

Alberta Lamb Producers Annual General Meeting November 3, 2018. Leduc, AB

The meeting was opened at 12:12 pm with 116 attendees.

1. Motion: To adopt agenda as presented.

Motion: Patric Lyster. Seconded: Suzanna Narkus. Carried.

2. Motion: To approve the 2017 meeting minutes (all zones) as presented.

Motion: Shay Sotlar. Seconded: Lorri Lyster. Carried.

3. Alberta Lamb Producers Financial Statements

Shannon Troke with King and Company Chartered Accountants presented the ALP audited financial statements.

Note: The audited statements include all the funding money that has flowed through ALP during the year. The year-end bank balances include the restricted project funds received but not expended.

Motion: That the 2017/8 Financial Statements of Alberta Lamb Producers be approved as presented.

Motion: Bernadette Nikkel. Seconded: Kelsey Beasley. Carried.

Notes:

- The ALP audit was clean. The financial allocation and grants were explained. Net income and overall expenses were similar to the previous year.

King and Company audits other agricultural organizations under the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, including Alberta Pork, Alberta Turkey, and Alberta Chicken. Marketing Council was informed of this change.

Motion: That the 2018/19 Financial Statements of the Alberta Lamb Producers be audited by King and Company Chartered Accountant.

Motion: Patric Lyster. Seconded: Marilyn Neville. Carried.

4. Alberta Lamb Producers budget 2018/19 was presented by Marilyn Neville.

This document excludes all project funding so is more representative of how ALP has used and proposes to use check off dollars.

5. Presentation of ALP Annual Report

Darlene Stein presented the ALP Annual Report.

Speeches were given by the five nominated candidates.

Guest presentations were made by:

- Annemarie Pederson (AFAC)
- Marc Carere (NSN)
- Bernadette Nikkel (ASBA)

6. General Discussion:

Refundable Check-off plebiscite:

- Most producers who spoke were in favour of holding a plebiscite that would allow producers to decide on the service charge structure. Points made in favour of a non-refundable check-off included that a non-refundable check-off would allow ALP greater financial security when planning activities.
- Brent McEwan, General Manager of Agricultural Products Marketing Council, further explained the plebiscite process to ensure producers understood the motion.

7. Discussions of focus groups:

- Generating more interest through marketing. **Votes:10**
- Subsidies on farm equipment and handling (Only province without subsidies). **Votes: 13**
- Update information on the cost of production: Flock snapshot values are very outdated. **Votes: 17**
- Branding Alberta to be the best. **Votes: 1**
- More YouTube videos e.g. handling systems to see what works. **Votes: 21**
- Keep the shearers list up-to-date and add more details. **Votes: 4**
- Promote Canadian Lamb and open interprovincial trade barriers. Need standard meat inspection to be able to sell provincially inspected meat across provinces. **Votes: 13**
- Promote greater use of the classified list and keep list of classified ads up-to-date. **Votes: 2**
- Predator control, compensation and resources. **Votes: 14**
- Working more with the U of Calgary: genetics research, pasture management. **Votes: 2**
- Promote opportunities offered by the sheep industry to younger generation. **Votes: 19**
- Mentorship for new producers e.g. compile a list of producers willing to help. **Votes: 21**
- More resources on what vaccines and other medications are available and as they become available. **Votes: 14**

8. Resolutions:

2018 Resolution:

Motion: ALP to apply to Marketing Council to start the process for holding a plebiscite regarding refundable check-off.

Motion: Patric Lyster . Seconded: John Wurz. Carried.

Three producers were opposed to the motion.

9. Director Elections:

- Mail-in ballots were distributed to eligible voters according to ALP Regulations.

- In-person voting was open at the AGM between 12 pm and 5 pm.
- Announcements were made during the meeting regarding the poll closing time and reminding producers to vote.
- Susan Johnstone, Senior Manager with Agricultural Products Marketing Council, acted as scrutineer as mail-in and in-person ballots were tallied.
- Election results were announced at the AGM: Karl Denwwod, Ryan Greir, Darlene Stein and Marilyn Neville were elected as Directors-at-Large.

10. Motion to Adjourn: Patric Lyster. Seconded: Tom Walter.
Adjournment: 7:55 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Karl Denwood, ALP Director

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Ryan Greir, ALP Director

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Elaine Neale, ALP Director

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Marilyn Neville, ALP Director

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Darlene Stein, ALP Director