# Alberta Lamb Producers Annual General Meeting November 19, 2022 (In-person and virtual)

The meeting was opened at 7:03pm with 62 attendees (in-person and virtual combined).

1. Motion: To accept agenda as presented.

Motion: Cindy Crawford

Seconded: Siemen Vandermeer

Carried.

2. Motion: To approve the 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Hannah Logan Seconded: Cindy Crawford

Carried.

# 3. Acclaimed Director Speeches

- a. Jordan Allen
- b. Rick Cromarty
- c. Jolene Airth

## **Director in Training Speech**

d. Raelene Schulmeister

### 4. Alberta Lamb Producers Financial Statements

Shannon Troke with King and Company Chartered Accountants presented the ALP financial review statements.

Note: The financial review statements include the project funded money that has flowed through ALP during the year for the sheep vaccine, lidocaine band and sheep and goat management accreditation program research projects.

Motion: That the 2021/22 Financial Statements of Alberta Lamb Producers be approved as presented.

Motion: Scott Schieck Seconded: Janna Greir

Carried.

#### Notes:

The ALP financial review was clean. The financial allocation and grants were explained. Net income and overall expenses were similar to the previous year.

King and Company financially reviews and audits other agricultural organizations under the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, including Alberta Pork, Alberta Turkey, and Alberta Chicken. Marketing Council was informed of this change.

Motion: That the 2022/23 Financial Statements of the Alberta Lamb Producers be financially reviewed by King and Company Chartered

Accountant.

Motion: Scott Schieck Seconded: Emilie Wilson

Carried.

5. Alberta Lamb Producers budget 2022/23 was presented by Judy Buck. This document excludes all project funding so is more representative of how ALP has used and proposes to use check off dollars.

## 6. Presentation of ALP Annual Report

Brittany Albers, Emilie Wilson and Ashley Scott presented the ALP Annual Report.

# 7. Alberta Lamb Producers Proposed Bylaw Amendment

ALP Chair, Brittany Albers presented information on the proposed bylaw amendment for ALP. A motion was made followed by a producer vote for the approval of the ALP bylaw amendment.

Motion: To accept the proposed ALP bylaw amendment as presented (section 28 of the bylaws be amended to reflect that terms will be staggered by electing 4 directors in one year and 3 directors in the following year).

Motion: Ryan Greir

Seconded: Cindy Crawford

Votes For: 39 Votes Against: 0 Vote Abstain: 1

Carried.

## 8. Proposed Resolutions

To submit a resolution for discussion at this year's AGM, eligible Alberta Lamb Producers needed to complete our resolution form and submit it to the ALP office by September 15, 2022. **Proposed resolutions would not be accepted past this deadline or from the floor at the virtual AGM.** 

ALP did not receive any proposed resolutions by our submission deadline and therefore there was no conversation at the AGM regarding Resolutions.

## 9. ALP Plebiscite Outcome

Brent McEwan, the General Manager of Marketing Council presented the <u>preliminary</u> results of the Alberta Lamb Producers (ALP) service charge model plebiscite. Final results of the plebiscite will be official once the last day to contest the plebiscite has passed - 15 business days after the announcement of

preliminary results. The last day to contest the plebiscite is December 9, 2022, in accordance with the ALP Plebiscite Directive.

The ALP plebiscite was held between October 18, 2022 and November 16, 2022 (at noon) on the question of service charge model of the ALP.

There was no set voting criteria established for this plebiscite, therefore, the criteria is set at 50% + 1 of votes cast.

#### Results:

The results of the plebiscites show most producers that voted, were in favour of the status quo, a refundable service charge model for ALP. The numerical results are highlighted below.

- Number of votes cast electronically = 118
- Number of votes submitted by mail-in ballot = 137
- Total number of votes submitted = 255
- Number of votes for a non-refundable service charge model = 105 (41.7%)
- Number of votes for status quo (refundable service charge model) = 147 (58.3%)
- Mail-in ballots rejected = 3
- Participation Rate = 15.38%
- The directive required a report from the Deputy Returning Officer of any potential anomalies or errors that may have arisen during the electronic voting process and given that there were none, the tabulation is final.

#### **Next steps:**

- Formal letters will be sent to key officials (Minister and the ALP Chair) following the date to contest the plebiscite (December 9<sup>th</sup>).
- The preliminary results of the plebiscite will be posted to Marketing Council's website (by November 28<sup>th</sup>).
- Official results will be shared once the date to contest the plebiscite has passed (December 9<sup>th</sup>).
- Given the results of the vote are for the status quo, refundable service charge model, there will be no change to the current service charge structure or regulations.

10. Motion to Adjourn: Cindy Crawford

11. Adjournment: 8:55 pm.

12. Approval of Minutes:

Signature: Date: November 24, 2022

Emilie Wilson (Rowe), ALP Director

Signature: Such Judy Buck, ALP Director	Date: <u>November 24, 2022</u>
Signature: Auth  Jolene Airth, ALP Director	Date: <u>November 24, 2022</u>
Signature: ALP Director	Date: <u>November 24, 2022</u>
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