

**ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL
MONDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2009, 1:00 p.m.**

Present: Rick Burton - *Chair*
Erik Butters - *Past Chair*
Doug Sawyer - *Finance Chair*
Gerald Maser - *Zone 1*
Brent Carey - *Zone 2*
Brian Edge - *Zone 3*
Pat Rutledge - *Zone 4*
Rob Somerville - *Zone 5*
Greg Bowie - *Zone 6*
Brian Chomlak - *Zone 8*
Darcy Eddleston - *Zone 8 (at large)*
Janys Boyte - *Zone 9*
Stuart Thiessen - *CFC*
Chuck MacLean - *CFC Chair*
Larry Delver - *CIC*

Staff: Rich Smith - *General Manager*
Laura Procnier - *Controller*
Adrienne Waller - *Legal Counsel*

Absent: Roy Eckert - *Zone 6 (at large)*
Ben Schrader - *Zone 7*
Darryl Carlson - *CIC Chair*
Dave Solverson - *CFC*

Guest: Rick McKnight - *Zone 7*

The Chairman called the conference call to order shortly after 1:00 p.m.

1. Election of CCA Directors and BIC Committee Members

The primary purpose of the conference call was to consider the procedures for electing CCA Directors and BIC Committee members at the AGM. For some time, ABP has followed a policy of allowing up to two eligible producers who are not delegate to be elected as CCA Directors and up to one eligible producer who is not a delegate to be elected as a BIC Committee member. According to the new ABP by-laws, eligible producers and delegates, who obviously are also eligible producers, are able to be CCA Directors and BIC Committee members.

The question for the Board was whether the policy restricting the number of non-delegates on CCA and BIC should be continued, changed, or removed. This policy seems to represent a compromise between the desire to have ABP largely represented by delegates and the option of having the best people represent ABP even if they have been wiped out as a delegate. Removing the restriction would leave the decision entirely in the hands of the delegate body through the voting process, but could lead to a situation where ABP was entirely represented by producers who are not delegates.

The Board discussed the options at considerable length before a motion was proposed.

Motion by Thiessen/Edge:

“That ABP allow up to four eligible producers who are not delegates to be elected as Canadian Cattlemen Association Directors and up to three eligible producers who are not delegates to be elected as Beef Information Centre Committee members.”

Carried

2. Election of Alternate for CCA Director

The Board considered the idea of electing an alternate CCA Director during the process of electing the CCA Directors. The alternate would automatically fill any vacancy created for an ABP representative on the CCA Board. The directors decided to leave the filling of vacancies to the discretion of the ABP Board.

3. Refundable Service Charge – Proposed Refund Process

Smith reported that ABP had received a letter from Marketing Council informing us that the council would not authorize ABP to collect a non-refundable administrative levy. The Board decided to remove the proposal for this levy from the refund process document, but note that we had requested this levy and had the request denied by Marketing Council. The revised refund process document, including draft resolutions, will be sent to delegates before the AGM so they can be prepared to make decisions on the process. The Board also directed Smith to proceed with a letter to Marketing Council requesting a transition grant to help offset the costs associated with complying with Bill 43.

4. Adjournment

The conference call was adjourned after 1-1/2 hours.