

	Manitoba Sheep Association Board Meeting Minutes In Person Via Zoom	DATE: April 14, 2025
PRESENT: Ceri Phillips (Staff), Harold Bosma, Bethan Lewis, Jonathon Nichol, Linda Fox (MB Ag), Ashley Nelson, Simon Atkinson, Arik Lindal, Justin Robertson.		
REGRETS: Ingrid Stalman		
ABSENT:		
Affiliate Members:		
Mission Statement To initiate, support and conduct programs and activities designed to stimulate and improve the economic well-being of all segments of the Manitoba sheep industry.		
TOPIC	DECISION/ACTION	ACTION REQUIRED
1.0 Call to Order and Agenda Review	The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm Additions : 4 CFS Topics, Moved by Jonathon Nichol and seconded by Arik Lindal that the agenda be approved with the additions of the CFS topics, Carried	Motion & Approval
2.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes	Moved by Harold Bosma and seconded by Ashely Nelson that the minutes be approved, Carried.	Motion & Approval
3.0 Round Table Updates	Board members table discussion.	Taken as Information
4.0 Financial	4.1 Monthly Report Moved by Bethan Lewis and seconded by Jonathon Nichol that the Financial report be approved. Carried. Budget: as read on the meeting by Bethan Lewis, Bethan makes the motion to the 2025 budget, Jonathan Nichol seconds the budget, Carried.	Motion & Approval
5.0 Office Mgr’s Report	Submitted.	Taken as Information
6.0 CSF Report	Simon Atkinson- No update at this point. program update was sent to April 14,25 to Simon, will be forwarded to all of board. OLEX has decided to charge for out of province sheep.	

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7.0 Committee Representatives	Predation – Arik - No Report KAP – Ingrid- No Report MB Ag - Linda - Excellent job to Kristne for the presentations made at the Southeast sheep club. Excellent job of combining all the previous talks into one informative presentation, combine the Watershed testing day with MB Ag to get a few elements tested for Sheep specifically, and then add that to the MB Ag water testing publications. excellent idea and we will wait to hear what Randy E hears back. The Mailer is 4 pages , back to back. We would like to see if the MB AG team could find some funding for the classic, we just need a short explanation of the event. MB Ag might like a booth at the Classic. MFGA – Harold - Ashley will be a great asset to the MFGA, Harold will help with the transition of the MFGA board spot, they are planning for the big workshop. Bird studies are happening this summer, Harold has signed up for this program, as the neighbours have pushed the bush next door. Classic 2025 - Bethan - Updated sponsorship, we are halfway to our goal, Our Lamb has been donated for the banquet, We have selected the Judges and Jack auction group will be the auctioneers for the 2025 classic. Letters going out to the MB Government, and requesting for funding support. CCWG – Simon- Show and Sale - No Report Provincial Ex - winter fair went great, triple the size which is wonderful, and it was a very busy week. Shearing and skirting went great, and the stock dog demo was excellent. MB Fibre- No report MB Stock Dogs- Bethan - No report CSBA- Bethan Lewis - No Report	
8.0 Old Business	8.0 Penning storage racking - trailer, penning has arrived in SK. we should purchase a trailer for storage of the penning, much discussion on size and best layout for the trailer. 20x8? ramp or barn doors? see what is available in the budget. Motion: Jonathan Nichol makes the motion to pre approve the trailer purchase up to the amount of \$15,000.00 for an enclosed trailer for the panels, gates and ramp. seconder Ashely Nelson, Carried Morning stars' quote has risen to complete the gates and the loading ramp. the quote is now \$500.00 more, Motion: Jonathan Nichol makes the motion that we approve the additional funds spent on the gates and loading chute. Seconder Harold Bosma, Carried. 8.1 Ag Minister	

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	Jonathon Nichol has a list of contacts, and will be working on it in the near future. APO - Also on Jonathon Nichol list of things to do. 8.2 Website Simon Atkinson has a meeting set up with Ashley of Create Marketing next week, hopefully to have a quote for the next meeting in May. 8.2 Flock Health Neil Versavel and Grayson Ross - will review the booklet when we have finished creating it, we can use the beef book and edit it for sheep. minor tweaks will be needed to make it focused. Linda Fox and Kristen Bouchard could if they could edit the beef book that Dr. Grayson made, and could have Dr.Grayson sign off on it. Linda Fox suggests we pick 5 topics we want to focus on that are important to the sheep industry. small, short and sweet - easy technical management book, could also be added as a PDF to the website to help with printing costs. 8.3 Ag Ex update - Signage made for the upcoming event. Great response from the producers, Larry Auctions would provide us with the web hosting. We need to talk to Kristnie about the commission. Simon Atkinson would meet with her to go over it. 8.4 Winter Fair Recap- Went amazingly well, lots of people visiting the booth, we have a much larger booth, we can have more sheep related items at next year's winter fair. 8.5 MSA Swag - Ladies pom pom toques, we had 25 brown & 25 black, all but 2 sold. Jonathon Nichol makes the motion to purchase another 25 of each colour of the pom pom toques. Seconder, Harold Bosma.	

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9.0 New Business	9.1 Events that the board could attend. Lundar Ag Society would like to have MSA be there. Birtle Fair would also like the MSA to attend the event. fiber show in carberry, send details to the board 9.2 4-H Donations Dauphin 4-H Miami 4-H Oakville 4-H Ceri to get numbers, and a place to get the brushes delivered to. additional paperwork to add to the donations. make sure we have enough brushes, Elkhorn still has the last box. 9.4 Vet Call The Manitoba vets would like to do research on the vet services in the province and if we could share data with them on the numbers around the province. Can also help other topics that there aren't enough vets with certain training and farmers can do things. Ultra sounding would be one example. Ceri Phillips would send information back and Ingrid Stallman can assist as KAP also covers it. Linda Fox would like the MSA to push for this, as we are now reactive to what we require for vets that deal with sheep. 9.5 Research and Innovation Meeting Great turn out, all different commodities, A focused approach on the research in manitoba. one location to find MB data in MB. Hopefully they can come back with something concise and that all commodities can use the data created. Excellent networking opportunity. 9.6 APO Questions, Come up with some. 9.7 Newsletter, Spotlight on each member over the next few months, Simon Atkinson is up first. 9.8 CFS Topics March - They have not completed, Provincial to reach out and assist CFIA to make a decision. They all say they support but wont complete it.	

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	CFS has emailed out a document, given reasons why and given us the resources to use for our own letter and the widespread support and CFS has made a major investment and CFIA has not completed their part. This would be a huge step forward for the industry in traceability. Cable of doing far more, adn ready to go. Some have been using it for 3 years now. sadly we are losing moment and wont help the program or producers All information sent out in the email. We are being asked to put together a letter to move this forward. We are ready to put this program into place, only need to hire staff to administer the program. Ontario are dragging their feet. Simon Atkinson will put a letter together. Vet Corporate buyouts; Simon A and Linda F had a discussion on that, LDG Dogs should be deemed production animals. Small vet clinics are very costly for farmers. We use to be able to purchase veterinary drug for other stores, (Feed stores etc) We are unable to afford the vets coming out for purchased clinics, which also comes to animal welfare problems. The paper is very well written, and the board supports the documents. Local ownership and corporations, we need to find the inbetween areas. Interprovincial trade barriers: Manitoba and Ontario are a prime example. Larger population just over the ONT board, part of the argument is if we could get the provincial inspections recognised in ONT then we could ship Lambs from Manitoba to ONT much easier. The provincial kill and chill plant that MB would like. What do we need to do to get ONT to recognize our standards? The letter is a call for the provinces to go to the provinces to talk to the other provinces to push these things forward. We mobilise together There are items we can take for this letter and add additional info to it to send to our province. Jonaton's Comment, How do we define Corporate buyouts, Multi national. Multinational to Canadian owned. We support the documents as they are currently written. Brandon and Stineback also have the same issues, they only care for pets and it costs double the amount of a large animal vets. 9.9 Sheep Shearing Workshop May 19-21,2025 Brandon,MB Advanced May 19,2025	

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	Beginner shearing May 20-21,2025 Trainer the Judges. (SK have requested) Ask Micheal if he would be able to fit that in. We would need to know how many from SK would be coming. Ceri Philips to book a hotel for Him. Cost for the Shearing Workshop. Advanced: \$ 300.00 (5-10 max) Beginner: \$300.00 (10 max) Judging workshop alongside the trainer: ??	
10.0 Next Meeting	Next Meeting- May 12,2025	
11.0 Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned by Bethan Lewis 9:45pm	