

**Alberta Lamb Producers
Board Conference Call Minutes: 26 July 2023**

Attending:, Emilie Wilson, Richard Boscher, Judy Buck, Martin Winchell and Raelene Schulmeister

Regrets: Jordan Allen and Nicole Schieck

Meeting started at 7:31 pm.

1. Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as amended. Seconded.

2. Motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 12, 2023 as presented. Seconded.

3. Office & Financial Update

a. Budget vs Actual

b. Review 2023-24 ALP DRAFT Budget

Motion: Approve the 2023-24 draft budget as amended for implementation September 1, 2023, for our new fiscal year. Seconded.

Motion: Amend the Director Handbook to increase the 0.58/km mileage rate to 0.68/km mileage rate as per the Government of Alberta motor allowance. Seconded.

Action: Staff to reach out to Olds College to inquire more about Fibre Week and circle back with the board on the information that is shared.

Action: Staff to add in person workshop topics for next ALP F2F meeting.

Action: Vice Finance Chair will ask if we can borrow the streaming equipment for our November AGM since the one ALP wants to purchase is currently not available.

c. AGM

Action: Staff to reach out to Fibre Mills to discuss if they could come present at our AGM on how to skirt the wool, how do mills want the wool prepared before they deliver it, what can a producer do to make their wool more marketable.

1. Traceability Discussion

- The board reviewed all of the information learned from meetings, reports and presentations on the topic of traceability.
- In June 2023, Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF) applied to be Responsible Administrator for Canadian sheep traceability.
- The ALP board was asked for a letter of support.
- 2 key factors influenced the board's decision:
 - CSF's application raises the spectre of a conflict of interest given its current and historical role as a national advocacy organization. CSF would have to wear two "hats" if approved as a Responsible Administrator – one as an advocate voicing the concerns of producers and another as an objective steward of records entrusted with upholding the integrity of the traceability system. The will of producers may not always align with the integrity of the system. ALP feels strongly that a Responsible Administrator should not be subject to such conflicts, whether they are real or perceived.
 - ALP has serious concerns that CSF has the capability to fulfil the duties of a Responsible Administrator. As a national industry advocacy organization, CSF does not have a history or mandate for upholding traceability. It has no experience administering the type of information collection and storage required by the current system, and has no track record that would assure producers, export markets, or domestic regulators that it is up to the task. This is a very serious problem as the CFIA seeks to strengthen the current Canadian traceability regime.
- The ALP board has decided not to support CSF as responsible administrator for the national traceability program for sheep.

5. Letter of Support for AFC Full Proposal "Evaluation and Potential Mitigation Strategy for Vaccine Injection Site Pain and Enhanced Immune Stimulation in Calves."

Action: Staff to proceed with drafting the LOS and emailing it in on Thursday, July 27, 2023.

4. ALP Committee Updates

Wool Committee

Action: Move to next ALP meeting.

Marketing Committee

Action: Move to next ALP meeting.

Large Producer Committee:

Action: Move to next ALP meeting.

National Committee:

Action: Move to next ALP meeting.

5. Producer Feedback

Action: move to next ALP meeting.

In camera

The in-camera meeting was called to order at 9:00pm and adjourned at 9:01pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:01pm.