

Thanks to all the producers who participated in the 2008 zone meetings. If you need more information about the following responses, want to add support or opposition, give your director a call – GET INVOLVED

ASWC Zone Resolutions 2008 – with responses

Zone 1

To support the On Farm Food Safety program with self-evaluated audits and no requirement for outside auditors. Howard Paulsen, 2nd Sam Walter (Spring Point)

Response: The OFFS program is national and is not credible without verification.

Zone 2 None

Zone 3 None

Zone 4

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

Response: The Alberta Sheep Industry Directory provides this list; this booklet was circulated to all producers and is available on www.absheep.com.

Zone 5

None

Zone 6

Encourage the ASWC to develop ways to facilitate direct marketing using the ASWC website. Brian Taylor. 2nd Ina Zienlla. Approved.

Response: the ASWC strategic plan calls for consideration of a blog on www.absheep.com. Industry is encouraged to use the “General Store” section of Ropin the Web for sales and purchases (www.agric.gov.ab.ca/app21/loadgs).

ASWC give regular updates on ALMA to producers through the ASWC newsletter.

Wesley Henning. 2nd Ruth Klause. Approved.

Response: This is part of the ASWC plan. In addition, producers are encouraged to sign up for N’ewesline, the electronic newsletter, to receive industry news as soon as available.

The ASWC should pursue any and all means to avoid the necessity of compulsory RFID tags. Brian Taylor. 2nd Kathy Playdon. Approved.

Response: this concern is noted but changes to the Canadian Sheep Identification Program will be made nationally. ASWC’s position on traceability in ALMS remains that implementation cannot be discussed until the costs and benefits findings of the traceability pilot project are available.

Zone 7

If the CSIP rules change to require application of tags to all young animals rather than prior to leaving the farm of origin, ASWC should consider collecting check off by a different method than with purchase of CSIP tag. Laurence Read 2nd Chad Tosh. Carried.

Response: This concern is noted and will be considered if CSIP requirements are changed.

Please give your a director a call at any time to seek information, voice concerns or just to touch base with ALP activities.