

**Alberta Lamb Producers
Board Conference Call Minutes: 13 April 2023**

Attending: Jordan Allen, Judy Buck, Jolene Airth, Richard Boscher, Nicole Schieck, and Raelene Schulmeister

Regrets: Emilie Wilson and Martin Winchell

ALP Meeting started at 7:32pm.

1. Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented. Seconded.

2. Motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 23, 2023 as presented. Seconded.

3. Office and Financial Update

- a. Budget vs actual
- b. Tag stats
Action: Tags didn't arrive in time, they will be included in the April 27 meeting package.
- c. Advertising Summer Student/Intern role
- d. AFAC AGM
Action: ALP Executive Director will be attending the meeting on behalf of ALP.

5. ALP Committee Updates

Wool Committee: Updated the board about the poor turnout to the CFW shearing webinar. Only 2 non-board members were present. Hopefully the next webinar on April 24 will be better attended by producers.

Marketing Committee: Vice Chair reported on the CS Sheep Committee and reiterated that ALP was firm on having the final say on the videos if we are contributing \$2500.00 towards the project. Vice Chair has not had a response from them since the meeting however their committee chair was near her due date which could be why we haven't heard back yet.

Action: Board would like to proceed with the videos even if the project doesn't work out with the CS Committee.

Large producer Consultation Committee: Vice Chair spoke with a larger producer and asked

them to spread the word to other large producers about this meeting.

Action: Committee needs to discuss new dates for the meeting as only 3 producers were able to attend.

Producer Town Hall Committee: No update

National Committee: All agricultural groups are encouraged to send letters against Bill C-293. The board feels there are significant red flags with this bill and we need to take action.

Action: NSN will be submitting a letter on behalf of ALP, OSF and LEOQ.

6. Proposed Traceability Regulation Changes

The board feels that there are still many lingering questions about how the changes will be policed and managed, especially movement. Also many producers are likely to be unhappy about the electronic tracking and having to come up with the finances to invest in the necessary handling equipment for these changes.

Action: ALP to reach out to the GoA to collaborate on a webinar or possibly do our own so that producers know that we are taking this seriously and giving them the information directly instead of through other channels.

It was a unanimous decision by the board that the CSF should not be the responsible administrator of our traceability program and ALP does not support them in their request. ALP proposes CCIA to remain as the responsible administrator.

7. Letter to CFIA

Action: ALP supports CCIA remaining as the responsible administrator for our traceability program and will proceed with drafting the letter to CFIA stating our concerns and perspective.

8. Letter of Intent (LOI) submitted to ALP for funding in 2023-24

Motion: ALP is in support of Olds College's research project called: Improving sheep production efficiency by genomics and metabolomics blood biomarkers of feed efficiency and subclinical parasite infection and will contribute a monetary investment of \$6000.00. Seconded.

9. StarTec Replacement Update

The board supports this initiative and looks forward to seeing more information as it become available.

10. Gathering Thread Sponsorship request

Action: Staff to reply back and let them know that we will not be sponsoring the event this year however to reach out to us next year.

Action: Staff to make a note of this for our next fiscal budget to ensure funds are available to participate and send a director.

11. Big Horn Sheep Article

Action: Staff to connect with the GoA to get some feedback as ALP would like to peacefully mitigate the problem/risk.

12. DSU Advisory Committee Board Briefing

13. Producer Feedback

In camera

The in-camera meeting was called to order at 8:45pm and adjourned at 8:46pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:46pm.