

# Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission

## Zone 7 Annual Meeting

### Saturday October 25th, 2008

Chair: Phil Kolodychuk, zone 7 ASWC director  
The meeting was opened at 1.06pm

Additions to the agenda: Electronic Identification; Reactivation of Peace River Lamb.

**1. Motion: to approve the minutes as presented.** Laurence Read, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sautie Krey.  
Carried.

**2. Business arising –**

- a. **Ketchum tags** - concern expressed over poor retention and sometimes poor quality. Chad Tosh volunteered to provide detailed information to the office concerning numbers of tags lost, so that information can again be forwarded to Ketchum via the Canadian Sheep Federation.
- b. **Electronic ID** – the Alberta traceability project was reviewed and ASWC position explained with regard to adoption of full traceability, ie discuss implementation once the results of the pilot project are available.

**3. Zone 7 Director's Report & New Business**

Phil Kolodychuk described his activities as zone 7 director on the ASWC board, and requested that producers contact him as their input enables proper representation of the zone. He reminded them that the board directors are all producers, so share the concerns and challenges. He also emphasised that check off enables external funding to be accessed and advised that during the past year each \$1 check off has accessed \$1.82 in funding. When requested, he provided clarification on the purpose of the ASWC retreat and that it was paid by external funding.

Producers asked about use of feeder association type funding. Margaret explained that ASWC has negotiated for Manitoba Livestock Association to offer the federally-backed Advance Payment Program to sheep producers in Alberta. Information was in the newsletter and on the website, but, to date, it has not been accessed by anyone from Alberta. Information will be circulated again.

A producer made the comment that on the web premise ID form, the box allowing public access is already checked. As we do not know the significance of this agreement, a suggestion was made that the check mark should be removed at this time.

**4. Name Change from Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission to Alberta Lamb Producers**

Concern was expressed that part of the industry involves the production and sale of sheep and wool, but overall producers understood and accepted the reasons for the change.

**5. Zone Advisory groups**

People interested in reactivating the "Peace River Lamb" group were requested to stay after the ASWC meeting for discussion. It was felt that this could provide a suitable advisory group.

**6. Zone Resolutions:**

**Motion: If the CSIP rules change to require application of tags to young lambs rather than before leaving the farm of origin, ASWC should consider collecting check off by a different method to with purchase of CSIP tag.** Laurence Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Chad Tosh Carried.

#### **7. Financial reports**

**Motion: that the 2007/8 financial statements of the ASWC be approved as presented.**

Lianne Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Jobson. Carried.

Producers were invited to forward questions or to request more financial information from the director or staff.

**8. Adjournment proposed by Sautie Krey at 2.55pm.**