

**ALP Board Conference Call Minutes
June 24, 2025**

In attendance: Jordan Allen, Adam French, Darlene Hawco, Richard Van Driesten, Olivia Blum, Martin Winchell, Cody Legault

Staff in attendance: Jolene Airth

Regrets: Alison Neale

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm confirming quorum with 6 directors in attendance.

Motion to approve the agenda with addition of Vermilion Sheep Show sponsor request, seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ALP received a Director in Training application from Cody Legault. Introductions were made. Motion to appoint Cody Legault as ALP director in training, seconded, all in favor.

Jordan left the meeting at 7:06pm. Martin took over the chair duties.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 6 & 7, 2025, director meeting, seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Office and Financial Update:

Budget vs. actual was reviewed.

May tag stats were reviewed.

Report from the Executive Director- written report was circulated with the board.

Sick/Bereavement/Flex Days- ALP has no existing policy for staff. The board will discuss the opportunity to create a policy, or staff contract item that aligns with the Alberta Employment Standard Code.

Action: Chair to facilitate Sick/Bereavement, etc. policy discussion.

Old Business:

AGM/Conference Reports:

Sponsors were reviewed. Venue contract is approved to be signed. The producer panel will have 3 participants.

Posters advertising event will be posted at UFA's, CCWG and Auction Marts. Advertising for the event is key to its success.

Motion for staff to mail invitation and registration form to all eligible producers, seconded, all in favor.

Action:

Committee - confirm bagged lunch and producer panel participants.

Staff -sign venue contract and pay deposit.

-mail letter and AGM/conference registration form to producers

-create poster and email to directors

Directors -send staff sponsor contact information.

-print and put up poster in local business

National Committee Report- The directors have approved a document of recommendations for a path forward to obtain national unity in the sheep industry. The committee will continue to have meetings with provincial sheep organizations to discuss the options.

New Business:

Director Briefings:

Southern AB Sheep Producers Guild farm tour - Richard attended and represented ALP. Toured 3 farms; Chauncey Lane Farm, Granum Hutterite Colony and Slingerland Farm. The tour was very informative and lamb burger supper was enjoyed.

RDAR Roundup- tabled to July 22

Board Governance Workshops- Marketing Councils leadership committee has an opportunity for directors and staff to attend governance training virtually and in person.

Action: Staff to send email to directors and directors to let staff know if they want to attend the in-person training in Red Deer on July 23.

Vermilion Sheep show sent in a request for sponsorship. The board discussed and options and reviewed their sponsorship matrix document to assist with decision. Adam offered to attend and present Grooming awards, should schedules align.

Motion: To sponsor the Vermilion Sheep Show at the Silver level of \$200, seconded. Vote 3 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carried.

Action: Staff to remit sponsorship payment and inform committee of Adam's offer to attend.

Producer Feedback – none received

Industry Events:

Cache Valley Virus Workshop- Airdrie/Zoom - June 28 Jolene, Richard

All Canada Sheep Classic – July 9-12, Brandon, MB Jolene, Jordan

Calgary Stampede-Sheep Showcase July 4-13

AG Smart – Olds July 28-31

ASBA Symposium – October 16-18, Camrose Jordan

In camera at 8:10pm, out of camera at 8:10pm.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:10pm.