

**ALP Board Conference Call Minutes
September 9, 2025**

In attendance: Adam French, Darlene Hawco, Richard Van Driesten, Cody Legault, Alison Neale, Jolene Airth(staff) Jordan Allen

Regrets: Martin Winchell

The finance chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm confirming quorum with 4 directors in attendance. Jordan Allen joined the meeting at 7:18pm and assumed chair duties.

Motion to approve the agenda with addition, seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of August 26, 2025 meeting, seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Office and Financial Update:

Tag Stats were reviewed for August. Tag Sales are the lowest they have been in the past 4 years. Discussion noted causes to be flock shrinking due to drought, higher lamb prices, and retirement from industry.

Check off refund requests for the 2024-2025 fiscal year were reviewed. Report showed a decrease of more than 50% of requests over last year. The board sees this a positive sign that the membership has faith in ALP's efficacy.

Budget vs. Actual Year end was reviewed. ALP has an excess of revenue over expenditures for this fiscal year.

Report from the Executive Director- a verbal report was presented to the board.

Old Business:

AGM/Conference:

Staff shared registration information to date. Room requirements for directors are needed asap. Committee Report- Directors continue to work to confirm panelists for producer panel for the conference. Buses for the bus tour have been reserved. Logistics for the lunch for the farm tour need to be firmed up. Sponsor review was presented by staff and directors.

Action: Directors to confirm panelists or defer task to staff asap. Committee to finalize logistics for farm tour lunch. Directors to forward outstanding sponsor contact information to staff.

Research Proposals:

Follow up questions for the research proposal entitled Healthy Flocks and Safe Alberta Meat were finalized and will be delivered to the research team.

Research team for the Developing Nanopore DNA Sequencing for Routine Molecular Diagnostics of Gastrointestinal Nematode (GIN) Parasites and Drug Resistance in Ruminants project was informed of the board's full approval of the project.

Action item: Staff to send follow up questions to research team as above.

New Business:

The September 23 conference call will be cancelled as the in person board meeting is September 26 & 27.

Producer Feedback:

-It was brought to the boards attention that Alberta producers have seen the charge of a \$2.20 fee listed as an out of province commission on their receipts from the Ontario Livestock Exchange. The producer is concerned that this the same amount as the Ontario check off fees, which OSF has been mandated to not charge out of province producers, either directly or indirectly.

In camera 8:16 out of camera 8:17pm

Cody Legault left the meeting at 8:17 citing a conflict of interest in the upcoming discussion regarding Southern Alberta Sheep Producers Guild (SASPG), as he is a board member of that organization.

SASPG has requested the opportunity to hold their AGM following the 2025 ALP conference, using the venue ALP has secured. The board is in support of this, providing there is no additional cost incurred to ALP.

Action: Staff to liaise with SASPG and venue to determine if this is possible.

Motion to adjourn at 8:24pm.

Upcoming Industry Events:

ASBA Symposium – October 16-18, Camrose Jordan, Jolene
ALP AGM & Conference, Lethbridge Nov 14 & 15