



**35th Manitoba Beef Producers
Annual General Meeting
Resolutions Debate
February 4, 2014 at the Victoria Inn in Brandon, Manitoba**

Resolutions Debate Highlights:

- 22 of the 23 resolutions arising from the district meetings were debated.
- It was not necessary to debate Resolution 2 (District 6) calling for a staged check-off increase after Resolution 1 (Districts 2, 5, 7 and 9) calling for a \$1/head check-off increase was carried by a vote of 71-5.
- 16 resolutions were carried.
- 6 resolutions were defeated, including:
 - that MBP's check-off be made non-refundable (District 4);
 - that only 50% of MBP's check-off be refundable (District 5);
 - the less detailed resolution seeking transparency re: the MCEC (District 11);
 - that governments provide RFID tags at no cost (District 14);
 - that MBP help increase understanding of requirements for organic beef production (District 13); and,
 - that MBP carry McDonald's advertising for free in Cattle Country as a sign of appreciation for their industry support (District 12).
- There were no late resolutions.

Resolutions Debate Outcomes:

A. Check-off/Administration/Operational

1. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers increase the provincial check-off by \$1 per head.

1.A There was a friendly amendment moved to meet the legal requirements for regulatory change under the Cattle Producers Association Act.

Be it resolved that the Regulation to amend the Cattle Fee Regulation increasing the fee imposed under that Regulation to \$3. per head of cattle, effective July 1, 2014, in the form presented to this Meeting, be made as Regulation No. 1, 2014.

Outcome: CARRIED

Final vote on the amended resolution: CARRIED by a vote of 71 to 5.

2. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers increase the provincial check-off \$0.50 per head in 2013/14 and that there be another \$0.50 per head increase in 2015/16.

Note: This resolution was not debated as the first resolution dealing with the \$1/head check-off increase had carried.

3. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers provide services only for beef producers who are members in good standing of the association.

Outcome: CARRIED

4. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Government of Manitoba to amend The Cattle Producers Association Act to make the check-off non-refundable.

Outcome: DEFEATED

5. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Government of Manitoba to change the refundability of the provincial check-off so that only 50% of the check-off can be refunded.

Outcome: DEFEATED

B. Manitoba Cattle Enhancement Council

6. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Government of Manitoba for full disclosure, transparency and accountability for the producer and government funds collected by the Manitoba Cattle Enhancement Council.

Outcome: DEFEATED

7. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers demand a full accounting and audit of all the activities of the Manitoba Cattle Enhancement Council, from the inception of the organization through to the end of the MCEC check-off on September 1, 2013.

Outcome: CARRIED

C. Production Management

8. Whereas elk can cause significant damage to crops and fences.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship to issue more elk tags for game hunting in regions where elk are known to cause problems.

Outcome: CARRIED

9. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Government of Manitoba to return all drainage inlets into Lake Manitoba to pre-2011 flood levels as is directed by The Emergency Measures Act.

Outcome: CARRIED

10. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the federal and provincial governments to provide the RFID tags at no cost.

Outcome: DEFEATED

11. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers work to increase the understanding of the requirements for organic beef production.

Outcome: **DEFEATED**

12. Whereas “night lighting” (or hunting at night using lights) poses a significant safety issue for both people and livestock in rural Manitoba.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship and the RCMP to ensure that regulations prohibiting “nightlighting” are universally enforced throughout the province.

Outcome: **CARRIED**

13. Whereas rural Manitobans depend on a reliable power supply for their personal safety, as well as to ensure proper care for their animals; and

Whereas a lack of timely emergency repairs puts both people and livestock at risk.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Government of Manitoba and Manitoba Hydro to ensure that emergency services to rural Manitoba are improved from current levels.

Outcome: **CARRIED**

14. Whereas freeze-up and snowfall do not happen at the same time every year and;

Whereas Manitoba’s manure management regulations do not have adequate flexibility;

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producer lobby the Government of Manitoba to build flexibility into manure management regulations to accommodate fluctuations in weather conditions.

Outcome: **CARRIED**

D. Community Pastures

15. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers continue to lobby the Province of Manitoba for the policies and programs required to ensure the continuation of the Community Pasture Program in Manitoba.

Outcome: **CARRIED**

16. Whereas the Community Pasture Program provides an environmentally sustainable use of the land and the process has been provided to manage that land retaining the same principles.

Whereas the community pastures provide a valuable resource for the preservation of species at risk.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Government of Manitoba to remove the school tax rebate cap for the community pastures.

Outcome: CARRIED

E. Animal Health

17. Whereas the reclassification of anaplasmosis by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency will result in decreased surveillance and support to producers; and

Whereas this disease can result in significant and ongoing costs for the beef industry.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Government of Manitoba to ensure that adequate surveillance, laboratory facilities and producer supports are in place to adequately deal with this disease.

Outcome: CARRIED

F. Domestic Agriculture

18. Whereas the Government of Manitoba made a commitment to fully compensate producers for losses incurred in the 2011 Lake Manitoba flood and for ongoing losses beyond 2011.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers remind the Government of Manitoba that this ongoing compensation has not been forthcoming; and

Be it further resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Government of Manitoba to meet this commitment.

Outcome: CARRIED

19. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers continue to lobby the federal and provincial governments for a \$15 per head mustering fee to compensate producers in the RMEA who participate in TB testing.

Outcome: CARRIED

20. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Government of Manitoba for full compensation, including the cost of raising an animal, for predation losses.

Outcome: CARRIED

21. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby to have needleless injectors funded through the Growing Assurance – Food Safety On-Farm program under Growing Forward 2.

Outcome: CARRIED

G. Ongoing Impact of the 2011 Flood

22. Whereas the flooding of the Shoal lakes and Lake Manitoba caused significant damage to fence lines on both Crown and private land.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Government of Manitoba to provide support for the repair of these fence lines; and

Be it further resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Government of Manitoba to take measures to ensure that lake levels remain below levels that caused the original damage.

Outcome: CARRIED

H. Miscellaneous

23. Whereas McDonalds is continuing to utilize 100% Canadian Beef;

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers carry, free of charge, McDonald's advertising in Cattle Country to show our appreciation for McDonald's support.

Outcome: DEFEATED