

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS HELD DECEMBER 8-10, 2008 IN THE SHERATON BALLROOM  
AT THE SHERATON CAVALIER HOTEL, CALGARY, ALBERTA**

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**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Butters called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2008.

(a) Approval of Chairmen

Chairman Butters welcomed delegates, guests, government and media. He then introduced Allan Minchau and John Kolk.

Motion by Murphy/Solverson:

**“That Allan Minchau and John Kolk be approved as Chairmen for the 2008 Alberta Beef Producers Annual General Meeting.”**

Carried

(b) Introduction of Delegates

Minchau asked the Zone Directors to introduce their Zone Delegates, including Cattle Feeder Council and Cattle Industry Council representatives.

(c) Rules of Procedure

Minchau reminded the delegates that nominations were now open for Directors at Large, Canadian Cattlemen’s Association and Beef Information Centre. He went over the rules of procedure for the delegates. Emphases was given to miscellaneous resolutions and any resolutions that a delegate felt should be lifted to the floor.

(d) Election of Ballot Counters

Motion by Hagman/Edge:

**“That Mike Pearson and Dave Burdeck be appointed as Ballot Counters and Hugh Lynch-Staunton be an alternate for the 2008 Alberta Beef Producers Annual General Meeting.”**

Carried

(e) Approval of 2008 AGM Agenda

Motion by Bowie/Carey:

**“That the Agenda of the 2008 Alberta Beef Producers Annual General Meeting be adopted.”**

Carried

(f) Approval of 2007 AGM Minutes and 2008 Semi-Annual Minutes

Motion by Maser/Olson:

**“That the Minutes of the Thirty Third Alberta Beef Producers Annual General Meeting and the 2008 Semi Annual Meeting be approved.”**

Carried

**2. Chairman’s Report**

Erik Butters delivered the Chairman’s Report speaking to the delegates about the current problems facing the beef industry. Butters spoke briefly about ALMS and the ALMA reminding the delegates of the position that ABP has taken in regards to the strategy. He also spoke about the new regulations for the Animal Health Act.

Motion by Butters/Olson:

**“That the Chairman’s Report be accepted as presented.”**

Carried

**3. Finance Report**

(a) Acceptance of 2007/2008 Financial Statements

Olson presented the Financial Statements to date for 2007/2008.

23. Motion by Olson/Thiessen:

**“That the 2007-2008 Alberta Beef Producers audited financial statement and auditor’s report be accepted.”**

Board

Carried

24. Motion by Olson/Burton:

**“That the firm of Kingston Ross Pasnak chartered accountants be appointed as auditors for 2008-2009 yearend audit.”**

Board

Carried

(b) Presentation of 2009/2010 Draft Budget

Olson presented the ABP 2009/2010 Draft Budget. The approval of the budget is the last item of business at the AGM. The budget reflects the Boards conservative estimate of \$4 million marketings.

Motion by Olson/Chomlak:

**“That the Finance Report be accepted as presented.”**

Carried

Motion by Carey/Thiessen:

**“That nominations cease.”**

Carried

#### **4. Review of Afternoon Agenda**

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Chairman Minchau explained the afternoon format and introduced the topics for presentation for the afternoon.

#### **5. Consumer Preferences**

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A presentation on consumer preferences was made by Ted Schroeder, Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University. All money that flows into the beef industry originates from consumers.

After the break John Kolk introduced some of the dignitaries that were visiting the AGM

#### **6. Mandatory COOL**

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A presentation on mandatory COOL was made by John Masswohl, CCA Director Government & International Relations.

#### **7. Raised Right Campaign**

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Ben Graham, Team Leader, AdFarm and Laura Lang, Director of Public Relations, AdFarm presented the Raised Right campaign to the delegates.

The meeting was recessed until Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Tuesday, December 9, 2008**

#### **1. Call to Order**

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The meeting was reconvened at 8:35 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **2. Nominations for Directors at Large & Speeches**

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The following were nominated as candidates for Director at Large:

Kevin Boon  
Rick Burton  
Roy Eckert  
Darcy Eddleston  
Kelly Olson  
Pat Rutledge  
Doug Sawyer

Nominations were called for three times.

Each candidate made a brief presentation.

#### **3. Election of Directors at Large**

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The following were declared elected as Directors at Large for 2008 – 2009:

Kevin Boon  
Rick Burton  
Roy Eckert  
Darcy Eddleston  
Doug Sawyer

#### **4. ABP Plan Regulation Amendments**

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Adrienne Waller, Legal Council, ABP, presented the amended regulations to the delegates. Waller also presented the Livestock and Congress Act (LICA) to the delegates explaining the regulations.

1. Motion by Murphy/Bowie:

**“Be it resolved that the term of office of Cattle Feeder Council delegates at large be one year.”**

Carried

2. Motion by Olson/Lazowski:

**“Be it resolved that the term of office of members of Cow Calf Council elected at the annual commission meeting be one year.”**

Carried

3. Motion by Maser/Francis:

**“Be it resolved that the concept of cattle industry stakeholder be retained as described in section 74.”**

Carried

4. Motion by Eckert/Solverson:

**“Be it resolved that the name of Association Council be changed to Cattle Industry Council and that the delegates and directors be known as Cattle Industry Council delegates and Cattle Industry Council directors.”**

Carried

5. Motion by Boon/Bowie:

**“Be it resolved that the chair of the commission be elected by the Board of Directors from among the**

**directors and not by the delegates at the annual commission meeting.”**

Carried

**“Be it resolved that the Cattle Marketing Regulation be amended as noted on page 3 of the discussion document.”**

Carried

6. Motion by Olson/Somerville:

**“Be it resolved that the office of Past Chair of the commission be retained with the term of office of the Past Chair being one year.”**

Carried

13. Motion by Burton/Francis:

**“Be it resolved that the Board of Directors is authorized to work with Marketing Council to finalize the amendments to the**

**(a) Plan Regulation,**

**(b) Authorization Regulations; and**

**(c) Cattle Marketing Regulation**

**and is further authorized to approve the draft regulations prepared by Legislative Counsel and submit same to Marketing Council and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development for approval.”**

Carried

7. Motion by Hagman/Eddleston:

**“Be it resolved that following the expiry of the term of office of the Past Chair or any vacancy in the office of the Past Chair, the Executive may appoint another director as a member of the executive.”**

Carried

8. Motion by Maser/Gano:

**“Be it resolved that a Zone Committee is required to hold a special zone meeting of eligible producers on the written request of 25 eligible producers (currently 50 eligible producers).”**

Motion to amend by Murphy/Ference:

**“Be it resolved that the motion be amended to read ‘40 eligible producers’ instead of ‘25 eligible producers’.”**

Defeated

14. Motion by Chomlak/Mansell:

**“Be it resolved that each zone have a maximum of eight delegates of which up to two may be Cattle Feeder Council delegates, with all delegates elected by producers.”**

Defeated

**“Be it resolved that a Zone Committee is required to hold a special zone meeting of eligible producers on the written request of 25 eligible producers (currently 50 eligible producers).”**

Carried

## 5. Canadian Cattlemen’s Association (CCA) Report

Dennis Laycraft, Executive Vice President, CCA, presented the CCA report to the delegates.

## 6. Nomination of Canadian Cattlemen’s Association (CCA) Directors and Speeches

The following were nominated as candidates for Canadian Cattlemen’s Association Directors:

Kevin Boon  
Rick Burton  
Erik Butters  
Brent Carey  
Ed Doktor  
Bob Lowe  
Pat Rutledge  
John Schooten  
Dave Solverson  
Rob Somerville

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by Mansell/Suntjens:

**“That nominations cease.”**

9. Motion by Thiessen/Bowie:

**“Be it resolved that the quorum necessary to conduct business at a commission meeting is 50% of the delegates holding office.”**

Carried

10. Subject to any of resolutions 1 to 9 being approved by the delegates, the proposed amendments set out in this document are approved.”

11. Motion by Sawyer/Suntjens:

**“Be it resolved that section 3 of the Authorization Regulation be amended as noted on page 3 of the discussion document.”**

Carried

12. Motion by MacLean/Eckert:

Carried

Each candidate made a brief presentation.

A second ballot was required to break a tie between Brent Carey and Pat Rutledge.

## **7. Election of CCA Directors**

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The following were declared elected as Canadian Cattlemen's Association Directors:

Kevin Boon  
Rick Burton  
Erik Butters  
Brent Carey  
Bob Lowe  
John Schooten  
Dave Solverson  
Rob Somerville

## **8. Call to Order**

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Chairman Kolk called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. for the afternoon session.

## **9. Nomination of Cattle Industry Council Directors – 2008-2009 and Speeches**

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The following were nominated as candidates for Cattle Industry Council Directors:

Darryl Carlson  
Larry Delver  
James MacLean

## **10. Election of Cattle Industry Council Directors**

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The following were declared elected as Cattle Industry Council Directors:

Darryl Carlson  
Larry Delver

## **11. CBEF Report**

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Gib Drury, Chairman CBEF, presented the Canadian Beef Export Federation report.

## **12. Alberta Livestock and Meat Strategy**

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Erik Butters, Past Chair for ABP, updated the delegates with the efforts that ABP has taken towards opening talks with the government to resolve producer concerns with ALMS.

## **13. AGM Resolutions Debate**

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1. Motion by Groenenboon/ Lowe:

“Be it resolved that ABP through the Canadian Cattlemen's Association lobby the Canadian government to launch trade actions in January 2009 due to Country of Origin Labeling contravening World Trade Organization & North America Free Trade Agreement agreements.”

**Zone 2**

Carried

2. Motion by Edge/Thiessen:

“Be it resolved that this meeting support ABP's principled position on ALMS.”

**Zone 3**

Carried

3. Motion by Fleming/Lowe:

“Be it resolved that ABP support the Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy based on the ABP mission statement.”

**Zone 2**

Defeated

4. Motion by Nelson/Stevisick:

“Be it resolved that ABP participate actively in the Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy discussions for the purpose of establishing direction that is equitable and advantageous to all segments of the Alberta beef industry.”

**Zone 2**

Carried

5. Motion by Murphy/Ference:

“Be it resolved that ABP oppose implementation of the Alberta Livestock and Meat Strategy and the new Animal Health Act.”

**Zone 4**

Murphy suggested that this may be redundant as the delegates had already carried resolution number 2. Kolk disagreed saying that this motion included the Animal Health Act as well and split the motion instead. The mover and seconder agreed.

(a) Motion by Murphy/Ference:

“Be it resolved that ABP oppose implementation of the Alberta Livestock and Meat Strategy.”

Defeated

(b) Motion by Murphy/Ference:

“Be it resolved that ABP oppose the new Animal Health Act.”

Motion to amend by Hagman/Burton:

“That the motion be changed to read ‘Animal Health Act regulations’.”

Carried

“Be it resolved that ABP oppose the new Animal Health Act regulations.”

Motion by Eddleston/Edge:

**“That resolution 5(b) be tabled.”**

Carried

Motion by Fleming/Eaton:

**“That resolution 5(b) be returned to the floor.”**

Carried

Motion by Fleming/Eaton:

**“That resolution 5(b) be postponed until the next Board meeting.”**

Carried

6. Motion by Meunier/Lazowski:

“Be it resolved that ABP publicly oppose the Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy as currently presented.”

**Zone 7**

Defeated

7. Motion by Hagman/Kerik:

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta Government & Alberta Agricultural Food & Resource Development Department to remove the mandatory portions of the Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy and that these portions of the Strategy remain voluntary.”

**Zone 2, 5, 7, 9**

Carried

8. Motion by Thiessen/Edge:

“Be it resolved ABP lobby the provincial government to put a moratorium on the ALMS program until the program has been fully developed to producer satisfaction.”

**Zone 3**

Carried

9. Motion by Boyte/Messner:

“Be it resolved that ABP executive strongly advise the Minister of Agriculture to shelve the Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy and put the Alberta Livestock & Meat Agency Board, appointed by the Minister, on hold until such time as the plan can be revised to the consensus satisfaction of a representative group of cow/calf producers democratically selected from the ABP membership.”

## **Zone 9**

Motion by Eaton/Mansell:

“That the motion be changed to read ‘group of producers’ instead of ‘group of cow/calf producers’.”

Carried

“Be it resolved that ABP executive strongly advise the Minister of Agriculture to shelve the Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy and put the Alberta Livestock & Meat Agency Board, appointed by the Minister, on hold until such time as the plan can be revised to the consensus satisfaction of a representative group of producers democratically selected from the ABP membership.”

Defeated

10. Motion by Pierson/Kvigstad:

“Be it resolved that ABP recommend to the Alberta Government, they slow the Livestock Meat Strategy down and move forward its implementation on a voluntary basis.”

**Zone 4**

Motion declared Redundant as Resolution 9 has already been carried.

11. Motion by Ford/Olson:

“Be it resolved that ABP initiate an independent cost/benefit analysis on all related costs regarding Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy and until such a time ask for a delay in implementation of the Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy while an accurate assessment has been made on the economic viability.”

**Zone 7**

Motion by Pierson/Somerville:

“That the motion be amended from ‘ABP initiate’ to read ‘ABP ask the Alberta government to initiate’.”

Defeated

“Be it resolved that ABP initiate an independent cost/benefit analysis on all related costs regarding Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy and until such a time ask for a delay in implementation of the Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy while an accurate assessment has been made on the economic viability.”

Carried

12. Motion by Somerville/Tateson:

“Be it resolved that ABP go forward with their position summary on Livestock Information Systems and Traceability.”

**Zone 5, 7**

Carried

The meeting was reconvened at 8:40 a.m. Wednesday, December 10.

13. Motion by Fowlie/Francis:

“Be it resolved that ABP and the provincial government lobby the federal government to create a single Trade Directorate responsible for opening access to all countries and to explain the attributes of the Canadian beef industry.”

**Zone 1**

Carried

**2. Beef Information Centre Report**

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Glenn Brand, CEO of BIC, and Judy Nelson, Vice Chair, BIC presented the Beef Information Centre Report.

**3. Nominations of Beef Information Centre (BIC) Committee Members and Speeches**

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The following were nominated as candidates for Beef Information Centre Committee Members:

14. Motion by Kinee/Eaton:

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta Government to provide software and hardware to facilitate implementing the mandatory requirements of the Alberta Livestock & Meat Strategy, at no cost to producers.”

**Zone 9**

Carried

Roy Eckert  
Mark Francis  
Chuck Groeneveld  
Judy Nelson  
Brad Pierson  
Cathy Sharp  
Rose Wymenga

Nominations were called for three times

Motion by Chomlak/Olson:

**“That nominations cease.”**

Carried

15. Motion by De Groot/Maser:

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta government to provide high speed internet to rural Alberta via the super net highway.”

**Zone 1**

Carried

Each candidate made a brief presentation.

**4. Election of Beef Information Centre (BIC) Committee Members**

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The following were declared elected as Beef Information Centre Committee Members:

16. Motion by Boyte/Cailliou:

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta Government to develop a continual payment program to the cow/calf producer for age verifying calves in the future.”

**Zone 9**

Defeated

Roy Eckert  
Mark Francis  
Chuck Groeneveld  
Judy Nelson  
Brad Pierson  
Cathy Sharp

Motion by Chomlak/Bowie:

**“Move to destroy all ballots.”**

Carried

17. Motion by Somerville/Sawyer:

“Be it resolved that ABP fund a feasibility study to determine the cost of start-up and operation of the former Rancher’s Beef plant at Balzac for the purpose of allowing producers involved in value chains a facility where slaughter costs and access are guaranteed.”

**Zone 8**

Defeated

**5. CanFax Market Report**

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Rob Leslie, CanFax Senior Analyst, presented the CanFax market report.

**6. AGM Resolutions Debate**

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The meeting was recessed until 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

18. Motion by Mansell/Rutledge:

**Wednesday, December 10, 2008**

**1. Call to Order**

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“Be it resolved that ABP fund a feasibility study to determine the cost of start-up and operation of the former Rancher’s Beef plant at Balzac for the purpose of allowing producers involved in value chains a facility where slaughter costs and access are guaranteed.”

**Zone 8**

Carried

19. Motion by Messner/Leitch:

“Be it resolved that ABP begin to use a confidential electronic voting device for the Annual General Meeting for all resolutions and election of all positions.”

**Zone 9**

Defeated

20. Motion by Lazowski/Cailliou:

“Be it resolved that the ABP approach the Premier of Alberta, Mr. Ed Stelmach, and demand the removal of George Groenenveld from the position of Agriculture Minister.”

**Zone 7, 9**

Motion by Hagman/Meunier:

**“That the vote by made by secret ballot.”**

Defeated

“Be it resolved that ABP approach the Premier of Alberta, Mr. Ed Stelmach, and demand the removal of George Groenenveld from the position of Agriculture Minister.”

Defeated

21. Motion by Burton/Nelson:

“Be it resolved that ABP put pressure on the Alberta Government & the Sustainable Resource Development Department to act in favor of the producer to ensure fair compensation for wildlife damage on animals and farmsteads.”

**Zone 2**

Carried

22. Motion by Kerik/Hagman:

“Be it resolved that a non-refundable check-off remain with ABP.”

**Zone 7**

Carried

25. Motion by Sawyer/Maser:

“Be it resolved that the Budget for the 2009/2010 fiscal year be approved as presented.”

**Board**

Carried

## **7. Chairman’s Comments**

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- a) Extended a vote of thanks to media for covering our meeting,
- b) Expressed a vote of thanks to various government representatives and industry guests who attended our meeting,
- c) Extended thanks to Provincial and National cattle association representatives,
- d) Thanked the individuals who helped with the meeting, serving as election scrutinisers and ballot counters,
- f) Expressed thanks to AGM chairmen,
- h) Extended a vote of appreciation to the Resolutions Committee,
- i) Extended thanks to the 2007/08 Board of Directors, and the outgoing Chairman and delegates,
- j) Special thanks to all of the delegates for a cooperative and productive meeting.

## **8. Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Burton at 11:43 p.m.

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Chairman

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General Manager