

**MINUTES FOR THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS HELD DECEMBER 3-5, 2018  
AT THE SHERATON CAVALIER HOTEL, CALGARY, ALBERTA**

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**MONDAY DECEMBER 3, 2018**

**1. Call to Order**

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Charlie Christie called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and welcomed everyone to meeting.

(a) Approval of the Chairs:

Motion by Walt Suntjens/Gordon Graves:

**“That Cecilie Fleming and Darcy Eddleston be approved as Chairs for the 2018 Annual General Meeting.”**

Carried

(b) Introduction of Delegates:

Cecilie Fleming asked the Zone Directors to stand and introduce themselves, their delegates and Cow Calf representative.

Fleming welcomed all of the new delegates and urged all of the delegates to communicate with the producers in their zone.

(c) Rules of Procedure:

Fleming spoke briefly on the rules citing a few of them for the delegates.

(d) Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Melanie Wowk/Colin Campbell:

**“That the agenda for the 2018 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.”**

Carried

(e) Approval of 2017 AGM and 2018 Semi-Annual General Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Tim Smith/Walter Suntjens:

**“That the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting and the 2018 Semi-Annual General Meeting be approved as presented in the 2018 AGM Report.”**

Carried

**2. ABP Chair Report**

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Charlie Christie presented his report to the delegate and guests. Christie spoke about the results of the plebiscite and what ABP will be doing moving forward from here. Now more than ever

delegates need to engage their neighbours and keep communications open and current.

Christie spoke about continuing to work on Bill 6; the new antimicrobial legislation and its distribution; the tax deferral and ABPs work with CCA on the issue;

Motion by Charlie Christie/Sheila Hillmer:

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

Carried

**3. Finance Report**

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(a) Acceptance of 2017/18 Financial Statements:

Melanie Wowk, Finance Chair, presented the 2017=2018 audited statements to the delegates. ABP issued refunds of approximately \$2.5 million. After expenses have been cleared \$4.8 million has been retained for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

1. Motion by Melanie Wowk/Shane Hanson:

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

Carried

2. Motion by Melanie Wowk/Chris Israelson:

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

Carried

Motion by Melanie Wowk/Gordon Graves:

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

Carried

**4. Review of Afternoon Agenda**

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Fleming reviewed the agenda for the afternoon and then called on Rich Smith to present the review of ABP plans and operation.

**5. Review of ABP Plan & Fall Meeting Input**

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Rich Smith began his report by explaining how ABP creates a budget for the year. Assessments to CCA have been set at a set rate which helps us create a more accurate budget.

The goals and strategies for the current year can be found in the AGM report and Smith reviewed what has been done to date in response to the strategic goals. Smith spoke about the work done by CCA on the CPTTP. In the AGM report there is also a status update on the issues addressed during the Plan Review.

Brad Dubeau, Marketing & Education Manager, presented the work done over the course of the last two years in marketing Alberta beef to consumers.

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

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Fleming called for final nominations for Cow Calf Council and Cattle Feeder Council.

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#### **7. Delegate In Camera Session**

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#### **8. Public and Stakeholder Engagement**

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Darcy Eddleston called the meeting back to order at 3:35 p.m., Eddleston welcomed all the guests that were attending.

Jill Harvie and Stina Nagel spoke to the assembly about the Alberta Beef, Forage and Grazing Centre, this used to be Issues Management. Harvie spoke of funding; becoming members of The Canadian Centre for Food Integrity; their three areas of focus; communications and media relations.

Stina Nagel spoke about their responses to the issues that arise; conversation, not education; finding shared ground and removing us vs. them; presented some of the current issues that they are dealing with from meat alternatives to Halal-Kosher slaughter;

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#### **9. Alberta Beef, Forage and Grazing Centre**

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Karin Schmid, ABP Beef Production Specialist, updated the delegates and guests on what the centre has been doing of the last year. Schmid spoke of the vision and mission of the centre; the strategic plan goals; the extension and delivery of extension plan and getting the information out to the producers; governance; resourcing through the government and other research organizations; what the centre is doing now.

Motion by Gordon Graves/Tim Smith:

**“That Brent McEwan and Janelle Hancock be approved as ballot counters.”**

Carried

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#### **10. Speeches for Cow Calf Council Members At Large Candidates**

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Jill Burkhardt  
Rod Carlyon

Jodi Flaig  
Tim Smith  
Stuart Somerville  
Kody Traxel

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#### **11. Election of Cow Calf Council Members at Large**

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Jodi Flaig  
Tim Smith  
Kody Traxel

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#### **12. Speeches for Cattle Feeder Council Delegates At Large Candidates**

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Jeff Havens  
Glen Kummer

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#### **13. Election of Cattle Feeder Council Delegates at Large**

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Jeff Havens  
Glen Kummer

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#### **14. Adjournment**

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The meeting was recessed at 5:15 p.m.

### **TUESDAY DECEMBER 4, 2018**

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#### **1. Call to Order**

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Cecilie Fleming called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

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#### **2. AgSafe Alberta Society**

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Jody Wacowich is the Executive Director of AgSafe Alberta, an industry led organization. Wacowich gave a brief background on farm fatalities and injuries and the changes that legislature has brought to agriculture operations in Alberta spoke about farm fatalities; lost time injuries. Wacowich explained the purpose of AgSafe Alberta and what they can do to help agriculture operations in Alberta.

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#### **3. Canadian Beef Check-Off Agency Report**

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Chad Ross presented the Agency report to the general assembly. Ross spoke of the new structure of the Agency and its focus. Ross spoke of revenue and allocations; Agency programming with a new website; strategy going forward;

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#### **4. BCRC Report**

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Andrea Brocklebank, Executive Director, gave an overview of what BCRC has been doing over the last year. Brocklebank spoke of: Beef Science Cluster III; programming and research; succession planning; knowledge dissemination and technology transfer

## **5. Final Call for Nominations for Director at Large Elections**

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## **6. Speeches for Directors at Large Candidates**

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Charlie Christie  
Assar Grinde  
Brodie Haugan  
Fred Lozeman  
Brad Osadczuk  
Melanie Wowk

## **7. Election of Directors at Large**

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Charlie Christie  
Assar Grinde  
Brodie Haugan  
Fred Lozeman  
Melanie Wowk

## **8. Canada Beef Report**

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Ron Glaser, VP Corporate Affairs, presented the Canada Beef report to the delegates and guests. Glaser spoke about the Canada Beef initiatives; showed the increase in beef consumption; increase in demand domestically and internationally; business development activities in Canada; Roundup App; generic beef marketing programs that are funded in part by the import levy; consumer marketing to address the Canada Food Guide; countering the plant protein arguments; international markets; Canada Beef Centre of Excellence.

## **9. Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef**

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Cherie Copithorne-Barnes presented the CRSB report to the general assembly. Copithorne-Barnes spoke about the 'Trust Framework'; the CRSB mission and vision statements; what sustainable beef is and setting a path for the future; sustainable certification; communication, marketing and labelling; the four CRSB Trademarks;

## **10. Final Call for Nominations for CCA Directors**

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Darcy Eddleston made the final call for nominations for CCA Directors.

## **11. Call to Order**

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Cecilie Fleming called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Before returning to the agenda Fleming played the McDonald's commercial.

## **12. Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) Report**

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David Haywood-Farmer, President of CCA, gave the report for the Canadian Cattlemen's Association. Haywood-Farmer briefly spoke on the structure of CCA; the core services CCA

provides; he spoke on foreign trade; domestic issues such as traceability and tax changes; business risk management; proposed Canada Food Guide;

## **13. Speeches for CCA Directors Candidates**

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Jill Burkhardt  
Colin Campbell  
Charlie Christie  
Brad Osadczuk  
Doug Sawyer  
Cathy Sharp  
Tim Smith  
Stuart Somerville  
Miles Wowk

## **14. Election of CCA Directors**

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Charlie Christie  
Brad Osadczuk  
Doug Sawyer  
Cathy Sharp  
Tim Smith  
Stuart Somerville  
Miles Wowk

## **15. ABVMA Presentation on Prescription Only MIAs**

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Dr Phil Buote, Deputy Register for the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association spoke to the general assembly about the new prescription only antimicrobials. Buote spoke of competition and would not create a monopoly; distribution; access to veterinary services; access to professional services; value of professional services; access to antimicrobials; regulated profession; process for complaints; veterinarians in rural Alberta; demand for services; veterinarians will adapt; transparency in prescribing and dispensing; maintaining client choice; relationship of trust; ABVMA outreach; ownership of veterinary practice; corporate veterinary practice; ABVMA collaboration with Animal Medicine Sales AMSO; ABVMA request to producer groups

## **16. Canfax Market Report**

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Dallas Rodgers presented the Canfax report to the delegates and guests. Rodgers spoke of the rise in prices of Canadian beef after a 2 year decline; growth of US production; price of beef relative to pork; US red meat exports; feeder imports are up significantly as of September; feeder exports are also up; feedlots in Western Canada have been losing money due to feeder cattle moving south into US; cattle on feed up since 2008; cow calf producers still profitable but no signs of expansion; cow slaughter up slightly; feed grain prices rising;

## **17. AGM Resolutions Debate**

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1. Motion by Brad Osadczuk/Gordon Graves:

**"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

Carried

2. Motion by Colin Campbell/Lorrie Jespersion:

“**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

3. Motion by Stuart Somerville/Tim Sekura:

“**Be it resolved that** ABP lobby the Alberta government to address regulations governing smaller abattoirs with the aim of promoting their economic viability everywhere throughout the province.”  
Zone 5, 6

Motion by Heinz Lemmer/Colin Campbell:

“**That ‘excessive’ be added before ‘regulations’.**”

Carried

“**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

4. Motion by John MacArthur/Linda Messner:

“**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

5. Motion by Craig Lehr/Garth Porteous:

“**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

6. Motion by John MacArthur/Ron Weiler:

“**Be it resolved that** ABP lobby the Alberta government to get a decent way of dealing with drugs for animals.”  
Zone 9

Defeated

7. Motion by John MacArthur/Linda Messner:

“**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

8. Motion by Sheila Hillmer/Garth Porteous:

“**Be it resolved that** ABP lobby the provincial government to reinstate the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency Mobile Field Representatives.”  
Zone 1, 2

Carried

9. Motion by Brody Haugan/Kody Traxel:

“**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

10. Motion by Fred Lozeman/Sheila Hillmer:

“**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

11. Motion by Chris Israelson/John MacArthur:

“**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

12. Motion by Colin Campbell/Rob Carlyon:

Carried

**“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

13. Motion by Walt Suntjens/Tim Smith:

**“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

14. Motion by John MacArthur/Gary These:

**“Be it resolved that** ABP lobby the Alberta Environment & Parks 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

Motion by Shane Hansen/Gordon Graves:

**“That ‘Alberta Environment & Parks’ be changed to ‘Alberta Solicitor General’.”**

Carried

**“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

15. Motion by Fred Lozeman/Shane Hansen:

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

Motion by Gordon Graves/Emil Dmytriw:

**“That we change ‘elk’ to ungulate’.”**

**“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

16. Motion by Fred Lozeman/Sheila Hillmer:

**“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

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## 18. Adjournment

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The meeting was recessed at 4:55 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2018

### 1. Call to Order

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Cecilie Fleming called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

### 2. Public Trust and Ecosystem Services

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(a) Nature Conservancy of Canada – Larry Simpson:

Larry Simpson, Western Regional Director for NCC spoke to the delegates and guests about role of Nature Conservancy in maintaining ecosystems. Simpson spoke of the history of the land in the last 150 years; NCC is a land trust and work with land owners; Simpson explained how the NCC is funded; challenges to conserving;

(b) Cows and Fish – Norine Ambrose:

Norine Ambrose, Executive Director of the Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society, presented to the assembly. Ambrose gave a brief background on the creation of Cows and Fish; their mission and their vision for riparian areas; the process of Cows and Fish; elements of stewardship; riparian grazing principles; key principles.

(c) ALUS Canada – Christine Campbell:

Christine Campbell, Western Hub Manager for Alternative Land Use Services presented to the general assembly. Campbell spoke about ecosystem services and defined by ALUS;

Campbell explained how ALUS works; she spoke about ALUS principles; Partnership Advisory Committee; voluntary program with participant agreement; she spoke of the ALUS principles; the types of projects ALUS does; how we can all work together to improve ecosystem services; the next steps for ALUS.

(d) Ducks Unlimited Canada – Kristine Tapley:

Kristine Tapley, Agrologist with Ducks Unlimited, delivered the final presentation to the delegates and guests. Tapley gave a brief background on what DUC does; she spoke of declining natural pasture acres; the Alberta DUC programs that are offered specifically the Revolving Land Conservation Program; opportunities between the beef industry and DUC; measured landscape impacts;

**3. AGM Resolution Debate**

17. Motion by John MacArthur/Ron Weiler:

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

Carried

18. Motion by Kelly Fraser/Cathy Sharp:

**“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

19. Motion by Sheila Hillmer/Fred Lozeman:

**“Be it resolved that** ABP educate producers on the value of age verification to encourage more reliable age verification.”  
Zone 2

Carried

20. Motion by Ken Stanley/Glen Kummer:

**“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

21. Motion by Sheila Hillmer/Jimmy Nelson:

**“Be it resolved that** ABP do everything in their power to make the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency RFID tag information transparent including premise identification and producer identification.”  
Zone 2

Motion by Sheila Hillmer/Jimmy Nelson

**“That the resolution be changed to read ‘transparent (limited to premise id and producer id)’.”**

Carried

**“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

22. Motion by Jill Burkhardt/Gordon Graves:

**“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

23. Motion by Tim Sekura/Jill Burkhardt:

**“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

Carried

24. Motion by Melanie Wowk/Emil Dmytriw:

**“Be it resolved that** ABP start post secondary scholarships going towards agricultural studies.”  
Zone 8

Motion by Charlie Christie/Ken Stanley:

**“That the resolution be changed to read ‘consider starting post secondary’.”**

Carried

**“Be it resolved that** ABP consider starting post secondary scholarships going towards agricultural studies.”  
Zone 8

25. Motion by Tim Smith/Shawn Freimark: Carried
- “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
- “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.”  
Zone 6
- Motion by Lorrie Jespersen/Gordon Graves: Carried
- “That the resolution be altered to read ‘labelled as beef or meat’.”**
26. Motion by Mel Wowk/Gordon Graves: Carried
- “Be it resolved that** ABP go to a single point check-off.”  
Zone 8
- “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
27. Motion by Fred Lozeman/Sheila Hillmer: Carried
- “Be it resolved that** ABP look into reducing the number of delegates from 6 to 3 per zone.”  
Zone 2
- 4. Chair’s Closing Remarks**
- Charlie Christie closed the ABP Annual General Meeting by thanking the media who covered the meeting; thanks to the various government guests who attended; the provincial and national cattle organizations; thanks to the individuals who helped with making the meeting a success; thanks to our AGM chairs who kept us on track for the last three days; thanks to the staff for all of their hard work; the Resolution Committee and the Board of Directors for their support and vision moving forward. Special thanks to all the delegates for a cooperative and productive meeting.
- 5. Adjournment of AGM**
- The Chair adjourned the Annual General Meeting at 11:30 a.m.
28. Motion by: Defeated
- “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**
29. Motion by Assar Grinde/Tim Sekura: Carried
- “Be it resolved that** ABP should be provided by the remitters, the name and address from willing producers, whom check off dollars are remitted to ABP.”  
Zone 6
- Motion by Assar Grinde/Jill Burkhardt: Carried
- “That the phrase ‘by the remitters’ be removed.”**
- “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
30. Motion by Jill Burkhardt/Assar Grinde: Carried