

ALP Directors Conference Call – Friday, Dec 4, 2009

Conference call was called to order at 1.06

Present: Norine Moore (Chair), John Haarman, Kathy Parker, Irene Rutledge, Ronald den Broeder, Phil Kolodychuk

Staff: Margaret Cook

Board meeting was cancelled due to bad weather, a conference call addressed the most urgent issues.

1. Approval of Agenda

Add Christmas office closure

Motion: to approve the agenda as amended. Irene Rutledge, 2nd John Haarman. Carried.

2. It was decided to elect the officers and committees at the next meeting.

The preferred date for the next meeting is January 8 & 9. Kathy will advise by Tuesday if she is available. Alternative is Jan 22 & 23.

Irene volunteered to act as representative to the Diversified Livestock Advisory Committee to ALMA. Their next meeting is proposed for January 15th

3. Financial report

Motion: to accept the financial report as presented. John Haarman, 2nd Phil Kolodychuk Carried.

Motion: to donate \$500 to the 2010 Fibre Week to support fibre arts courses. Irene Rutledge, 2nd John Haarman. Carried.

4. Alberta Lamb Producers Regulation Amendments

a. Refundable service charge - the proposed non-refundable levy as part of the service charge to cover administration costs has been disallowed by the Minister. A one-time grant of approx \$27,000 is available for Alberta Lamb Producers to help with transition costs, no further details are available.

Motion: to make a formal request for transition funding to assist with refundable check off. John Haarman, 2nd Irene Rutledge. Carried.

The new ALP Regulations will include a system for processing potential refund requests. The proposal has been created to handle this in the most efficient, transparent, administratively feasible and cost effective manner.

Motion: to proceed with the Regulation amendments to comply with amendments to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act as outlined below. John Haarman, 2nd Irene Rutledge. Carried

1. *A refund request must be received by Alberta Lamb Producers by the 25th of the month following purchase, e.g. if tags are purchased in January, the refund request must be received by Alberta Lamb Producers postmarked or fax-dated no later than February 25th – the same date the remittance is received. No extenuating circumstances will be considered.*
2. *All refund requests must be submitted on a form provided by Alberta Lamb Producers and made available on www.ablamb.ca or from the office upon request. The refund request must be in the same name or names as the service charge was paid. If the purchase account is in two names, those same two people must sign the request for a refund and the refund cheque must be made payable to those two people. The person signing for a partnership, company or colony must be an authorized signing officer.*

3. *Alberta Lamb Producers will refund the service charge to the producer(s) annually prior to the Alberta Lamb Producers year end in order to minimize administration costs.*
4. *Each producer will have the option of requesting a refund of the entire service charge or only a part of it.*
5. *All producers will be eligible to attend and vote at zone meetings and to hold office as a director or zone advisor, even if they have requested a refund of the service charge.*

Action: seek opinion from Adrienne (lawyer) if each director can be advised of refund requests from his zone in order to make contact to find out the reasons for the request – no pressure, just information. Margaret

Action: determine the origin of the rule that tags cannot be returned for refund. Margaret

b. The options for the zone 5 vacancy were discussed.

Action: Send a letter to all zone 5 producers explaining the need for a director and invite any interested parties to attend a board meeting for information. Margaret.

c. A new information management system will be required to enable us to deal with refundable check off. The options were discussed based on the board briefing supplied.

Motion: to apply for funding for creation of a new information management system from Drevertch, subject to receipt of a satisfactory quote and timeline. John Haarman, 2nd Ronald den Broeder. Carried. Kathy Parker opposed.

5. Renewal of contract with Canadian Co-operative Woolgrowers

The new CCWG contract will include the following changes/additions:

Change the name from ASWC to Alberta Lamb Producers

Incorporate the changes made by the Amending Agreement Jan 1, 2009

Add the requirement to collect Premises Identification when selling CSIP tags

Add the sale of approved Shearwell tags at a maximum cost of \$1.80

Change the term to expire 31 Dec, 2010

Add a paragraph about reducing CCIA account duplications and ensuring correct account information is provided.

Motion: to renew the contract for sales of CSIP tags in Alberta with Canadian Co-operative Woolgrowers for a one year term. John Haarman, 2nd Irene Rutledge. Carried.

Motion: to require that Canadian Co-operative Woolgrowers, at the time of sale of CSIP tags, collect the buyer's Premises Identification number if available, or the legal land location. Kathy Parker, 2nd Ronald den Broeder. Carried.

6. Alberta Lamb Producers Development Phase 3

Directors are encouraged to view the project detail and progress on-line. A further \$5000 has been allocated for additional advertising from within the project. The board want this to be spent on more picture ads rather than text ads.

The meeting was adjourned at 3.17pm by John Haarman.