

Progress Report on 2007 Resolutions

2007 AGM General Session Resolutions:

- 1) “Be it resolved that ABP develop a plan so that the primary producers who age verify their cattle be recognized through any viable program.”
Zone 2, 5
- Carried - The Cow/Calf committee developed a proposal for payment to primary producers and then ABP refined a proposal that would see a charge for first time access to age verification information with most of the fee forwarded to the primary producer. This proposal was presented to CCA, CCIA, and the provincial government, but the ALMS announcement makes the success of this proposal unlikely.
- 2) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby for the producer to be compensated for age verification and traceability expenses via the CCIA.”
Zone 5
- Declared redundant
- 3) “Be it resolved ABP and CCA facilitate the connection of grade and quality information to the CCIA tag number and make it available to the producer who bought the tag.”
Zone 1
- Carried – This will be part of the Canadian Beef Advantage initiative.
- 4) “Be it resolved that ABP request the Canadian Beef Cattle Research and Market Development, Marketing Agency (National Agency) collect check off funds for each animal equivalent on imported product.”
Zone 8
- Carried – ongoing
- 5) “Be it resolved that ABP conduct a study to determine a 2 – 5 year sustainability of beef producing farms based on the following markers, but not limited to:
1. Cost of production
 2. Debt load of producers
 3. Off farm income (removed from “farm income”)
 4. Herd sizes
 5. Psychological factors
- to increase awareness of the desperation of beef producers.”
Zone 9
- Defeated at AGM
- 6) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the federal government that importation of all beef be stopped immediately.”
Zone 9
- Defeated at AGM
- 7) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government to design and implement a special program for cow/calf operators that would provide them a return on their calves of \$1,000.00 per head this year.”
Zone 9
- Defeated at AGM
- 8) “Be it resolved that a plebiscite be held via postal ballot to ascertain the percentage of beef producers who wish ABP to remain the sole levy funded beef producer organization in Alberta and that unless a majority of 51% of the votes indicate support for ABP then abs forfeit its right to collect levy funding.”
Zone 3
- Defeated at AGM
- 9) “Be it resolved that ABP allow \$1.00 of the current check off dollar be directed by the producer to the organization of their choice.”
Zone 2
- Defeated at AGM
- 10) “Be it resolved that ABP develop a cow/calf council along the same regulations that Cattle Feeder Council was developed.”
Zone 6, 7
- Defeated at AGM
- 11) “Be it resolved that ABP install a cow/calf committee that reports regularly about the economic prospects or lack thereof for cow/calf producers.”
Zone 7, 8
- Carried – The Cow/Calf Committee was created with Terms of Reference similar to those developed for the Cattle Feeder Council. The first meeting was held on March 18, 2008 and there have been two subsequent.
- 12) “Be it resolved that ABP and Canadian Cattle Association lobby our governments to reopen negotiations with our WTO trading partners for

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| <p>full access for beef products under OIE guidelines based on our controlled risk status.”
Board</p> <p>Carried – ongoing</p> | <p>Defeated at AGM</p> |
| <p>13) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the federal government to allow voluntary BSE testing for purposes of allowing exporters to access new markets of Canadian beef products.”
Zone 2, 6, 9</p> <p>Defeated at AGM</p> | <p>19) “Be it resolved that ABP discontinue all funding to CBEF (Canada Beef Export Federation) and encourage BIC (Beef Information Center) to be responsible for the marketing and promotion of Canadian beef to the rest of the world as well as to Canada and the US.”
Zone 5</p> <p>Defeated at AGM</p> |
| <p>14) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby for the implementation of a comprehensive cattle movement and tracking system utilizing electronic identification device (EID) tags and that the cost of the infrastructure required to facilitate an enhanced tracking system be borne the by government rather than producers, truckers, feedlots or auction marts.”
Zone 6</p> <p>Defeated at AGM</p> | <p>20) “Be it resolved that ABP have CCA lobby the federal government for substantial compensation encouraging producers to retain grasslands as opposed to their destruction and replacement with monoculture crops.”
Zone 6</p> <p>Defeated at AGM</p> |
| <p>15) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby for federal legislation that the packers cannot own or feed livestock directly, through a subsidiary or arrangement that gives the packer operational, managerial or supervisory control over the livestock, or over the farming operation that producers the livestock “for more than 14 days”.”
Zone 8</p> <p>Defeated at AGM</p> | <p>21) “Be it resolved that ABP plan regulation AG 36/2003 be amended to remove the requirements that Zone 9 be divided into 5 sub-zones, hold sub-zone meetings and elect sub-zone delegates.”
Board</p> <p>Carried – Zone 9 had approved this motion at voting during the Fall Meetings. The amendment has been approved by the Board of Directors and submitted to Marketing Council for application to the Lieutenant Governor in Council.</p> |
| <p>16) “Be it resolved that ABP take the necessary steps to stop the packing plants from owning cattle for more than 72 hours.”
Zone 9</p> <p>Defeated at AGM</p> | <p>22) “Be it resolved that the 2006-2007 ABP audited financial statements and auditor’s report be accepted.”
Board</p> <p>Carried</p> |
| <p>17) “Be it resolved ABP lobby the provincial and federal government to pay for dead stock removal off farm because of BSE and new regulations.”
Zone 1</p> <p>Carried – Has become part of discussions with government about reduction regulatory burden.</p> | <p>23) “That the firm of Kingston Ross Pasnak chartered accountants be appointed as auditors for 2007-2008 year-end audit.”
Board</p> <p>Carried – Kingston Ross Pasnak was engaged and conducted the audit during May, 2008.</p> |
| <p>18) “Be it resolved that ABP stop lobbying for the removal of the supply management systems in place for the dairy and feather industries.”
Zone 6</p> | <p>24) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby CCIA to release primary ownership information of CCIA tags to any subsequent owners of said tagged animals.”
Zone 2</p> <p>Defeated at AGM</p> |

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25) “Be it resolved that the Budget for the 2007/2008 fiscal year be approved as presented.”

Board

Carried – Ongoing

Zone 9

No seconder

2007 Board Resolutions:

1) “Be it resolved that the ABP progress report on the previous year’s producer resolutions contain both the carried and defeated resolutions in full.”

Zone 6

Carried – This was being done as of the 2007 Fall Producer Meetings.

2) “Be it resolved that ABP provide the delegate body with the results of all the resolutions of the previous year immediately before the current fall meetings and further that this resolution must be presented to the plenary body at the annual meetings.”

Zone 8

Declared redundant

3) “Be it resolved ABP lobby Alberta Agriculture to host seminars and compile an information package with creative suggestions for vendor financing and/or share options to take advantage of income tax benefits and assist producers exiting, entering or expanding in the industry.”

Zone 6

Carried

4) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby government to establish mandatory testing for any infectious diseases of all employees of our packing and processing plants.”

Zone 6

Defeated

5) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government that all subsidy payments be directed to all agricultural producers equitably and outside of CAIS.”

Zone 7

Defeated

6) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the governments so any payments to producers do not come through the CAIS program but as an emergency fund to cow/calf producers.”

7) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the federal government to achieve a better method of determining the amount of cash advance available for cow/calf producers.”

Zone 7

Carried

8) “Be it resolved that ABP adopt a policy that when negotiating future financial assistance programs for cattle producers that,
i) they are fair and equitable to all cattle producers and not pay one sector over another;
ii) they are predictable and bankable; and
iii) they are simple and straightforward, not complicated.”

Zone 7

Carried – these principles have been followed in all discussions with federal and provincial governments.

9) “Be it resolved that ABP and CCA lobby the provincial and federal governments to provide assistance to the cow/calf producers based on January 1, 2007 cow numbers on the farm.”

Zone 8

Defeated

10) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta government to buy older cattle (born on or before Feb 28/99) for \$1,000.00 per head, and dispose of these animals in an effort to reduce cattle numbers and improve beef prices to producers.”

Zone 9

No seconder

11) “Be it resolved that immediately following all ABP board meetings approved minutes of proceedings be forwarded to all delegates by Canada post.”

Zone 8

Motion amended:

“Be it resolved that immediately following all ABP Board meetings approved minutes of proceedings be forwarded to delegates by Canada Post if requested by the delegate.”

Carried – At the Semi-Annual General Meeting, all attending delegates were asked to indicate

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whether they would like their copy of the approved minutes to be mailed to them.

- 12) “Be it resolved that ABP review the Canadian beef export federation regarding the effectiveness of operating offices in countries we export to.”
Zone 5

Defeated

- 13) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the federal government to work with CFIA to endorse that only correct and scientifically proven and accurate information goes to the media and general public.”
Zone 9

Motion declared redundant

- 14) “Be it resolved that ABP regulatory review deadline and consultation process be extended to after 2008 annual fall meetings.”
Zone 5

Defeated

- 15) “Be it resolved that ABP zones represent cattle numbers.”
Zone 8

Defeated

- 16) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby CCIA to compensate the cow/calf producers for the costs in regards to tagging of livestock with CCIA ID tags.”
Zone 8

Defeated

- 17) “Be resolved that ABP lobby the appropriate government, whether it be Provincial or Federal, to cover all costs to any producers pursuing certification with the Quality Starts Here program.”
Zone 9

Defeated

2007 Board/Government Affairs Resolutions:

- 1) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government to have CAIS margins for non-margin primary producers be rolled back to the pre BSE levels and adjusted for inflation.”
Zone 7

Defeated

- 2) “Be it resolved that ABP encourage biofuel companies to use animal by-products such as SRM’s in the production of biofuels.”
Zone 5

Tabled until further clarification has been provided.

2007 Board/CCA Resolutions:

- 1) “Be it resolved that ABP encourage red meat or beef by-products raised or grown in Canada to be labelled as such, and foreign beef or beef by-products not to be labelled as “Product of Canada”.”
Zone 1

Defeated

- 2) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby CCA to lobby the federal government agencies to change CFIA rules regarding imported beef; i.e. change labelling of imported beef to say “imported product, cut in Canada”.”
Zone 8

Defeated

- 3) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby for a review of the current Canadian policy regarding Foot and Mouth Disease.”
Zone 6

Defeated

- 4) “Be it resolved that ABP investigate the merits of a localized vaccination program, in the event of an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease.”
Zone 6

Defeated

- 5) “Be it resolved that ABP and CCA request the CFIA to harmonize EU export protocols with the U.S.”
Zone 9

Carried – ABP and CCA are requesting that all export protocols be harmonized with OIE guidelines.

2007 Government Affairs Resolutions:

- 1) “Be it resolved that ABP push that age verified beef have a reimbursement fee go back to the original producer.”

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- Zone 7
- Carried – Deferred to Cow/Calf Committee and work is ongoing.
- 2) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby CCIA to have a \$5.00 fee charge for release of age verification of calves and that this fee be returned to cow/calf producers.”
Zone 4
- Carried – Deferred to Cow/Calf Committee and work is ongoing
- 3) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government for compensation for non-margin primary producers on realized losses of devaluation of inventory regarding bred and cull cows as we have lost the ability to recover those losses due to a dysfunctional market resulting from the BSE disaster.”
Zone 7
- Carried – This is an issue that has been addressed in the past. The committee agreed to send another letter to the government regarding this issue
- 4) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby governments to allow beef killed and processed in our provincially inspected plants to be sold in any other province in Canada.”
Zone 6
- Carried – The issue of federal and provincial inspection is the subject of ongoing work.
- 5) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government to amend section 4 of the “Cargo Securement Regulation” of the Traffic Safety Act to exempt silage from the regulation, subject to provisions similar to those given for hay and straw in section 4.1.”
Zone 6
- Carried – this issue will be addressed during the year.
- 6) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Provincial/Municipal government so that grazing lease holders be given notice of any change to the other dispositions of the lease.”
Zone 2
- Carried - work is ongoing this year.
- 7) “Be it resolved that ABP support the South West Ranchers by writing a letter to both Parks Canada and Waterton Lakes National Park,
- stating that they are in opposition to releasing free roaming bison in Waterton Lakes National Park.”
Zone 2
- Carried – work will be completed this year.
- 8) “Be it resolved that ABP oppose bill 46.”
Zone 2
- Carried – letters were sent to Premier Stelmach and Minister Knight regarding this issue. Replies were received by February 11, 2008.
- 9) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby both provincial and municipal governments to support beef producers in the control of noxious weed infestations that are encouraged by energy and country residential development.”
Zone 3
- Carried – this will be part of the work on land use and surface rights.
- 10) “Be it resolved that ABP investigate the movement of wildlife throughout the province by wildlife officers and report back to the producers.”
Zone 4
- Motion Amended:
“Be it resolved that ABP investigate the relocation of wildlife by wildlife officers in the province and report back to producers.”
- Carried – investigation ongoing.
- 11) “Be it resolved that ABP encourages AFSC to get adjusters out to inspect wildlife damage when called on.”
Zone 9
- Carried – part of the work on wildlife damage and compensation.
- 12) “Be it resolved that ABP encourage Fish and Wildlife to deliver better fencing materials to stop wildlife from damaging hay.”
Zone 9
- Carried – part of the work on wildlife damage and compensation.
- 13) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government to strike a working group to ensure meaningful input into the regulations arising from the Alberta Animal Health Act.”
Zone 9

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Carried – this lobbying is ongoing.

- 14) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby to increase compensation for BSE surveillance to \$500.00.”
Zone 9

Defeated

- 15) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government to reinstate lab services for Alberta producers for 3 to 5 samples per year.”
Zone 8

Motion amended:

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government to reinstate vet diagnostic lab services for Alberta producers for up to 5 samples per year.”

Carried – this is part of discussions with the provincial government on regulatory burden and competitiveness.

circulated. But there’s a very good internet article that appeared recently in the September 2008 Issue of Western Cowman: http://westerncowman.com/september08/dealing_with_shrink.html. When Bergen gets a chance he’ll complete the report, boil it down to a one pager and run it in the Grass Routes mail out.

- 4) “Be it resolved that ABP lobby CFIA to provide a contingency program on a county by county basis for disease outbreak.”
Zone 8

Carried – This will depend on CFIA and municipal jurisdiction under the FADES plan, (which the government has STILL not responded to; both Alberta Milk and Alberta Pork are after them about it as well; they want to use ours as a template), so no report is available.

- 5) “Be it resolved that ABP investigate the implementation of the voluntary J-tag program in Alberta.”
Zone 5

Carried – Reynold Bergen has a one page report on this issue; let him know if you want a copy (the program didn’t work and was dropped due to unenforceability and lack of producer interest).

2007 Technical Committee Resolutions:

- 1) “Be it resolved that ABP research the potential opportunities for increased feeder and fat cattle production off grass rather than grain diets, taking into consideration the economic and environmental benefits of such a move.”
Zone 6

Carried – A detailed report has been written for this resolution. If you are interested in reading it contact Reynold Bergen at 403 275-4400 ext. 243

- 2) “Be it resolved that the technical committee study the cause of and possible remedies for the high incidences of B4’s in Alberta plants.”
Zone 2

Carried – Reynold Bergen wrote a column on this in the June/July 2008 Grass Routes mail out that should have gone to every producer’s mailbox.

- 3) “Be it resolved that the ABP commission a study on weaned calf shrink from different grazing areas in Alberta.”
Zone 5

Carried – ABP didn’t get any data to deal with the weaned calf shrink resolution, so Reynold Bergen just reviewed the science. He has only a very crude rough draft that isn’t ready to be

- 6) “Be it resolved that ABP encourage research into improved diagnostic methods to confirm chronic and acute exposure to harmful emissions and by products of oil & gas activity, as well as methods of treating animals that have been exposed, and that ABP develop material to advise cattle producers and veterinarians of appropriate procedures to follow and data to collect when oil & gas exposure is suspected.”
Zone 9

Carried – Reynold Bergen wrote an article about this for the Oct. 2008 Cattleman magazine. There is a much more detailed version that was too long to run in the magazine. Bergen will probably post that on the website.

2007 Technical Committee/CCA Resolutions:

- 1) “Be it resolved that ABP discover and publish the real costs of doing BSE tests on every animal at all Canadian slaughter facilities, both Federal & Provincial, no matter the size of the

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facility for the discovery of competitive advantages or disadvantages.”

Zone 2

Carried – Reynold Bergen wrote a column on this in the spring 2008 Grass Routes mail out that should have gone to every producer’s mailbox.

2007 Producer Liaison Committee Resolutions:

- 1) “Be it resolved that ABP ensure that defeated resolutions are printed along with redundant resolutions for the fall producer meetings.”

Zone 7

Declared redundant as ABP is already doing this.

2007 Promotion Committee Resolutions:

- 1) “Be it resolved that ABP do a commercial on lack of Canadian beef.”

Zone 7

There was no seconder so the motion was lost

- 2) “Be it resolved that ABP continue with the Classroom Agriculture Program and Beef in the Classroom programs.”

Zone 6

Carried - Ongoing