

**ALP Board Conference Call Minutes:
December 10, 2024**

In attendance: Jordan Allen, Martin Winchell, Adam French, Darlene Hawco, Richard Boscher, Alison Neale, Olivia Blum, Jolene Airth

Regrets: none

Jordan Allen called the meeting to order at 7:01 after confirming quorum as per policy:

4.1.5 Quorum

The directors cannot pass any resolutions or motions unless quorum is present both at the start of the meeting and throughout the meeting. Quorum is a majority of directors. 1(22) With seven directors, the required quorum is four directors.

1. Adam motioned to approve the December 10, 2024, agenda, seconded by Martin.
2. Alison motioned to approve the November 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes, seconded by Darlene.
3. Office & Financial Update
 - a. November tags – not received
 - b. Budget vs. actual was reviewed
 - c. ABFI update/FAA conference invitation,
 - ABFI has discontinued their financing for breeding sheep, however there are LFAs (local feeder associations) who continue to do so. The Executive Director will attend the FAA conference.
 - d. ALP office closed December 20 through January 5, 2025.
 - e. ALP Course launch: The Targeted Grazing Course will begin on January 15 with a second intake on January 30. Details will be published in the newsletter and advertised on the website.
 - f. Upcoming Webinars:
 - i. EFP webinar booked for January 22, 2025.
 - ii. Sheep 101 webinar booked Feb 5, 2025
4. Producer Resolutions from AGM:
 - a. The following passed resolutions were discussed, and action plans were determined:
 - i. Resolution #2 **ALP to discuss a lower shipping rate with CCWG** – the board discussed.
Action: Chair and Vice Chair to call the branch manager of Lethbridge CCWG and inquire if there is anything that could be done to decrease the shipping rates for our producers and follow up with an email.
 - ii. Resolution #3 **ALP to research rejoining the Canadian Sheep Federation**
NO action required; the board has already started this process.
 - iii. Resolution #4 **Lobby for a national non-refundable check-off**

The board discussed the options and feel that until national unity is achieved, they have no opportunity to lobby for a national non-refundable check-off. Until Alberta has a non-refundable provincial check-off, we are not equipped to request a national non-refundable checkoff.

No action will be taken at this time.

5. Board to determine voting status of the Chair:

Richard motioned that the chair will only vote in the event of the need to break a tie or to complete quorum, seconded by Olivia. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Industry support requests

- a. Invitation to continue supporting Ag in the Classroom with ChatterHigh – motion required

Olivia motions to continue financial support of \$1500 plus tax for ChatterHigh/Ag in the Classroom, seconded by Darlene, all in favor, motion carried.

- b. Campaign for Wool – continue support for 2024-25 Research & Promotional Program? – motion required

Darlene motioned to continue to support the Campaign for Wool paying their \$5000.00 invoice, seconded by Alison, 5 in favor, 1 against. Motion carried.

Action: Jordan will request that the Executive Director of Campaign for Wool Canada attend one of the ALP January board conference calls to discuss the benefits of supporting their organization.

7. NSN update – Jordan shared the November NSN meeting discussion with the board.

8. Governance training- set date, topics for training, format

Action: The board will complete online courses/webinars on board roles and responsibilities, board meetings, and the ladder of authority, having a minimum of one course completed by the February in person meeting. If by the January 14 conference meeting, directors have not found an appropriate course/webinar and enrolled in at least one, they are required to reach out to the chair or executive director for guidance.

9. Producer Feedback was discussed.

Industry Events:

CSF AGM – January virtual

SSDB AGM January 10-11, 2025 Adam and Jolene in person

Stockmen's Bunkhouse Bonanza Jan 31-Feb 1, Cochrane: Jordan & Alison

FAA Conference January 31 Jolene

Mountain View Aggie Days– May 23-24, Carstairs Jordan

10. The in-camera session began at 8:39pm and ended at 9:03pm.

11. Darlene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:04pm.