

**MINUTES OF THE ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008 AT THE DELTA SOUTH HOTEL, EDMONTON, AB**

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**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Rich Smith at 8:40 a.m.

**2. Special Meeting Election for CCA Director**

(a) Rules of Procedure

Smith explained the Rules of Procedure to the delegates.

Nominations were called for three times.

Motion by McKnight/Murphy:

**“That nominations cease.”**

Carried

(b) Election Ballot Counters

Motion by Carey/Graves:

**“That Mike Southwood and Bard Haddrell be appointed as Ballot Counters for the 2008 Alberta Beef Producers Semi-Annual Special Election.”**

Carried

The following were nominated as candidates for Director of the Canadian Cattleman’s Association.

Brent Carey  
Kelly Olson  
Pat Rutledge

Each candidate spoke for three minutes

Brent Carey was elected Director to CCA.

Motion by Sawyer/Fenton:

**“That the Chief Returning Officer destroy the ballots.”**

Carried

**3. Chairman’s Report – Erik Butters**

The Chairman’s Report was given by Eric Butters. Butters spoke briefly about the Plan Review and the new Alberta Livestock and Meat Strategy that was announced on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Finance Chairman’s Report – Kelly Olson**

Olson presented the financial statements for 2007/2008 fiscal year.

**5. General Managers Report – Rich Smith**

Smith spoke to the assembly about the changes that had happened in the ABP office over the past year.

**6. Alberta Livestock and Meat Strategy**

Kelly Olson and Stuart Thiessen spoke to the delegates about the Alberta Livestock and Meat Strategy, the creation of the Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency and the payments from the Alberta Farm Recovery Plan II (AFRP II). They told the delegates about the announcement of the strategy, reviewed the eight priority initiatives in the strategy, and talked about the timeline for implementation of the strategy. They discussed the potential impact of this strategy on the cattle and beef industry in Alberta, as well as the implications for cattle producers and ABP.

**7. Delegate In Camera**

**8. CanFax Report**

Andrea Brocklebank, CCA, presented the CanFax report to the general assembly.

**9. Greetings from the Honourable George Groeneveld**

Minister Groeneveld spoke to the assembly about the Alberta Livestock and Meat Strategy and its role in the future of the cattle industry. After the Minister finished his speech, he and his staff met with the ABP Executive. At this meeting, the Executive presented the Minister with ABP’s Response to the Alberta Livestock and Meat Strategy that had been developed and approved by the delegates. At the same time, Travis Toews presented the response to the general assembly.

**10. Plan Review Discussion – Adrienne Waller**

Bob Westrop mediated the discussion on the Plan Review with Rich Smith, ABP General Manager, and Adrienne Waller, ABP Corporate Counsel, answering questions that arose during discussions.

Motion by Carey/Panrucker:

**Be it resolved that Alberta Beef Producers maintain 1 Zone Director from each of the 9 Zones.**

Carried

Motion by Carey/Panrucker:

**“Be it resolved that Alberta Beef Producers Zone Directors be elected by their zone producers at Fall Meetings.”**

Defeated

Motion by Murphy/McKnight:

**“Be it resolved that ABP Zone Directors be elected by delegates representing the zone after the Fall Meetings.”**

Carried

Motion by Carey/Panrucker:

**“Be it resolved that Alberta Beef Producers endorse a reduction of Directors at Large from 5 to 3.”**

Defeated

Motion by Carey/Panrucker:

**“Be it resolved that Alberta Beef Producers endorse the reduction of Cattle Feeder Council Director representatives on the Board of Directors from 3 to 1.”**

Defeated

Motion by Thiessen/Maser:

**“Be it resolved that if motions for a change in the regulations are defeated, the regulation will remain at the status quo.”**

Carried

Motion by Carey/Panrucker:

**“Be it resolved that the Executive remain at 3 members with the option of adding the Past Chair or other member to a maximum of 4.”**

Carried

Motion by Stevick/Boake:

**“Be it resolved that there be 9 zone delegates on Cow/Calf Council elected by producers in the zones.”**

Defeated

Motion by Carey/Panrucker:

**“Be it resolved that Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors Chair be elected by delegates at the Annual General Meeting.”**

Carried

Motion by Stevick/Hagman:

**“Be it resolved that up to 4 Cow/Calf Council members at large be elected from zone delegates at AGM.”**

Carried

Motion by Stevick/Carey:

**“Be it resolved that Cow/Calf Council send 3 directors to the Board of Directors.”**

Defeated

Motion by Murphy/:

**“Be it resolved that 3 director representatives on the Cow/Calf Council be appointed by the Board of Directors.”**

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Motion by Olson/Lazowski:

**“Be it resolved that the Cow/Calf Council directors be elected by the Cow/Calf Council.”**

Carried

Motion by Thiessen/McKnight:

**“Be it resolved that the chairs of their respective council be elected by their councils.”**

Carried

Motion by Thiessen/Sawyer:

**“Be it resolved that Cattle Feeder Council continue to have 3 representatives on the Board of Directors.”**

Carried

Motion by Thiessen/Sawyer:

**“Be it resolved that up to 3 Cattle Feeder Council delegates at large be elected at the AGM.”**

Carried

Motion by Carey/Lazowski:

**“Be it resolved that Alberta Beef Producers endorse the continuation of 9 Zones, each with a Zone Committee; that Zone and Cattle Feeder Council delegates be elected in the zones at fall producer meetings; and that a Zone have a minimum of 3 zone delegates and a maximum of 7 zone delegates.”**

Carried

Motion by Sawyer/Carey:

**“Be it resolved that Alberta Beef Producers endorse the removal of the Producer Association and**

**Producer Association delegates from the Plan Regulation; accept the definition of an eligible association as proposed; and the election of up to 10 Association Council delegates by the Association Council .”**

Carried

Motion by Fleming/Cunningham:

**“Be it resolved that Alberta Beef Producers endorse the Association Council members as follows:**

- 1. That Western Stock Growers Association, Feeders Associations of Alberta, Alberta Milk, Alberta Livestock Dealers & Order Buyers Association, Alberta Auction Markets Association and Alberta Cattle Feeders Association should be able to elect up to 2 Association Council members;**
- 2. That Western Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners, Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Northwest Consolidated Beef Producers Ltd, and Alberta Food Processors Association should be able to elect or appoint 1 Association Council member; and**
- 3. That members appointed by the Livestock Identification Services Ltd. and the Alberta Farm Animal Care are ineligible to hold office as Association Council delegates.**

Carried

Motion by Murphy/Sawyer

**“Be it resolved that the Terms of Office of Alberta Beef Producers delegates remain as they are.”**

Carried

Motion by Thiessen/Fenton:

**“Be it resolved that the Governance Committee should have 1 member appointed by the Board of Directors, 1 member appointed by each of the Councils and at least one non-delegate member.”**

Motion by Fleming/Graves

**“That the motion be amended from “should have 1 member appointed by the Board of Directors” to read “Chair be appointed by Board of Directors”.”**

Carried

**“Be it resolved that the Governance Committee Chair be appointed by the Board of Directors, 1 member appointed by each of the Councils and at least one non-delegate member.”**

Carried

Motion by Nelson/Carey:

**“Be it resolved that the Audit Committee should have a Chair appointed by the Board, 1 member appointed by each of the Councils, and at least one non-delegate member with at least 2 members having financial acumen.”**

Carried

Motion by Noullett/Edge:

**“Be it resolved that Alberta Beef Producers Board of Directors have 20 directors which consists of 9 Zone Directors, 3 Directors at Large, 3 Cow/Calf Council delegates, 3 Cattle Feeder Council delegates and 2 Association Council delegates.”**

Carried

Motion by Somerville/Burton:

**“Be it resolved that the Service Charge continue to be non-refundable.”**

Carried

Motion by Thiessen/Maser:

**“Be it resolved that the number and mandate of all existing standing committees will be reviewed and revised based on the restructuring of Alberta Beef Producers and all committees of the Board and the Councils should be task or issued based.”**

Carried

Motion by Boon/Noullett:

**“That the mandate of the Alberta Beef Producers is acceptable as proposed and that ABP accept the recommendation of the Working Group that, in conjunction with any amendment to the Plan Regulation, the Board of Directors further define the role and mandate of Alberta Beef Producers and develop a strategic plan and business plan which will take this discussion from the structural to the operational.”**

Carried

Motion by Carey/Pierson:

**“Be it resolved that any producers who wish to hold office should be required to register their names and contact information with ABP.”**

Carried

## **11. Adjournment**

Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.