

2008 AGM General Session Resolutions:

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/Steivick:

“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 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

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

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

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

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

17. Motion by Somerville/Sawyer:

“Be it resolved that the Alberta Beef Producers support the recommendation by the Cow/Calf Committee, and lobby the provincial government accordingly, for government payments for age verification to cow/calf producers for three years followed by the implementation of a market based system similar to the ABP Age Verification Information Market proposal.”

Zone 8

Defeated

18. Motion by Mansell/Rutledge:

“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 be 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 favour 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

Motion by Olson/Thiessen:

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

Board

Carried

Motion by Olson/Burton:

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

Board

Carried

25. Motion by Sawyer/Maser:

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

Board

Carried