

**MINUTES FOR THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS HELD TUESDAY MARCH 1, 2023  
IN RED DEER, ALBERTA**

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**1. Call to Order**

**8:30am**

Wowk welcomed everyone to the Alberta Beef Producers 2023 Annual General meeting and reflected on the work done by ABP in the last year.

(a) Introduction of Delegates:

(b) Approval of the AGM Chairs:

**“That Howard Bekkering and Assar Grinde be approved as Chairs for the 2023 Annual General Meeting.”**

Motion by: Hillmer / L’Heureux

Carried

(c) Rules of Procedure:

Bekkering introduced the new delegates Aydon Almberg, John Doherty, Brenda Rosadiuk, Karen Shaw, and Miles Wowk. Bekkering discussed the rules of procedure and emphasized to the AGM group on the fact that they are “rules” not suggestions.

(d) Review and Approval of Agenda:

**“That the agenda for the 2023 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.”**

Motion by: Lehr/ L’Heureux

Carried

(e) Approval of 2022 AGM and Semi-Annual General Meeting Minutes:

**“That the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented in the 2022 AGM Report.”**

Motion by: These / Rosadiuk

Carried

**2. ABP Chair Report**

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Wowk provided an overview of the year and the great work done on the Front of the Label Packaging.

**“That the Chair’s report be accepted as presented.”**

Motion by: Wowk / Rice

Carried

**3. Finance Report**

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Brodie Haugan, Finance Chair, presented the 2021-2022 audited statements. Haugan provided an overview of the 2022/2023 refund period.

**“Be it resolved that the 2021/2022 ABP audited financial statements and auditor’s report be accepted for informational purposes only.”**

Motion by: Irvine / Holowath

Carried

**“Be it resolved that the firm of Kingston Ross Pasnak chartered accountants be appointed as auditors for 2022-2023 year-end audit.”**

Motion by: L’Heureux / Hager

Carried

**4. ABP Review and Producer Meeting Input**

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Dubeau presented ABP’s strategic objectives and gave the delegates an opportunity to discuss each of the objectives and asked them to choose a zone coordinator.

**5. Final Call for Director Nominations**

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Bekkering made a final call for Director nominations. Three calls were made for nominations and the nominations were closed.

**6. Special Resolutions to Amend Bylaws**

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- **That Alberta Beef Producers Delegate body accepts the Bylaw amendment to remove the past chair from ABP executive. The executive of the commission shall consist of a chair of the commission, a vice chair of the commission, a finance chair of the commission, and may include one director elected unanimously by the chair, vice chair and finance chair.**

Motion by Hillmer / Rice:

Carried

**7. Beef Production and Extension**

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Schmid spoke to what’s new in research, Research is expensive, incremental & long-term.

Every dollar invested by ABP in research over the past 5 years has been matched by over \$9.50 from other funders.

42 active projects (includes 7 that haven't been contracted yet)

How Do I Find Out More?

• Fact sheets – [albertabeef.org](http://albertabeef.org) • Articles – ABP Magazine, ABP Daily • The Bovine podcast • BCRC – [beefresearch.ca](http://beefresearch.ca)

## **8. Government Relations and policy**

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Lyseng spoke to Wildlife and changing compensation – hunting access and to Front of Label packaging.

## **9. Stakeholder and Relations Report**

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Murphy spoke to the Environmental Stewardship Program and the deadline for nominations.

## **10. Marketing and Communications Report**

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### **Goals**

Continual growth in communications and engagement with producers, industry, governments, consumers, and public.

Increase consumer pride and confidence in Alberta beef.

Build producer knowledge and understanding of programs, funding, and extension.

### **ABP Magazine**

“Connect with a wider swath of producers and topics across the industry. For example, feeders and different ways of marketing cattle.”

## **11. Delegate in Camera Session**

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The delegates went in camera at 11:20am

Carried

## **12. Director Election**

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Bekkering announces 2023 / 2024 Board candidates.

Speeches:

Lee Irvine

Kent Holowath

Brodie Haugan

Fred Lozeman

Doug Roxburgh

Miles Wowk

All candidates were acclaimed.

## **13. Final Call for CCA and BCRC Nominations**

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Bekkering reviewed the list of nominations, and made the final call for nominations, Nominations closed at 1:57pm.

## **14. CCA Report**

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Phinney, CCA, spoke to several issues that the beef industry faces and that we all need to work together to achieve success as an industry.

Ryder, CCA spoke about the vaccine bank, Livestock price insurance and environmental changes.

## **15. Speeches for CCA Candidates**

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Jana Hammer

George L'Heureux

Doug Roxburgh

Miles Wowk

## **16. CCA Election**

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All candidates were acclaimed.

## **17. Guest Speaker**

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Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation Honourable Nathan Horner spoke about the budget for 2023 and the numbers look promising, not only for the province, but also for our region.

## **18. Speeches for BCRC Candidates**

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Lyle Adams – ACFA

Lee Irvine

## **19. BCRC Election**

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No election was necessary as both candidates were acclaimed.

## **20. AGM Resolutions Debate**

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Bekkering reviewed the rules of the resolutions debate.

- 1) Whereas: A Johnes is expected in a herd that the producer be fairly compensated to eradicate this disease

**“Be it resolved That ABP lobby our government to establish a program to control/monitor/compensate the disease Johnes.”**

Mover: Jay Hager

Seconder: Aydon Almberg

Defeated

- 2) Whereas: CFIA needs to participate in co-operation in the industry and be brought forth to their attention ongoing.

**“Be it resolved That ABP lobby CCA to make CFIA accountable to the Canadian agriculture industry and sustainability of it in the future.”**

Mover: Miles Wowk

Seconder: Emil Dmytriw

Defeated

- 3) Whereas: Currently the only place you can buy livestock medications is from your veterinarian. You are required to have a documented relationship with your practicing vet. Unless you obtain a script from your vet you can not purchase medications or vaccines from any other clinic that you do not have a documented relationship with.

**“Be it resolved That farmers be given a license signed off from their practicing vet allowing them to walk into any clinic in the Province of Alberta and purchase medications and vaccines with no form of a script from the vet in which they have the relationship. This gives producers free access on their purchasing decision based on location they choose to buy from at that time.”**

Mover: Doug Roxburgh

Seconder: John Doherty

Defeated

- 4) **“Be it resolved That farmers and ranchers be exempt from the carbon tax since we sequester carbon in our soils from cropping pastures and trees.**

Mover: Colin Rice

Seconder: Brenda Rosadiuk

Defeated

- 5) Whereas we need to attract and retain cow/calf producers. What programs can be developed to mitigate the risks that cow/calf have so much risk and freely fund the industry (e.g. 100 mile diet).

**“Be it resolved We would like ABP to work on further BRM programs and other business development ideas for the cow-calf industry.”**

Mover: Karen Shaw

Seconder: Doug Roxburgh

Carried

- 6) Whereas The Alberta Beef Industry needs to drive profitability to be competitive and sustainable to motivate future generations and expansion of all sectors of the Alberta cattle business

**“Be it resolved ABP work with GOA, AFSC along with CCA and GOC to enhance Risk mitigation in the Beef Industry.**

**Explore subsidized WLPPI, whole farm margin insurance or production programs more closely aligned with crop production programs.”**

Mover: Fred Lozeman

Seconder: Lee Irvine

Carried

- 7) Whereas There is increasing demands for rental lands to locate solar installations, with little regard for decommission or discontinued use.

**“Be it resolved that ABP communicate the risks for entering into these solar installation agreements to concerned stakeholders.”**

Mover: Fred Lozeman

Seconder: Sheila Hillmer

Carried

- 8) Whereas Alberta renewable energy projects are not required to adhere to the same robust standards of approval as traditional energy projects or intensive livestock operations as it relates to their impacts on the environment neighboring landowners.

**“Be it resolved ABP lobby the Provincial Government to strengthen the regulatory oversight on renewable energy projects.”**

Mover: Lee Irvine

Seconder: Jana Harman

Carried

- 9) Whereas Foot and mouth vaccine bank, emergency preparedness plan

**“Be it resolved ABP have a real time emergency preparedness plan that is communicated to all producers.**

Mover: Lee Irvine

Seconder: Sheila Hillmer

Defeated

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Whereas Industry is fractured between producers.

**“Be it resolved ABP to work to win over industry groups to create a unified voice for industry.”**

Mover: Jana Harman                      Seconder: Fred Lozeman

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Carried

**“Be it resolved that Alberta Beef Producers align with Provincial and National Auction Market associations to lobby both the provincial and federal governments to address regulations that impede commerce in the livestock industry, such as but not limited to, Transfer of Care and Electronic logs for livestock haulers. To require all government organizations to properly consult with all members of the livestock industry prior to implement policy.”**

10) Whereas Solution to eliminate check-off refunds.

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**“Be it resolved ABP takes steps to develop strategy to reduce and eliminate check-off refunds.”**

Mover: Lee Irvine    Seconder: Jana Harman

Carried

Mover: Jana Harman                      Seconder: Sheila Hillmer

Defeated

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## 21. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

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11) Whereas find a solution to educate youth on beef industry.

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**“Be it resolved ABP work with education system.”**

Mover: Sheila Hillmer                      Seconder: Jana Harman

Carried

Bekkering thanked everyone for their participation and involvement throughout the AGM.

Wowk thanked all the invited guests, AGM chairs, BOD, Delegates, and staff at ABP for putting together a fantastic AGM.

12) Whereas There is a critical shortage of veterinarians to serve the cattle industry in Alberta.

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**“Be it resolved ABP lobby the Government of Alberta to preferentially admit a percentage of students based on rural acuity (general experience and familiarity with rural Alberta lifestyle).”**

Mover: Fred Lozeman                      Seconder: Jana Harman

Defeated

Wowk adjourned the 2023 Annual General Meeting at 3:28pm

Motion by: Hillmer

13) Whereas Packing capacity in Alberta help to increase.

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**“Be it resolved Packing capacity in Alberta help increase.”**

Mover: Fred Lozeman                      Seconder: Jana Harman

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Defeated

14) Whereas recently both the Federal and Provincial governments have implemented policies that are detrimental to the Auction Market and livestock industry. Policies like reporting animal movement, Transfer of Care, electronic trucker logs and transportation regulations, all have been implemented without proper consultation of Auction Market industry nor provincial or national cattle organizations. Many of these regulations require independent business to cover the costs of implementation without financial compensation.