

2022 ASBA President's Report

Welcome to the 119th Annual General Meeting of the Alberta Sheep Breeders Association. It is wonderful to finally be able to have an in-person AGM. After two years of virtual meetings, a face-to-face meeting is such a welcome change, so thank you to those who have joined us this afternoon.

I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to serve as ASBA's President this past year. Also, a thank you to our board of directors: Gerrit, Jerry, Robin, Kathleen, Joy and Andrew and a thank you as well to Linda, our secretary.

ASBA supported young sheep enthusiasts this year in several capacities. Firstly, we sponsored an open class at the Summer Synergy sheep show. This is a youth show held in July in Olds. This was well received and we are excited to see it develop into a sponsorship of a purebred sheep class. We also funded an incentive to assist an Alberta youth in purchasing a registered sheep. We were amazed by the number and quality of applications that we received! ASBA also awarded the Sheila Stephen's Memorial Scholarship.

In July, we collaborated with Alberta Lamb Producers to host a webinar focusing on selecting breeding stock. It was an excellent webinar and is still available to view on the website. This coming year will be a symposium year, and we are excited to continue planning the 2023 biannual symposium.

With the success of online sales, ASBA is gathering input from producers to help support our producers with an online provincial sale. Watch for details!

We look forward to a busy year in 2023 and we welcome input from our 234 Alberta members. Please remember that ASBA membership is welcome to complimentary advertising on the website.

Respectfully submitted,

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