

ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 2, 2019, 8:00 a.m.
AT THE SHERATON CAVALIER HOTEL, CALGARY, ALBERTA

Present: Charlie Christie - *Chair*
Kelly Smith-Fraser - *Vice-Chair (Zone 5)*
Melanie Wowk - *Finance Chair*
Brad Osadcuk - *Zone 1*
Sheila Hillmer - *Zone 2*
Chris Israelson - *Zone 3*
Shawn Freimark - *Zone 4 (for Jesse Williams)*
Colin Campbell - *Zone 7*
Gordon Graves - *Zone 8*
John MacArthur - *Zone 9*
Brodie Haugan - *@ Large*
Assar Grinde - *@ Large*
Fred Lozeman - *@ Large*
Tim Smith - *CCC Chair*

Staff: Rich Smith - *Executive Director*
Rosanne Allen - *Office Administrator*
Laura Procnier - *Controller*
Karin Schmid - *Beef Production*
Katelyn Laverdure - *Communications*
Jeanette Kennard

Guest: Cecilie Fleming - *AGM Chair*

Absent: Jesse Williams - *Zone 4*
Tim Sekura - *Zone 6*
Ken Stanley - *CFC Chair*

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

(a) Additions and Adoption of Agenda:

Additions: 5(d) Alberta Beef Quality Starts Here:

Motion by Osadcuk/Graves:

“That the agenda be approved with changes.”

Carried

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

(a) Minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting:

Motion by Lozeman/Campbell:

“That the minutes of the November 21, 2019 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.”

Carried

3. Financial Report

(a) Financial Statement ending November 30, 2019:

The financial statement was in the package, but has not changed much since the November meeting.

Motion by Wowk/Fraser:

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

Carried

4. Staff Reports, Policy and Governance

(a) Governance training at January Board orientation:

In 2019 the afternoon before the January Board meeting we held an orientation for the Directors. The Directors were asked if they would like to do the same again in 2020.

(b) Strategic Objectives Performance Report:

A copy of the report was available in the board package and the report is also in the AGM booklet. R. Smith updated the Directors on progress of the strategic objectives.

5. Council and Committee Reports

(a) Cow Calf Council:

Nothing to report

(b) Cattle Feeder Council:

Nothing to report

(c) Research Committee:

The next meeting will be January 10, 2020

(d) ABQSH:

ABQSH has now been dissolved and ABP has become the Provincial Delivery Agent (PDA) for VBP+ training. The VPB+ audit functions will be delivered by the National VBP+ Delivery Services Inc. Cecilie Fleming thanked ABP for everything they did to help ABQSH stay in business. ABQSH is being liquidated to reduce the financial liability to the ABQSH Board members and the ABP Board members.

The training portion of VBP+ does rely on grants and if, at some point in the future, there are no grants, ABP would have to look at how to fund it. This would be a good use of the National Check-off to help support the training.

6. Decision Items

(a) Selection of Nominating Committee:

Normally at this meeting the board selects 2 past Board members to seek names for the Executive and other positions that need to be filled.

Motion by Fraser/Grinde:

“That Bob Lowe and Charlie Christie be approved as the nominating committee.”

Carried

(b) Selection of zone election ballot counters:

Motion by Lozeman/Hillmer:

“That Rich Smith and Laura Procnier be approved as ballot counters.”

Carried

(c) Review of AGM agenda, elections and resolutions:

R. Smith went through the agenda with the Directors. The resolutions that are carried by the delegate body give direction to ABP to approach Marketing Council to make changes to our regulations and By-Laws. Changes that are made do not take effect until after the delegate body approves the final changes and Marketing Council authorizes the changes.

(d) Regulatory Review resolutions:

R. Smith took the Directors through the additional resolutions that the Board have added to the resolutions document. The purpose of these resolutions is to make the Regulatory Review process go more smoothly. The Directors were asked for their input on the additions.

Motion by Campbell/Israelson:

“That the ABP Board of Directors support the updated Resolution Package.”

Carried

7. In Camera

8. Discussion Items

(a) Alberta Prion Institute:

Kevin Keough, Executive Director at the Alberta Prion Research Institute, spoke to the Directors about the human and animal diseases attributed to prions. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a prion disease in deer and elk. Scrapie is also a prion disease. We are seeing a growing number of cases of CWD and there are concerns about it moving to other species.

There is still research going on regarding BSE and researchers are working on the structure of BSE prions. There are a few places working on alternative uses for SRM besides burying it.

(b) Operational Grazing Disposition Holder Committee meeting:

MacArthur updated the members on a meeting he attended recently. Talked about the modernization of the grazing leases. There is another meeting on January 29, 2020. There are some issues with the modernization, but it is being worked on. People at the meeting had concerns about Other Effective Conservation Methods (OECM) and this topic will be discussed at the AGM.

(c) Zone reports:

No reports at this time

9. Next Meeting and Upcoming Events

(a) Annual General Meeting – December 2 – 4, 2019, Sheraton Cavalier Hotel, Calgary, AB

(b) Board of Directors Meeting – December 3, 2019, 5:00 p.m., Sheraton Cavalier Hotel, Calgary, AB

(c) Board of Directors Meeting – December 4, 2019, 12:00 p.m., Sheraton Cavalier Hotel, Calgary, AB

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Osadczuk at 11:00 a.m.