

**ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS**  
**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7, 2016, 1:00 p.m.**  
**AT THE SHERATON CAVALIER HOTEL, CALGARY, ALBERTA**

---

**Present:** Bob Lowe - *Chair*  
Roland Cailliau - *Vice Chair*  
Kelly Smith-Fraser - *Finance, Zone 5*  
Howard Bekkering - *Zone 1*  
Fred Lozeman - *Zone 2*  
Chris Israelson - *Zone 3*  
Tim Smith - *Zone 4*  
Tim Sekura - *Zone 6*  
Colin Campbell - *Zone 7*  
George L'Heureux - *Zone 8*  
John MacArthur - *Zone 9*  
Brad Osadczuk - *Director at Large*  
Garth Porteous - *Director at Large*  
Ken Stanley - *Director at Large*  
Penny Patton - *CCC Chair*

**Staff:** Rich Smith - *Executive Director*  
Rosanne Allen - *Executive Assistant*  
Karin Schmid - *Beef Production*  
Laura Procnier - *Controller*  
Katelyn Laverdure - *Communications*  
Tom Lynch-Staunton - *Gov't Relations*  
Beth Castle - *Mktg Assistant*  
Jeannette Kennard - *Receptionist*

**Guests:** Greg Bowie - *Past Chair*  
Maarten Braat - *Zone 9 delegate*  
Rick Friesen - *Past delegate*  
Les Dunford -

**Absent:** Bryan Thiessen - *CFC Chair*

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

### **1. Adoption of Agenda**

(a) Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Patton/Porteous:

**“That the agenda be approved with additions.”**

Carried

### **2. Appointment of Ballot Counters**

(a) Appointment of Ballot Counters:

Motion by Bekkering/Cailliau:

**“That Katelyn Laverdure and Laura Procnier be approved as ballot counters.”**

Carried

### **3. Decision Items**

(a) Tier 1 Selections:

(i) ABP Board Member to CFC:

Nomination committee brought forward the nomination of Tim Sekura.

There were three calls for further nominations.

Nominations ceased.

Tim Sekura was acclaimed as the Cattle Feeder Council representative

(ii) ABP Board Member to CCC:

Nomination Committee brought forward the nominations of

Brad Osadczuk  
Fred Lozeman

There were three calls for further nominations.

Nominations ceased.

Brad Osadczuk was elected as the Cow Calf Council representative.

(iii) ABP Board Member to Governance Committee:

Nomination Committee did not have any names

Howard Bekkering put forward his name

There were three calls for further nominations.

Nominations ceased.

Howard Bekkering was acclaimed as the Governance Committee representative

(iv) ABP Board Member to Audit Committee:

Nomination Committee brought forward the nominations of

Kelly Smith-Fraser  
Chris Israelson

There were three calls for further nominations.

Nominations ceased.

Chris Israelson was elected as the Audit Committee representative.

(b) Selection of Committee Chairs:

(i) Environment Committee:

The Nomination Committee brought forward the nomination of Chris Israelson

There were three calls for further nominations.

Nominations ceased.

Chris Israelson was acclaimed as the Environment Committee Chair

(ii) Wildlife Committee:

The Nomination Committee brought forward the nomination of Colin Campbell

There were three calls for further nominations.

Nominations ceased.

Colin Campbell was acclaimed as the Wildlife Committee Chair

(c) Submission of Committee Members from Zones:

R. Smith asked the Zone Directors to submit names of delegates for committees to Rosanne Allen before the January board meeting. We typically would have one representative from each zone on a committee, but a zone can propose more than one delegate or no delegates for a committee, depending on the level of interest in the zone.

(d) ABP Representatives at Saskatchewan Beef Industry Conference:

The conference will be held in Regina from January 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>. Typically R. Smith goes and one board member goes for the Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association AGM.

(e) ABP Representation at Alberta Beef Industry Conference:

The conference is held in Red Deer and ABP typically holds our Board meeting on the Wednesday of the conference. This year the meeting will be from February 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. There are 10 rooms booked for the whole conference. The Executive and R. Smith will be registered and if there are any other directors interested, they need to let Allen know by the January board meeting.

L’Heureux, T. Smith, Osadczuk

(f) January Board meeting and Media Training dates:

The third Thursday in January is the 19<sup>th</sup> and media training will take place the day before for anyone who is interested. Governance training will be on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

L’Heureux, Stanley, Porteous, Osadczuk, Patton, Sekura, MacArthur and Lozeman have all indicated they would be interested in participating in the media training.

(g) Destruction of ballots:

Motion by Bekkering/Porteous:

**“That all the ballots be destroyed.”**

Carried

(h) Banking Resolution:

Motion by Campbell/MacArthur:

**“That the signing officers for the Alberta Beef Producers bank account at the Royal Bank of Canada be:**

- Chair** - **Bob Lowe**
- Vice-Chair** - **Roland Cailliau**
- Finance Chair** - **Kelly Fraser**
- Executive Director** - **Rich Smith**
- Controller** - **Laura Procnier**

**All cheques require two signatures. For cheques of \$20,000 or more, one signature must be the Chair, Vice-Chair or Finance Chair.**

**And for establishing credit (credit cards) two signatures are required, that of the Executive Director, Rich Smith, and the Controller, Laura Procnier.”**

Carried

(i) Housekeeping:

The Board evaluation has been changed to January from November. Lowe will ask all of the old board members back to the January Board meeting for the Board evaluation because these are the directors for whom the evaluation will be pertinent and this will allow the new directors to see the process.

Howard Bekkering volunteered to run the Governance discussion at the January board meeting and Tim Sekura will cover February.

Lowe is asking the directors to meet with MLA’s to discuss our industry and our proposal for a non-refundable check-off before the Spring sitting. Minister Carlier has indicated that he is taking the change in the Marketing Act to allow for a non-refundable service charge to his cabinet colleagues. The retained service charge refunds would be used solely for marketing, research and industry collaboration. R. Smith will send the directors speaking points for them to use in discussions with the MLA’s. L’Heureux suggested getting to as many MLA’s as possible. Lynch-Staunton is working with Mary MacArthur to pick a date for the MLA dinner.

**4. In Camera**

---

**5. Discussion Items**

---

(a) 2017 Board of Directors Meetings (confirm every third Thursday):

The directors agreed to the third Thursday as a general rule.

**6. Next Meeting and Upcoming Events**

---

- (a) Media Training – January 18, 2017, ABP Board Room, Calgary, AB
- (b) Board Meeting – January 19, 2017, ABP Board Room, Calgary, AB

- (c) Board Meeting – February 17, 2016, Sheraton Hotel,  
Red Deer, AB

## **7. Adjournment**

---

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Porteous at 1:05 p.m.