Alberta Lamb Producers Board Meeting Minutes: 25 June 2024

Attending: Alison Neale, Adam French, Jordan Allen, Darlene Hawco, Martin Winchell Staff: Jolene Airth

Regrets: Richard Boscher

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

1. Agenda

Motion to approve agenda, with amendments. Seconded.

2. Motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 11, 2024 as presented. Seconded.

3. Office & Financial Update

- a. Budget vs Actual was reviewed
- b. The CSF responsible administrator application meeting with CFIA was discussed with the board. ALP does not support CSF's application due to concerns of financial implications to Alberta Producers and would like to see the CCIA maintain the responsible administrator of our industry at this time. The ALP executive attended the meeting along with OSF and several CFIA staff members. The CFIA has not made their decision yet and assured us they will let us know before they release the information to the public.
- c. Executive Director Report. Verbal report given.
- MLA Heather Sweet, the Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Economic Development Critic is inviting you to the Calgary Stampede Agriculture Roundtable. Chair will attend on behalf of ALP.
 Action: ED to respond on behalf of chair and make introductions.

4. AGM Planning: Meeting room layout discussion tabled to next board meeting, as chair will now contact. Directors are in process of inviting speakers and requesting sponsorship. CFIA representatives have requested an opportunity to speak at the AGM conference on the Scrapie Surveillance program.

Action: Board and staff to continue reaching out to sponsors and speakers and update spreadsheet.

Action: All to send in measurements to Darlene.

Action: All to encourage producers to send in director nominations, current interim board members need to send in their nomination forms.

Action: ED to respond to Scrapie request and invite representatives of the surveillance program to speak at the conference.

5. OSF AGM discussion – Chair and Ed will attend OSF AGM virtually in October.

7. Sponsorship requests

ISWAVLD request – board decided that sponsorship of this event does not provide a benefit to our producers.

Action: ED to inform committee of boards decision to decline sponsorship opportunity.

Lloyd Ex. Sheep Show request - Board reviewed previous sponsorship commitment.

Action- ED to respond to request with regrets of missing deadline and will gather historical information for board to evaluate previous sponsorships.

8. Sheep Benchmarking – board would like to have Ian Ryan present at a board meeting to discuss future opportunities with the Agri-profit program.

Action- Chair to respond to Mr. Ryan with invitation.

9. Research Project Updates:

RSG Project Update

-In process of connecting with advisory committee, intern will call participants while in ALP office.
-pilot testing of course is set to begin
-summer is challenging to have participation with holidays

Flystrike band research project

ED sent letter of support to CCR. CCR submitted article in the NL to ask for letters of support. ED will email producers with opportunity to participate in pilot project and request for letters of support on behalf of CCR, once the newsletter has been sent out. Chair requested letter of support from previous director. ED requested permission from vet to have CCR contact them for a letter of support, but they have not responded to date.

10. Upcoming Sales & Events

Badlands Summer Select Sheep Sale: August 9-10, 2024 – Adam French

Canadian Sheep Classic July, 11-13, 2024 in Richmond, QC: not feasible in 2024

Lloyd Ex Fair: July 12, 2024, Lloydminster: Richard

Summer Synergy 4-H Provincial Sheep Show: July 11, 2024, Olds, AB- Jordan Allen, Jolene Airth, Alison Neale

Grasslands Sheep Exhibition, July 19-21, 2023, Humboldt, SK: Richard

SSDB AGM January 10-11, 2025:

BC Sheep Federation AGM- October 5-6, 2024 Abbotsford, BC:

Action: board to update as required

11. Producer Feedback - There was none.

12. In Camera 8:21pm Out of camera 8:32pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:32pm.