



BRITISH COLUMBIA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Representing the Beef Cattle Industry of British Columbia

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Special Resolution 2013

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the current By-laws of the British Columbia Cattlemen's Association be deleted in their entirety and be replaced by the proposed By-laws (as follows, dated April 30, 2013) with this implementation schedule:

- The proposed by-laws necessary to enable all aspects of the election of the Board of Directors and Standing Committee members according to the zone model to take effect November 1, 2013; and
- All other proposed by-laws take effect immediately following the 2014 Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED.

Executive Committee

13-01 (V)

Submitted by Nicola Stockbreeders Association

WHEREAS resolutions are made every year at the BCCA AGM; and

WHEREAS membership is interested in the progress of these resolutions, how they are dealt with, and to whom they are sent;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Cattlemen's Association publish in *Beef in BC* a follow-up on the results, progress, and further actions necessary to ensure the success of these resolutions.

CARRIED.

Finance Committee

13-02 (V)

Submitted by Cariboo Cattlemen's Association

WHEREAS fuel is a big part of beef producers' costs and it puts BC producers at a disadvantage to other producers in Canada; and

WHEREAS the BC government has given other agriculture sectors an exemption on the Carbon Tax;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Cattlemen's Association lobby the BC government to give beef producers an exemption on the Carbon Tax.

CARRIED.

Land Stewardship Committee

13-03 (V)

Submitted by Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Association

WHEREAS the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations currently requires the binding of titles when agricultural leases are purchased; and

WHEREAS this policy does not serve a useful purpose for the landowner and it can interfere with the orderly disposition of property at the time of downsizing, retirement, estate planning or in other circumstances;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations amend

their policy on the binding of land titles such that any Crown grant of 80 acres or more be exempt from the binding of titles, and that previously bound titles on parcels over 80 acres be allowed to be unbound.

CARRIED.

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13-04 (V)

Submitted by Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Association

WHEREAS the trees that have been killed by the mountain pine beetle epidemic and associated scattered live trees of other species that continue to fall over both Crown and private fences causes substantial damage to assets; and

WHEREAS fences can be maintained with far less risk of personal injury when the hazard of dead trees is removed from the work area; and

WHEREAS this cost in material, labour, and liability is unacceptable to the fence owner; and

WHEREAS this problem will continue for many years into the future; and

WHEREAS if a tree length of all standing timber was to be removed from the Crown side of fences there would be substantial future saving for both Crown and private fence owners and owners of other assets and infrastructure that would more easily be protected from wildfire due to the fire guard effect;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations immediately implement the required policy changes to allow and encourage that one tree length of timber be removed along fence rights of ways with consultation with fence owners or range tenure holders at time of layout, and one tree length be removed where there is an identified hazard to prevent ongoing fence damage and to act as a fireguard and that no silviculture take place within a tree length of any fence.

CARRIED.

13-05 (V)

Submitted by North Okanagan Livestock Association

WHEREAS there is a need to do more to protect our communities from wild fires; and

WHEREAS fence lines if constructed with wider fence line Rights of Way are effective fire breaks; and

WHEREAS fence lines built a tree length away from timber effectively reduce fence maintenance and can provide grazing opportunities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA advocate for creating fence line rights of way on Crown land that are one tree length distance on either side of the fence to protect communities, reduce fence maintenance and provide forage.

CARRIED.

13-06 (V)

Submitted by North Okanagan Livestock Association

WHEREAS the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations has a mandate to protect and enhance both timber and range values; and

WHEREAS timber licensees receive a stumpage appraisal cost allowance for the establishment of a new forest stand following harvest; and

WHEREAS there is no such stumpage appraisal cost allowance for the establishment of forage and this is severely limiting the establishment of forage on Crown lands; and

WHEREAS pressure from both within the Ministry of Forests, Lands Natural Resource Operations and the Ministry of Agriculture is being exerted to recognize investments in forage;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA lobby the provincial government to create a stumpage appraisal cost allowance for all measures required for forage establishment including site preparation, grass seed and seeding.

CARRIED.

13-07 (V)

Submitted by North Okanagan Livestock Association

WHEREAS timber inventories and timber growth and yield information is a cornerstone of sustainable forest management and modeling; and

WHEREAS there is very little growth and yield and inventory information available provincially for crown forage; and

WHEREAS this information is mandatory for modelling of sustainable forage management;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA advocates for the development of provincial growth and yield and inventory information specific to ecosystem and stand structure.

CARRIED.

13-08 (V)

Submitted by TALL Regional Cattlemen's Association

WHEREAS the resolution put forward by TALL Regional Cattlemen's Association in 2012 to ensure the ongoing use of resource roads by range tenure holders has not yet accomplished what it initially intended;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA continue to lobby the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations that timber companies be required to leave tenure holders' access roads, including cattle guards, in the same or better condition than they were prior to the industrial activity.

CARRIED AS AMENDED.

13-09 (V)

Submitted by TALL Regional Cattlemen's Association

WHEREAS provincial funding is currently not available to cover repairs to damaged range improvements caused by small wild fires when the Provincial Emergency Program is not active;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that provincial funding for cleanup and repairs to range improvements (e.g. fences) after small fires be equivalent to the funding that becomes available from the Provincial Emergency Program to cover damage caused by large fires.

CARRIED.

Environmental Stewardship Committee

13-10 (V)

Submitted by Skeena Regional Cattlemen's Association

WHEREAS the growing elk population in the Skeena District continues to get into haybarns and stackyards destroying feed, and with fencing funds no longer available, this is creating a major problem for producers. We cannot afford to cover the cost for infrastructure to keep these invasive ungulates out;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Cattlemen's Association seeks out access for funding to reinstate the stackyard fencing program to protect feed from ungulates that not only eat but defecate on feed so cattle will not consume it.

CARRIED.

13-11 (V)

Submitted by TALL Regional Cattlemen's Association

WHEREAS irrigation dams have recently fallen under scrutiny with regard to public safety, and many irrigation dams were built by ranchers for ranchers, and now provide many services to the public including recreational opportunities, habitat for waterfowl and fish, stream flow regulation and runoff mitigation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia should provide funding to dam owners to cover the cost of Dam Safety Reviews as well as maintenance and repairs to irrigation dams.

CARRIED.

13-12 (V)

Submitted by TALL Regional Cattlemen's Association

WHEREAS grazing licenses currently carry with them the assumption that livestock will be able to use all available water sources but there is currently no formal water license appurtenant to the range license;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that where grazing livestock use water sources, a water license should be issued to the Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations, appurtenant to the grazing license

tenure, to ensure the continued security of livestock access to the water source.

CARRIED.

13-13 (V)

Submitted by Southern Interior Stockmen's Association

WHEREAS crop losses by wildlife continue to increase; and

WHEREAS the current program is not effective in the Southern Interior of BC resulting in less ranchers participating; and

WHEREAS those who do participate receive no or minimal payments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA work with government and AGRI staff to develop an efficient program that is timely, uses local assessors and fairly compensates ranchers in BC for forage losses from wildlife.

CARRIED AS AMENDED.

13-14 (V)

Submitted by Cariboo Cattlemen's Association

WHEREAS the BC government officials were planning a relocation of problem Elk from the Quesnel area where they are a nuisance to some ranchers; and

WHEREAS the relocation planning had not involved ranchers in the recipient area; and

WHEREAS prevention of costly impacts on hay and pastures will be more cost effective than mitigation and compensation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Cattlemen's Association petition the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to ensure that no elk be relocated and the government address the issue of elk on ranchers' private lands.

CARRIED AS AMENDED.

13-18 (V) – Motion From The Floor

Submitted by Cariboo Cattlemen’s Association

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BCCA petition the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to ensure affected ranchers’ participation as stakeholders in the planning and management of wildlife that impact the ranching community.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to address the following, but not limited to:

1. Indigenous species
2. Forage supply, condition and carrying capacity
3. Population targets and means to maintain targets
4. Budget to monitor and manage
5. Compensation for adverse impacts on ranchers

CARRIED.

Livestock Industry Protection Committee

13-16 (V)

Submitted by Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen’s Association

WHEREAS Specified Risk Material (SRM) is not a major health risk when handled properly; and

WHEREAS Canada’s significant restrictions to the handling of SRM’s has not decreased the timeline for accessing overseas markets; and

WHEREAS these handling restrictions have added considerable cost to the processing of our domestic beef;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCCA through the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association review the current Specified Risk Material regulations, with the goal of changing or relaxing regulation to reduce processing costs.

CARRIED.

13-17 (V)

Submitted by Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen’s Association

WHEREAS BSE surveillance numbers have decreased significantly across Canada over the last 5 years (2007-58 177, 2012 -26 600 est.); and

WHEREAS we are at risk of losing our “Controlled Risk” BSE status because we are not testing to the 30,000 animal benchmark; and

WHEREAS this BSE status downgrade would negatively impact international trade in our beef, and

WHEREAS the BC BSE Surveillance Top-up Program has expired, but a similar program still exists in Alberta, that Pays \$75 per head; and

WHEREAS this lack of an incentive program may be contributing to lower surveillance numbers in BC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC create a new Top-up to the BSE Surveillance program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BCCA engage the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association to promote a national and provincially equal dollar amount per animal sampled.

CARRIED.

13-18 (V)

Submitted by TALL Regional Cattlemen’s Association

WHEREAS WorkSafeBC has more concentrated and visible focus in agricultural sectors in the province of British Columbia resulting in more inspections and increased enforcement of applicable acts and statutes, and such direction, actions and activities can or do impact the ranching sector;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that WorkSafeBC be in communication and consultation with the BC Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Association (FARSHA), and seek input from FARSHA when developing, designing, amending or enacting existing or new regulations and guidelines that affect or have a bearing on the ranching industry.

CARRIED.