

ALBERTA LAMB PRODUCERS BOARD MEETING

December 12-13, 2016, Airdrie

Present: Directors: Erin Yaremko (Chair), Bill Gibson (Vice Chair), Neil Caskey, Elaine Neale, Darlene Stein, Ray Nolan, Kirk Cowell
Staff: Robyn Moore

December 12

Called to order at 8:42 am

1. Agenda

The agenda was presented.

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

2. Housekeeping on policies and procedures.

Reminders about ALP internal policies were discussed.

3. Marketing Council meeting preparation

The board was scheduled to meet with Marketing Council for an hour regarding governance and the proposed changes to our regulations. The board discussed the issues before the meeting.

4. Current Financials Report

An update of the current financial report was provided.

Motion: to reinvest the GIC with interest back into a Cashable GIC for a one year term.

Seconded. Carried.

5. National efforts and issues

The November meetings were discussed, including the Sheep Value Chain Roundtable, NSN meeting, and CSF AGM. A need for a list of objectives for the NSN was identified at the meeting, and the board discussed the upcoming NSN call agenda and documents.

6. Strategic Planning

The Strategic Plan was reviewed and updated.

7. Project Updates

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

8. Zone Meeting 2016 review; 2017 planning

Evaluation forms from the 2016 zone meetings were reviewed. The board discussed ways to communicate more with producers and increase engagement, trust, and transparency. Resolutions from the 2016 meetings were discussed. Dates for the 2017 board meetings were set for: February 6, May 15-16, August 21-22.

Action: The ED will draft resolution responses for the next board meeting.

9. In Camera

It was moved that the meeting move *in camera* at 5.11 and *out of camera* at 5.20pm.

Motion to adjourn at 5.20pm.

December 13

Called to order at 8:39 am

10. Alberta Lamb

Megan Madden from Southpaw PR presented her communications plan to the board, including social media demonstrations. Ideas for a phase 2 funding application were discussed.

Action: Create a Facebook page for producers.

Action: After communicating with funders on the conclusion of phase 1, the ED will update the board and potentially draft an application for their review.

11. Refundable Wool Check-off

A need for a process for producers to claim check-off back on wool was identified.

Action: The board will check their receipts for when check-off comes off their wool sales.

Action: The ED will draft a policy based on our tag check-off policy of producers remitting the request by the 25 of the preceding month of check-off coming off their wool sales.

12. CSIP tag issue

An issue with tag sales was identified.

Action: Bring the issue to the NSN.

Action: Collaborate with the other affected provinces.

13. ALP Election of Officers

The following nominations for officers were made:

Chair Darlene Stein

Vice Chair Kirk Cowell

Finance Chair Neil Caskey

After calling for nominations three times, agreeing that nominations should cease, the board determined the above elected by acclamation. Neil Caskey and Kirk Cowell were added as bank signers and Erin Yaremko will be left on. Signing authority paperwork for the officers above was completed.

The following nominations for committees were made:

Alberta Farm Animal Care Erin Yaremko

National Sheep Network Darlene Stein and Kirk Cowell

AgCoalition Ray Nolan

The board determined the above appointments by acclamation.

Motion to adjourn at 1:45pm.

Moved and seconded to accept minutes as presented. Carried Dec 21, 2016.