



British Columbia Cattlemen's Association

2014 RESOLUTIONS

Annual General Meeting -- May 22-24, 2014 – Creston, BC

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

14-01 (V) -- CARRIED.

Submitted by Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Association

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA lobby the provincial government to make changes to the appropriate Acts, Policies, and Regulations of the ALR to prevent more than 20% of any landowner's ARABLE land within the ALR from being used for planting trees for carbon credits or any other form of area based forest tenure.

14-02 (V) – DEFEATED.

Submitted by Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Association

14-03 (V) – CARRIED.

Submitted by Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Association

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA lobby governments, both Provincial and Federal, for a means whereby current landowners can market carbon credits produced on their lands without planting their fields to trees or selling their land.

14-04 (V) -- CARRIED AS AMENDED.

Submitted by Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Association

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA support the process of the ALR review and lobby the Minister of Agriculture [to ensure] that any current and future review of the ALR be represented by agriculture producers; and FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the "Public" be represented by itself and Government / Land Commission are only the facilitator.

14-05 (V) -- WITHDRAWN

Submitted by Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Association

14-06 (V) – CARRIED AS AMENDED.

Submitted by Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Association

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA uses all of its influence and lobby power to ensure that a new ALR framework will be a social contract between [the] "Public" and the ALR agricultural producers, with shared responsibility and obligations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a review process will be incorporated into a new ALR framework with a recommended time frame of 10 years.

14-07 (V) -- CARRIED.

Submitted by the Cluculz Lake Livestock Association

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA requests from the Premier an unconditional and complete review of the ALR.

14-08 (V) – CARRIED.

Submitted by the Cluculz Lake Livestock Association

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA initiates and distributes a final report of the Ranching Task Force's activity. All the recommendations and requests made during the RTF timeframe need to be included, all the accomplishments and failures listed. A financial report is required as well, with all recipients of funding and the effects those funds have on the cattle industry; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA use this report, if considered successful, to lobby the Premier to reinstate the Ranching Task Force, with joint funding for operation between industry and government.

14-09 (V) – CARRIED.

Submitted by the TALL Regional Cattlemen's Association

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA come up with a strategy to attract more members.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

14-10 (V) -- CARRIED.

Submitted by Cariboo Cattlemen's Association
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCCA lobby the Ministry of Environment to provide qualified ranchers the option to mitigate problem predators on Crown land by a special permit for a period of 14 days from the original complaint, and pursuant to any special restrictions applied by the Ministry of Environment to each permit.

14-11 (V) -- CARRIED

Submitted by North Okanagan Livestock Association
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA lobby the provincial government to allow range tenure holders and private land owners to mechanically remove in-stream debris at culvert and bridge locations if it could potentially block those structures and cause damage to their tenured or private lands.

14-12 (V) -- CARRIED

Submitted by Quesnel Cattlemen's Association
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ranches identified as having wildlife damage issues be

assessed for crop production yields based on regional production records on crops without damage and be compensated in a fair and equitable manner.

14-13 (V) – CARRIED AS AMENDED

Submitted by Quesnel Cattlemen's Association
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a hunting season be opened in those areas that do not have a hunting season and have a problem with habituated elk.

14-14 (V) – CARRIED.

Submitted by South Peace River Stockmen's Association
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCCA lobby government to continue to list Canada thistle under Category B.

14-15 (V) – CARRIED

Submitted by Southern Interior Stockmen's Association
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA work with the provincial government to have the Gopher-Getter product reinstated or provide a suitable alternative to Gopher Getter.

LAND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

14-16 (V) -- CARRIED

Submitted by Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Association
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that no Area Based Forest Tenures such as Community Forests, Woodlots etc. be allowed on ADA or ALR designated Crown lands.

14-17 (V) -- CARRIED

Submitted by Skeena Regional Cattlemen's Association
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA lobby Government [appropriate Ministries such as Transportation, Lands, Range, Environment, Mines and Railroads] to educate and ensure that all agencies and tenure holders involved in seeding programs are to review the Certificates of Seed Analysis and ensuring that seed mixes contaminated with noxious weed identified in the BC Weed Control Act are not used on Crown Land.

14-18 (V) -- CARRIED AS AMENDED.

Submitted by the Punchaw Cattlemen's Association
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA lobby to ensure that grazing tenure holders are consulted before aerial spraying or ground treatment is undertaken on Crown land grazing tenures and that a site appropriate herbicide [is] used to allow the grass to regrow.

14-19 (V) -- CARRIED.

Submitted by North Okanagan Livestock Association
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA advocate for broader, more meaningful referral requirements for Timber Licensees to Range Tenure Holders.

14-20 (V) -- CARRIED AS AMENDED.

Submitted by North Okanagan Livestock Association

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA advocate for the management of range to include a planned sustained forage supply by the forest companies, not simply accepting the forage flows that are incidental to timber management operations.

14-21 (V) – CARRIED.

Submitted by the TALL Regional Cattlemen's Association

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA lobby government to come up with a new policy that will enhance the grass resource in those areas for the betterment of the cattle licensee while the next tree crop is growing.

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY PROTECTION COMMITTEE

14-22 (V) -- CARRIED.

Submitted by Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Association

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA lobby the provincial government and ICBC for a change in the status of ATVs so that ATVs are considered as an instrument of husbandry when being used by bona fide farmers to carry out farm and ranch related work activities that require travel on public roads, to, from and on their farm classified lands.

14-23 (V) -- WITHDRAWN

Submitted by the Cluculz Lake Livestock Association

14-24 (V) -- CARRIED

Submitted by the Punchaw Cattlemen's Association

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA lobby the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to mandate the entire Blackwater Road from the Fraser Fort George Regional District to the Cariboo Regional District to be maintained to a consistent "C" classification for the viability of the cattle industry in Blackwater/Punchaw areas.

14-25 (V) -- CARRIED.

Submitted by South Peace River Stockmen's Association

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA actively work with WorkSafeBC and FARSHA to develop policy and regulations for the ranching industry that are within the ability of the average family ranch operation to meet, both financially and in terms of time commitment for planning and reporting.

14-26 (V) -- CARRIED.

Submitted by Southern Interior Stockmen's Association

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA work with the appropriate agencies to have the National ID tag recognized as proof of age verification when accompanied by a birth certificate

14-27 (V) -- CARRIED.

Submitted by Kamloops Stockmen's Association

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA requests the Ministry of Agriculture to increase the bond to reflect the value of livestock traded in the current market.

14-28 (V) -- WITHDRAWN

Submitted by Cariboo Cattlemen's Association

Late Resolution

14-29 – LATE RESOLUTION -- CARRIED.

Submitted by Kootenay North Livestock Association

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA lobby the Minister and the Premier to engage in meaningful consultation on the development of the regulations supporting Bill 24 similar to that of the Water Act modernization.