Be it resolved that ABP only support the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association with the check-off they retain and not on the total sales of cattle in the province.”

Zone 8

Defeated

Motion by Judy Fenton/Bryan Theissen:

“That the motion by amended to add ‘or export’ after the word ‘slaughter’.”

Carried

13. Motion by Gordon Graves/Mike Lutzak:

“Be it resolved that ABP put pressure on our MP’s to close the border to US beef until Country of Origin Labeling is removed.”

Zone 8

Defeated

17. Motion by Rob Somerville/Nanita Blomquist:

“Be it resolved that ABP continue to meet its Canadian Cattlemen’s Association assessment.”

Zone 5

Defeated

20. Motion by Gordon Graves/Brian Chomlak:

“Be it resolved that that there be an independent review of the Executive Director of ABP on a bi-annual basis and further that the ABP executive set up a formal process to accomplish this review.”

AGM Floor

Carried

The meeting was recessed until 8:30 a.m. Wednesday December 5th.

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

1. Call to Order

The meeting was reconvened at 8:31 a.m.

2. Canada Beef Inc. Report

Chuck McLean gave the Canada Beef update on the national and international beef marketing activities.

3. Canfax Market Report

Scott McKinnon gave the Canfax market review on a global and national outlook.

4. AGM Resolution Debate

14. Motion by John Buckley/Bryan Thiessen:

“Be it resolved that ABP fully engage regarding the draft South Saskatchewan Regional Plan, with particular emphasis on the proposed expansion of off highway vehicles (OHV) use on to grazing leases.”

Zone 3

Carried

15. Motion by Rob Somerville/Rose Wymenga:

“Be it resolved that ABP open a dialogue with the Alberta government so that all movement and sale of livestock within Canada be recorded to protect ownership of transported livestock.”

Zone 5

5. Chair’s Closing Remarks

- a) Extended a vote of thanks to media for covering our meeting,
- b) Expressed thanks to various media, government representatives and industry guests who attended the meeting,
- c) Extended thanks to Provincial and National cattle association representatives,
- d) Thanked the individuals who helped with the meeting, serving as election scrutiners and ballot counters,
- e) Expressed thanks to AGM chairmen,
- f) Extended a vote of appreciation to the Resolutions Committee,
- g) Extended thanks to the 2011/2012 Board of Directors,
- h) Special thanks to all of the delegates for a cooperative and productive meeting.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bowie at 10:16 a.m.