

Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission
Zone 4 Annual Meeting
Thursday October 23rd, 2008

Chair: Irene Rutledge, zone 4 director

The meeting was opened at 4pm

There were no additions to the agenda. Approved by Anita Mappin, 2nd Ileana Wenger.

1. The meeting was advised that the current term of director for Irene Rutledge is complete and that an election would take place later in the meeting. Nomination papers were available and eligible producers in zone 4 were able to be nominated and to vote in that election.
2. **Motion: to approve the minutes as presented.** Mike Rieberger, 2nd Jeremy Percival. Carried.
3. **Dr Sandra Honour provided information and answered questions on the Alberta Livestock and Meat Strategy.**
4. **Zone 4 Director's Report**
 - a) The meeting was advised that ASWC have recently completed a strategic planning process which would be used to focus the Commission's resources.
 - b) Alberta Lamb would change from a promotion to production focus.
 - c) On Farm Food Safety program was discussed
 - d) Shearing courses are being offered in November and December 2008.
 - e) A new website was created in Feb 2008, www.absheep.com
 - f) Early in 2009, sheep producers will be required by law to use the official Alberta manifest.
 - g) Producers were encouraged to sign up for N'ewesline, the electronic newsletter
5. **Name Change from Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission to Alberta Lamb Producers**

There was support for the name change.
6. **Zone Advisory groups**

There is support for creating 3 zone groups, Camrose, Stettler and Western, operating through e-mail. Irene has a list of interested parties and will initiate contact.
7. **Zone Resolutions**

A list of processors that specifically butcher lamb be supplied in the newsletter. Kate Brenchley, 2nd Ian Clark. Carried
8. **Financial reports**

Motion: that the 2007/8 financial statements of the ASWC be approved as presented.
Anita Mappin 2nd Jeremy Percival. Carried.
9. **Elections**

As Irene Rutledge has completed her three-year term as director of ASWC, there will be an election for director of zone 4. Nomination papers are available, all eligible producers in zone 4 may nominate a candidate, stand for election and vote.
Irene Rutledge was nominated by Anita Mappin, there being no further nominations, Irene Rutledge was elected by acclamation as zone 4 director for a three year term.
10. Adjournment proposed by Albert Schermers at 5.35pm