

Outcome of resolutions debated at 37th MBP AGM

The following 12 resolutions were presented for debate at MBP's 37th Annual General Meeting on February 4 in Brandon. Eleven of the resolutions were carried at MBP's 2015 fall district meetings, reviewed by MBP's Resolutions Committee, deemed to be in order and then categorized for debate at the AGM. There was also one late resolution arising following the district meetings.

In instances where the resolutions were identical or very similar in content and intent, they were combined for debate.

Of the 12 resolutions presented for debate, nine were carried, two defeated and one tabled. Friendly amendments arising at the AGM to two of the resolutions are highlighted in bold and italics.

Note: Six of the resolutions arising from the district meetings dealt with a proposed increase to the National Check-off. These came from districts 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8. The wording of the resolutions varied only slightly, but the intent of each was the same. MBP's Resolutions Committee combined the principles outlined in the six distinct resolutions into the following single resolution that was approved for debate by the AGM delegates.

1. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers and the producers of Manitoba support

the National Beef Strategy and the proposed increase to National Check-off from \$1.00 per head marketed to \$2.50 per head marketed.

Mover: Larry Clifford
Seconder: Heinz Reimer
Outcome: CARRIED

Production Management

2. Whereas the crop sector can defer income.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the federal government to make changes to ensure livestock producers have the same ability to defer income on the sale of all classes of livestock.

Mover: Gordon Adams
Seconder: Ben Fox
Outcome: CARRIED

3. Whereas a straight grain producer is eligible for \$400,000 under the Advance Payments Program and a straight livestock producer is eligible for \$400,000; and,

Whereas a diversified operation is limited to a maximum of \$400,000 for all commodities produced.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the federal government so that diversified, mixed farm operators are not penalized in the Advance Payments Program and to increase the maximum allowable limit.

Mover: Theresa Zuk
Seconder: Ramona Blyth
Outcome: CARRIED

4. ORIGINAL VERSION: Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers ask the Canadian Cattlemen's Association

(CCA) to ensure carcass information is provided to Beef InfoXchange System (BIXS) from all the federally and provincially-inspected processing plants in Canada.

4. AMENDED VERSION: Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers ask the Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA), *in conjunction with the Canadian Meat Council* to lobby all Canadian packers to ensure carcass information is provided to the Beef InfoXchange System (BIXS) from all the federally and provincially-inspected processing plants in Canada.

Mover: Bill Campbell
Seconder: Gordon Adams
Outcome: CARRIED AS AMENDED

5. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the federal government to provide more Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) inspectors in Manitoba for processing plants and export permits.

Mover: Peter Penner
Seconder: Tom Teichroeb
Outcome: DEFEATED

6. Whereas night lighting is a very dangerous form of hunting that presents a real danger to rural residents, property and livestock; and

Whereas the 2015 Manitoba Hunting Guide states that Rights based hunters (Indian and Metis) hunters "may not discharge a rifle or shotgun at night where it is dangerous to do so."; and

Whereas Manitoba Beef Producers Asso-

ciation has requested the current Government of Manitoba define those areas of rural Manitoba in which the current government deems night lighting to be a safe hunting practice; and

Whereas the current government of Manitoba and the Official Opposition have failed to define safe night lighting areas in rural Manitoba; and

Whereas Manitoba will conduct a provincial election in April of 2016.

Therefore be it resolved, prior to the April 2016 Manitoba provincial election, Manitoba Beef Producers Association shall request that all political parties participating in the election clearly describe those areas of rural Manitoba in which they deem night lighting to be an acceptable and safe hunting practice.

Mover: Fred Tait
Seconder: Heinz Reimer
Outcome: CARRIED

7. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship (MCWS) to change the trapping season regulations from a restricted to an open season for beavers and wolves on occupied agricultural areas.

Mover: Glen Metner
Seconder: Caron Clarke
Outcome: CARRIED

8. Be it resolved that the beef producers of Manitoba pay a mandatory levy of \$0.25/head marketed, to support a problem wildlife removal

program, administered by the Manitoba Trappers Association (MTA).

Mover: Glen Metner
Seconder: Carla Radford
Outcome: TABLED

9. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the provincial government to establish a producer/stakeholder board to regulate the operation of the Portage Diversion.

Mover: Caron Clarke
Seconder: Glen Metner
Outcome: CARRIED

Animal Health

10. Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers increase their portion of the bTB mustering fee/surveillance incentive from \$1.00 per head to \$6.00 for members in good standing.

Mover: Carla Radford
Seconder: Larry Clifford
Outcome: DEFEATED

Miscellaneous

11. ORIGINAL VERSION: Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers create a history book for the association since inception.

11. AMENDED VERSION: Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers *investigate the creation* of a history book for the association

since inception.

Mover: Heinz Reimer
Seconder: Ben Fox
Outcome: CARRIED AS AMENDED

Late Resolution

12. Whereas having access to the community pasture system is integral to the success of Manitoba's beef industry; and

Whereas there is currently a three-year pilot project underway under Growing Forward 2 involving the Association of Manitoba Community Pastures with respect to the long-term management of the community pasture system in Manitoba as part of its devolution away from management by the federal government.

Be it resolved that the provincial government engage in thorough consultations with Manitoba Beef Producers and the larger Manitoba beef industry before any final decision is made as to which organization(s) will be managing any or all elements of the community pasture system when the pilot project is completed.

Mover: Heinz Reimer
Seconder: Ben Fox
Outcome: CARRIED

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