



**Canadian Sheep Federation
Annual General Meeting
Calgary, Alberta
18 November 2014**

Present: Phil Kolodychuk, Rob Scott, Barbara Johnstone Grimmer, Cathy Gallivan, Herman Bouw, Arlette Seib, Beth Densmore, Bill Gibson, Corlena Patterson.

Observers: Gord Schroeder, Bob Janzen, Ryk Terbeek, Jennifer MacTavish, Eric Bjergso, Virginie Rochet.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm MST.

Phil Kolodychuk, CSF Chair, welcomed attendees to the 2014 Canadian Sheep Federation Annual General Meeting.

Declaration of voting members

British Columbia- Barbara Johnstone Grimmer
Alberta- Bill Gibson
Saskatchewan – Arlette Seib
Manitoba-Herman Bouw
Ontario – Rob Scott
Nova Scotia- Beth Densmore
New Brunswick – Cathy Gallivan

The 2013 Minutes were reviewed.

Business arising from 2013 AGM minutes: Bill brought it to the Board's attention that the 2013 minutes should reflect that the meeting ended at 11:05am, not 11:05pm as written in the minutes.

Motion: To approve the minutes from the 2013 Annual General Meeting with the recommended correction. Moved by Bill Gibson; seconded by Rob Scott. Carried (unanimous).

The audited financial statements for FY 2013-14 were presented and reviewed, including new reporting required under NFP act. Bairstow, Smart and Smith also issued an Audit Findings Report, pointing out some recommendations for additional financial controls.

Motion: To approve the financial statements as presented. Moved by Rob Scott; seconded by Barbara Johnstone Grimmer. Carried (unanimous)

Motion: To form an Audit & Finance Committee with a provision for a producer-at-large position. Moved by Rob Scott; seconded by Barbara Johnstone-Grimmer. Carried (unanimous).

Rob Scott recommended that Dennis Fischer be asked to join the Audit & Finance Committee as the producer-at-large.

Motion: To continue to retain Bairstow, Smart and Smith as the CSF accounting firm. Moved by Barbara Johnstone-Grimmer; seconded by Bill Gibson. Carried (unanimous).

Motion: To engage a new bookkeeper closer to the relocated CSF office. Moved by Cathy Gallivan; seconded by Barbara Johnstone-Grimmer. Carried (unanimous).

Action item: The CSF to explore new bookkeeping options.

The Board reviewed the FY2014-15 Budget approved in August, 2014.

Elections

Motion: Jennifer MacTavish and Eric Bjergso nominated as scrutineers by Cathy Gallivan; seconded by Beth Densmore.

The following positions were acclaimed:

Chairman	Phil Kolodychuk
Vice-Chairman	Rob Scott
Treasurer	Barbara Johnstone-Grimmer
Secretary	Cathy Gallivan

CSF Chair, Phil Kolodychuk addressed the Board, stating that in the new year the CSF would need to focus on traceability. The focus should be on influencing regulations so they are not a burden to producers. Following traceability, the CSF could continue to work on the development of Promotions and Research Agency (PRA).

Eric Bjergso asked the Board if there was a possibility of co-hosting AGM's next year. A location has not yet been determined for the CSF AGM, but will have to be coordinated with the Sheep Value Chain Round Table meeting, and Ag Canada. The two organizations can look into the opportunity.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Rob moved the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm MST.

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19 November 2014**

Present: Phil Kolodychuk, Rob Scott, Barbara Johnstone Grimmer, Cathy Gallivan, Herman Bouw, Arlette Seib, Beth Densmore, Bill Gibson, Corlena Patterson. Also present were Gord Schroeder, Margaret Cook, Susan Hosford, Bob Janzen, Ryk Terbeek, Jennifer MacTavish, Eric Bjergso, Virginie Rochet and Mike Fletcher.

Promotions and Research Agency (PRA) discussions update

The Board was asked if there was still interest in proceeding with the development of a PRA. There is still interest in capitalizing on import. Some provinces do not have legislation in place that would allow them to collect a national levy. Some provinces are spending a portion of checkoff on promotions and research, which could be counted as a PRA contribution. The question was asked if there would be a minimum production level below which provinces could opt out so producers in smaller provinces would not need to pay a levy. Some smaller producing provinces would benefit from the extra revenue for promotions and research. The benefit of a PRA is the money, as well as a way of engaging other countries. A consultant would need to be hired to move ahead, perhaps the CSF could look for potential funding? Next steps could be meeting with larger producing provinces and their marketing agencies to see what provincial legislation stands in the way of moving a PRA forward.

Committee Reports

Staff Advisory Committee

The Board was presented with the Staff Advisory Committee Report.

CSIP

The Board was presented with the CSIP Working Group Report. The group discussed visual tags vs RFID tags in terms of readability, marketing advantage, distribution, cost, and potential compliance issues. There was some discussion about allowing the alternative 'herd mark' option but not 'activating' the system until later down the road. The discussion turned to terminology, and how regulations should not refer to any specific form of ID, but instead use 'approved identifiers'. Technology changes quickly and regulations take forever to keep up. As much flexibility as possible should be written into regulations. Identifier approval can be overseen by the industry.

SheepTrace Committee

The Board was presented with the SheepTrace Committee Report, in which the Committee suggested that the CSF was 'in a reasonable position to assume the administrator role for the Canadian sheep industry'.

Health of Animals Regulations Consultation Update

The Board discussed the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's Traceability Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA). The Board was disappointed in the document, as it did not reflect the consultations to date, it did not identify any costs in RFID vs herd mark tags, and it did not use current sheep industry data. Comments on the CBA are due at the end of November, and should reflect this discussion.

Traceability Discussions

The Board discussed traceability discussions to date, focusing on program administration. The Canadian Cattle Identification Agency has suggested it will increase administration costs, but their internal board discussions suggest that the price hike would be more than they originally indicated. Shearwell has suggested they have a database that could meet the CFIA's requirements under the 'responsible administrator' criteria. The Board discussed the 'herd mark' tag option again, citing cost, program compliance, added value of RFID technology.

Motion: The Canadian Sheep Federation to apply for administrator status of the Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP). Moved by Beth Densmore; seconded by Bill Gibson. Motion carried (unanimous).

Motion: That the CSF continue to support individual ID only. Moved by Bill Gibson; seconded by Herman Bouw. Motion defeated (49.5% for, 50.5% against).

Lunch

Chris Lloyd - EBLEX

Mr. Lloyd provided a presentation titled 'Better Returns'. Video of the presentation is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_TMDmqKi_c

Dr. John Gilleard – University of Calgary Veterinary School

Dr. Gilleard provided a presentation titled 'Parasites Bite into Profits'

Martin Gooch – Value Chain Management International

Mr. Gooch provided a presentation titled 'Lessons learned from traceability overseas'.

Dinner

Breakout Sessions

Attendees had an opportunity to speak to the day's presenters.