

# ALBERTA LAMB PRODUCERS BOARD MEETING

January 29-30, 2016, Lethbridge

Present: Directors: Erin Yaremko (Acting Chair), Cindy Armstrong, Bill Gibson, Virginia Glover, Ray Nolan, Darlene Stein.

Staff: Robyn Moore

## Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> called to order at 9:24am

### 1. Agenda

Add a discussion about Calgary Stampede Kitchen Theatre and Check-Off refund policy to "other business" agenda item number 13.

**Motion: to approve the agenda as amended.** Seconded. Carried.

### 2. Housekeeping on policy and procedures

The board reviewed the policies on confidentiality, responding to emails within 48-72 hours, and alerting the board if they will be away for more than 3 days.

### 3. Current financial report

An update of the current financial report is provided.

*Virginia Glover arrived at 10.05am*

**Action:** staff will ensure AFAC dues are paid up to date.

**Action:** staff will look into what ALP insurance covers for director's travelling.

**Action:** staff will look into CSF OFFS distance learning by hard copy.

**Motion:** to reinvest 80,000 with the 1,400 interest in a Cashable GIC. Seconded. Carried.

**Motion:** to sponsor two students at the AFAC LLC Conference for \$500. Seconded. Carried.

**Motion:** to contact ASBA to inform them about potentially sponsoring a peewee class at the 4H Provincial show/Summer Synergy.

### 4. COOL

A discussion Country of Origin Labeling.

**Action:** staff will request a meeting with the provincial Agriculture Minister, Minister Carlier.

**Action:** staff will send letters to MLAs and MPs in Alberta as well as the federal Agriculture Minister.

**Motion: to continue to explore all options when it comes to supporting CSF in any way to resolve this issue.** Seconded. Carried.

## 5. Project updates

The board discussed the ongoing projects: Traceability Training, Meloxicam, GF2 Welfare, Alberta Lamb.

## 6. Alberta Lamb project

Chris Giffin, project coordinator for the Alberta Lamb Project, provided and updated.

## 7. Bighorn Sheep Management Plan

Greg Hale with Alberta Parks and Environment provided information about the proposed Bighorn Sheep Management Plan.

## 8. Strategic Plan review

**Action:** staff will move N'ewesline over to a free web-based email subscription service and conduct monthly polls.

**Action:** staff will book a facilitated strategic planning session and look into potential funding for it.

## 9. In Camera

It was moved that the meeting move *in camera* at 5.10 and *out of camera* at 5.30.

## Saturday January 30<sup>th</sup>

The meeting continued with the same attendees.

## 10. Zone Meeting 2015

The 2015 zone meetings were discussed and the evaluation forms were reviewed. Evaluations were positive overall.

**Action:** directors to think about locations and dates for the 2016 meetings as well as consider ways to increase attendance.

**Action:** staff and directors will think of ice breakers or questions to engage producers.

**Action:** staff will ask producers a survey about promotional material to purchase.

**Action:** staff will call CCWG to inquire about zone 7 wool depots and pickups.

**Motion: to send a letter of support, which will include a literature search, about sheep being excellent complimentary grazers for use on crown land to the appropriate people as per Zone 1 and 2 resolution.** Seconded. Carried.

### **11. Research Policy and Emergency Welfare Calls Policy**

The draft internal research policy was discussed as well as forming Alberta-specific research priorities. There is a need to develop an emergency welfare policy. The ALP AFAC rep and office staff can liaise with AFAC to draft one.

**Action:** staff will draft the priorities document and circulate it to the board and Alberta Agriculture to develop a collaborative Alberta approach.

**Motion: to approve the research policy with the name of the priorities document to be decided.** Seconded. Carried.

### **12. Election of Officers, Committees, and Bank Signers**

The following nominations for officers were made:

Chair	Erin Yaremko
Vice Chair	Bill Gibson
Finance Chair	Cindy Armstrong

After calling for nominations three times, agreeing that nominations should cease, the board determined the above elected by acclamation. Signing authority paperwork for the officers above was completed.

The following nominations for committee chairs were made:

Alberta Lamb Project	Ray Nolan
Animal Medicine Sales Advisory Committee	Bill Gibson
Alberta Farm Animal Care	Erin Yaremko
Canadian Sheep Federation	Virginia Glover, Darlene Stein

After calling for nominations, conducting an election for CSF representative, the board determined the following:

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Animal Medicine Sales Advisory Committee	Bill Gibson
Alberta Farm Animal Care	Erin Yaremko
Canadian Sheep Federation	Darlene Stein

### **13. Any other business/Preparation for Meet the Board**

Calgary Stampede Kitchen Theatre

**Motion: to supply \$1000 to support Calgary Stampede Kitchen Theatre with assistance from ALP.** Seconded. Carried.

*Virginia Glover left at 11.30*

Check-off Refund Policy

**Action:** staff will respond to concerns in a letter to the producer.

AFAC

**Action:** staff will conduct a survey questioning what producers want from their veterinarians.

**Motion to adjourn at 11.52 am.**

**Moved and seconded to accept minutes as presented.** Carried February 9 2016