**ALBERTA LAMB PRODUCERS Conference call**

**January 11, 2017, 7pm**

Present: Darlene Stein (Chair), Kirk Cowell (Vice Chair), Neil Caskey (Finance Chair), Elaine Neale, Erin Yaremko

Staff: Robyn Moore

The meeting was opened at 7.11 pm

1. **Agenda**

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

1. **ALP Regulation Changes**

The board continued the discussion about changes to our regulations regarding de-zoning and creating directors at large with one AGM. The proposed changed passed at the fall meetings; however, there was feedback and concerns from some producers. The board acknowledges that it is important that ALP operate within its budget and operate with a full board.

**Motion: to hold one AGM.** Seconded. Carried.
**Motion: to keep the seven zones as currently stated in our regulations.** Seconded. Carried.
**Motion: if there is a vacancy on the board from one zone, a Director at Large from anywhere in the province can be appointed for a full three year term.** Seconded. Carried.
**Action:** ED will communicate the changes approved by the Board to Marketing Council and begin drafting the regulations and creating internal policies.

1. **Research and Development**

The board discussed a proposal from industry regarding future funding.

**Motion: to support the request and give $300 and recommend two directors to work on the committee.** Seconded. Carried.
**Action:** Kirk and Neil will work on the committee.

1. **Draft Standards for Optimizing Animal Welfare Outcomes during Slaughter Without Stunning**

The board discussed the proposed standards.

**Motion: to write a letter stating the position to use stunning before slaughter.** Seconded. Carried.
**Action:** Darlene and Elaine will discuss with their veterinary contacts and supply the ED with research. The ED will write the letter and circulate it back to the board for approval before submitting it by the January 27 deadline.

1. **Other Business**

The February meeting will be on Feb 6. The board will meet from 8am-noon and the board will meet with the Bighorn Sheep committee from 1-3pm.

**Motion to adjourn at 8:44 pm**

**Moved and seconded to accept minutes as presented.** Carried January 17, 2017.