

**ALP Board Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2026**

**In attendance:** Richard Van Driesten, Adam French, Esther Hoogland, Martin Winchell, Edward Machuk, Jolene Airth (staff)

Regrets: Darlene Hawco

**The chair called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm confirming quorum with 4 directors in attendance.**

**Approval of agenda. M/S/C**

**Approval of May 22 & 23, 2026, meeting minutes. M/S/C.**

**Office & Financial:**

The Executive Directors report was accepted as circulated.

Check off refund requests were reviewed, noting requests have increased over last year's total. A

**Action: Chair to follow up with new check off refund requests.**

**AGM/Conference**

Committee updated noted 4 speakers confirmed, final speaker and panel moderator to be determined.

AGM will continue to be held in a hybrid format with in-person and online options.

The director nomination deadline was reviewed and the board agreed it will remain on August 15.

**Regulation & Bylaw Review**

Bylaws - 85 was reviewed and agreed that it will be proposed to be removed in entirety

-the director nomination deadline was reviewed and board agreed that it would remain unchanged

Regulations- rationale was strengthened for presentation to the membership

**Action: Staff to continue working with Marketing Council on proposed changes.**

**National Committee Update** – the chair has recently had several conversations with neighboring provinces regarding traceability and national unity

**DSU meeting report** was tabled to the June 23 meeting.

**CFR Buckles, Boots & Bling Fundraising Event Food/Beverage Commodity Sponsorship** – The CFR Buckles, Boots & Bling Fundraising Event is a large-scale charity evening supporting the Canadian Cowboy Benevolent Fund.

**Motion: That ALP support the CFR Buckles, Boots & Bling Fundraising Event with a \$500 commodity sponsorship, in collaboration with ATB. This sponsorship will help showcase Alberta lamb to approximately 700–800 attendees and strengthen relationships with ATB and other protein commodity groups supporting the Canadian Cowboy Benevolent Fund. M/S/C**

**CgFARAD stakeholder support** – CgFARAD provides residue-avoidance guidance to Canadian veterinarians and is part of the global gFARAD program. ALP has been a listed supporter since 2017.

**Motion: That Alberta Lamb Producers continue its stakeholder support for CgFARAD™ for the 2026–2027 year in the amount of \$687.04, as invoiced, noting that the 4% increase aligns with CgFARAD’s five-year budget plan approved in 2022 and concluding in April 2027.**

**M/S/C**

### **CFIA Traceability meetings**

A meeting was held on May 22 with representatives from CSF, OSF, and ALP to review and discuss the CFIA’s proposed amendments to the national traceability regulations in advance of the scheduled May 28 meeting with the same parties and CFIA officials.

During the May 22 discussion, ALP expressed strong opposition to mandatory movement reporting, citing producer burden and limited value to traceability outcomes. ALP reiterated its support for appropriate, practical, and effective regulations that improve traceability without creating disproportionate administrative requirements for producers.

At the May 28 meeting, CFIA reviewed the feedback received and indicated it would be moving forward with selected elements of the proposed regulatory package, specifically those that align sheep traceability requirements with existing beef sector regulations.

Following CFIA’s announcement, the ALP Board noted that CFIA appeared to have listened to stakeholder concerns and responded with a more reasonable and balanced proposal. The Board acknowledged that while not all concerns were resolved, the revised direction represents meaningful progress toward a workable regulatory framework for the sheep industry.

**Action: Chair and Vice-Chair to draft a response letter to CFIA, with copies to the federal Minister of Health, the federal Minister of Agriculture, and the Alberta Minister of Agriculture.**

**NSN Meeting May 28** – The National Sheep Network participated in the CFA Lobby Day on Parliament Hill, where they continued to be recognized as a national voice for the sheep sector and were invited into several federal-level discussions. The updated Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Sheep is expected to be released for public review in the near future.

**Producer Feedback: Producer Concern – Raven Predation:** A producer in the Grande Prairie area is experiencing significant losses due to ravens killing a large number of lambs. He has requested that ALP explore research or advocacy opportunities related to the potential use of DRC-1339. This item will be added to the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

**Action: \*Directors write notes/comments in the database every time they speak to a producer. \***

In camera at 9:11pm, out of camera at 9:13pm.

**Motion to Adjourn at 9:13pm.**