

# WELCOME TO KAMLOOPS



**OCTOBER 26-28, 2022**

- ❖ **CONFERENCE**
- ❖ **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

# THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



## Generous funding grants provided by:

- Knowledge and Technology Transfer Program – BC Government
- Industry Development Fund – CBA RFID tag program

# Conference Schedule - Morning

<b>Thursday Oct 27th:</b>	<b>7:00 - 8:30 am</b>	<b>Breakfast/ Welcome – The Salon meeting room</b>	<b>BCBA/President</b>
	8:30-10:00 am	Animal Health Emergency Management (AHEM)	Todd Bergen-Henengouwen (AHEM)
	10:00 -10:15 am	Coffee Break	
	10:15-11:00 am	Extreme Weather Preparedness for Agriculture	Jim Forbes 4bZ Ag Consulting
	11:00am -12:00 pm	Are Bison the Climate Resilient Livestock We Need for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century?	Dr. John Church -TRU
	12:00pm -1:00 pm	Lunch	

# Conference Schedule - Afternoon

	12:00pm -1:00 pm	Lunch	
	1:00- 1:45 pm	-Legislation update -Animal welfare framework	Julie Hughes Laura Code Jackie Cushing BC Government
	1:45-2:30 pm	Abattoir Industry Update	Nova Woodbury BCMeats
	2:30-3:15 pm	New Technology Developments for Use in "Smart" Bison Ranching.	Dr. John Church TRU
	4:00 -10:00 pm	Travel to ranch for ranch tour and evening barbecue	Big Valley Ranch

# Conference Schedule - Friday

<b>Friday Oct 28th:</b>	7:00 -8:00 am	<b>Breakfast – The Ida Meeting Room</b>	
	8:30 – 10:00 am	AGM in The Ida meeting room	BCBA Board/Members

# BCBA Annual General Meeting

## AGENDA

- ▶ Call to order
  - ▶ Welcome
  - ▶ Establish Quorum
- ▶ Call for additions to agenda
- ▶ Motion to adopt agenda
- ▶ Motion to adoption 2021 AGM Minutes (circulated)
- ▶ President's report
- ▶ Treasurer's report
- ▶ CBA report
- ▶ Election of officers

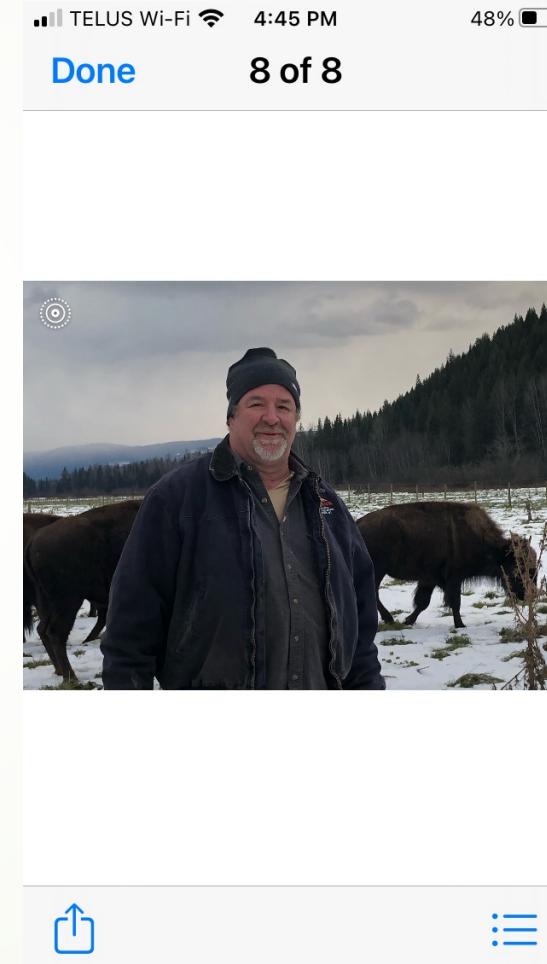


Welcome to  
our member  
ranches!



# Baxter Ranch – Clearwater, BC

Dave and Christine Baxter



# Big Valley Bison Ranch – Kamloops

Chris Kayat, Francois Grimbeek



# PentangleV Bison Ranch – Merritt, BC

Bernie and Isobel Vere, Danika Vere



# Stedfast Ranch - Quesnel, BC

Steven and Nicola Boyd



# Turtle Valley Bison Ranch – Chase, BC

Conrad, Nikki, & Rudi Schiebel, Louis Blanc, Laine Keyes



# XY Bison – Fort St. John, BC

## Cyndy Donally, Bill and Faye Bouffoux



# VKD Bison Ranch- Hixon, BC

Vic Biesel and Kim Grimwade, Doug Sayewich, Winona Woo, Charlene Corcoran





Call for  
additions to  
the agenda



Motion to adopt  
agenda



Motion to  
adopt 2021  
AGM Minutes



As circulated prior to  
this meeting

## President's Report

- Advocating for changes to Game designation of bison
- Answer inquiries from potential ranchers
- Member of CBA working group on AHEM project
- CBA donation(\$10K) to BC Agriculture Council for flood relief
- Sponsorship for IBC in Saskatoon (\$2,500)



# Provincial Slaughter Statistics

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	TOTAL
<b>Provincial Bison Slaughter</b>	414	328	189	211	193	188	200	343	195 to date	2,261
<b>Dressed Weight (Kg)</b> <b>Average Carcass HHW (Kg)</b> <b>Pounds conversion</b>								91,125 (265.67)	50,462 <b>587.9</b> <b>570.55</b>	

Data supplied by BC Ministry of Agriculture - Food Safety Inspection Branch

- Bulls and cows/heifers were not differentiated

CBA Benchmark reports steady increases in weights over past 10 years

- Heifer average weights were 541-550 lbs. HHW
- Bull average weights were 647 – 649 lbs. HHW

# Licensed Bison Ranches in BC

Region	Number of Farms
Northern	26
Chilcotin	11
Thompson OK	6
Vancouver Island	2
Lower Mainland	2
Kootenays	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>

- 1 new ranch in Northern Region
- 2 quit
- 2 changed hands



- BCBA Membership
  - 23 paid memberships
  - One lifetime membership
- 27 BC ranches not members

# Marketing Report



- Alberta based marketer/distributer
- Processes approx. 5000 finished bison/year
- 15% (750) come from BC
- Additional animals sold to Alberta finishers
- Have a set feeding program to guarantee grade
- Majority of bison from Peace Country
- Very few from the south
- Target market - Lower Mainland Retail



- Alberta based marketer
- Saskatchewan based procurement, backgrounding and finishing
- North Dakota Processing- North American Bison
- Target market – Lower Mainland Retail and large retailers (Costco)

# What's in our future?

- ▶ Will we finally get some traction on the Game Farm designation?
- ▶ Easier marketing for our products and animals?
  - ▶ Online auctions
  - ▶ Jack Auction Group
    - ▶ Peace Country Bison Sale on Feb. 11/23 in Grande Prairie
  - ▶ Abbatoir access
- ▶ Increasing member engagement
- ▶ Government engagement
  - ▶ Animal Welfare
  - ▶ Extreme animal activism
  - ▶ Adopting best practices for agriculture
  - ▶ Feedback on legislation – Climate change initiatives (Fertilizer use)

# Treasurer's Report – Isobel Vere

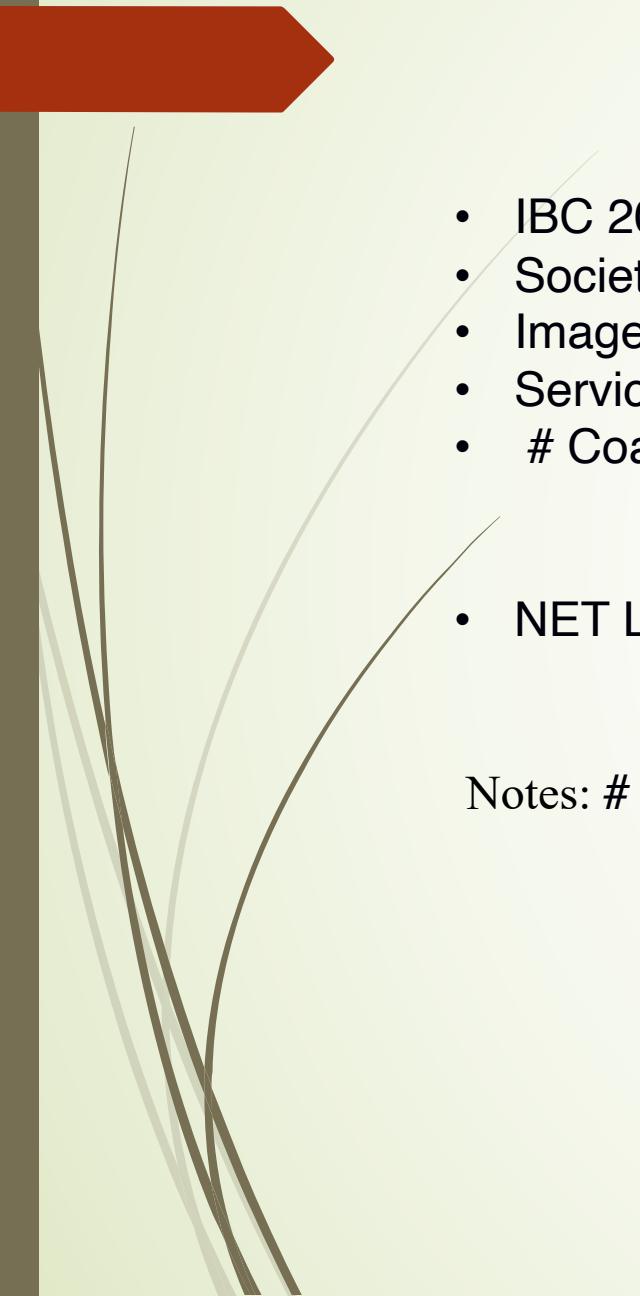
## **BRITISH COLUMBIA BISON ASSOCIATION** FINANCIAL STATEMENT – December 1, 2021– September 30, 2022

PREPARED FOR 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### **INCOME:**

• 21* Membership Funds from CBA – 2022	\$2,100.00
• Interest on Investment Savings account	17.48
• Dividend on Shares	<u>.23</u>
	\$2,117.71

Notes: • Memberships – 23 paid - \$200.00 outstanding from CBA  
TOTAL membership 23 plus 1 Life member – Pat Matthews



## EXPENSES:

• IBC 2022 Sponsorship	\$2,500.00
• Society Act Annual Filing Fee 2022	\$40.00
• ImageBuildTeam web domains 2023	94.47
• Service Charges on Chequing account	50.00
• # Coast Hotel – Dep re AGM 2022 venue	<u>700.00</u>
	\$3,384.47
• NET LOSS AFTER EXPENSES	<b>\$1,266.76 **</b>

Notes: # \$700.00 to be repaid to General account from AGM registrations

- Account Closing Balances – September 30, 2022

• Chequing Account	\$7,189.42
• Investment Savings Account	8,991.22
• Shares	<u>10.18</u>
	\$16,190.82

- Account Opening Balances – Dec 1, 2021

• Chequing Account	\$8,473.89
• Investment Savings Account	8,973.74
• Shares	<u>9.95</u>
	\$17,457.58

\*\*Net Loss after expenses **(\$1,266.76)**

Notes: a separate bank account was established for the 2022 Conference and AGM. Once reconciled these records will be shared at the next Board meeting.

# CBA Report – Les Kroeger



# From the CBA Office

- ▶ Terry Kremeniuk retired
- ▶ Welcome Carl Flis, our new Executive Director
- ▶ Maria at front desk.
- ▶ Terry filling gaps, transition
- ▶ Genetics testing. Streamlining process.
- ▶ Updating website and contents.
- ▶ New email addresses
- ▶ Carl Flis [director@canadianbison.ca](mailto:director@canadianbison.ca)
- ▶ Maria [admin@canadianbison.ca](mailto:admin@canadianbison.ca)



# What we are working on...

- ▶ Bison Code of Practice. 5 year review. No major changes.
- ▶ AHEM project complete. Document complete, going to print.
- ▶ Policies. What changes are coming. Transportation Code, work in progress. Traceability, record of movement, will be coming?
- ▶ Research Committee.
- ▶ Summer Conference?
- ▶ Bison are out! Awareness, start with membership.
- ▶ Bison at large. Jurisdictional. Ownership. Crown, federal, provincial, municipal....
- ▶ Animal Protection Services. Growing numbers of reports. How can we as producers help?



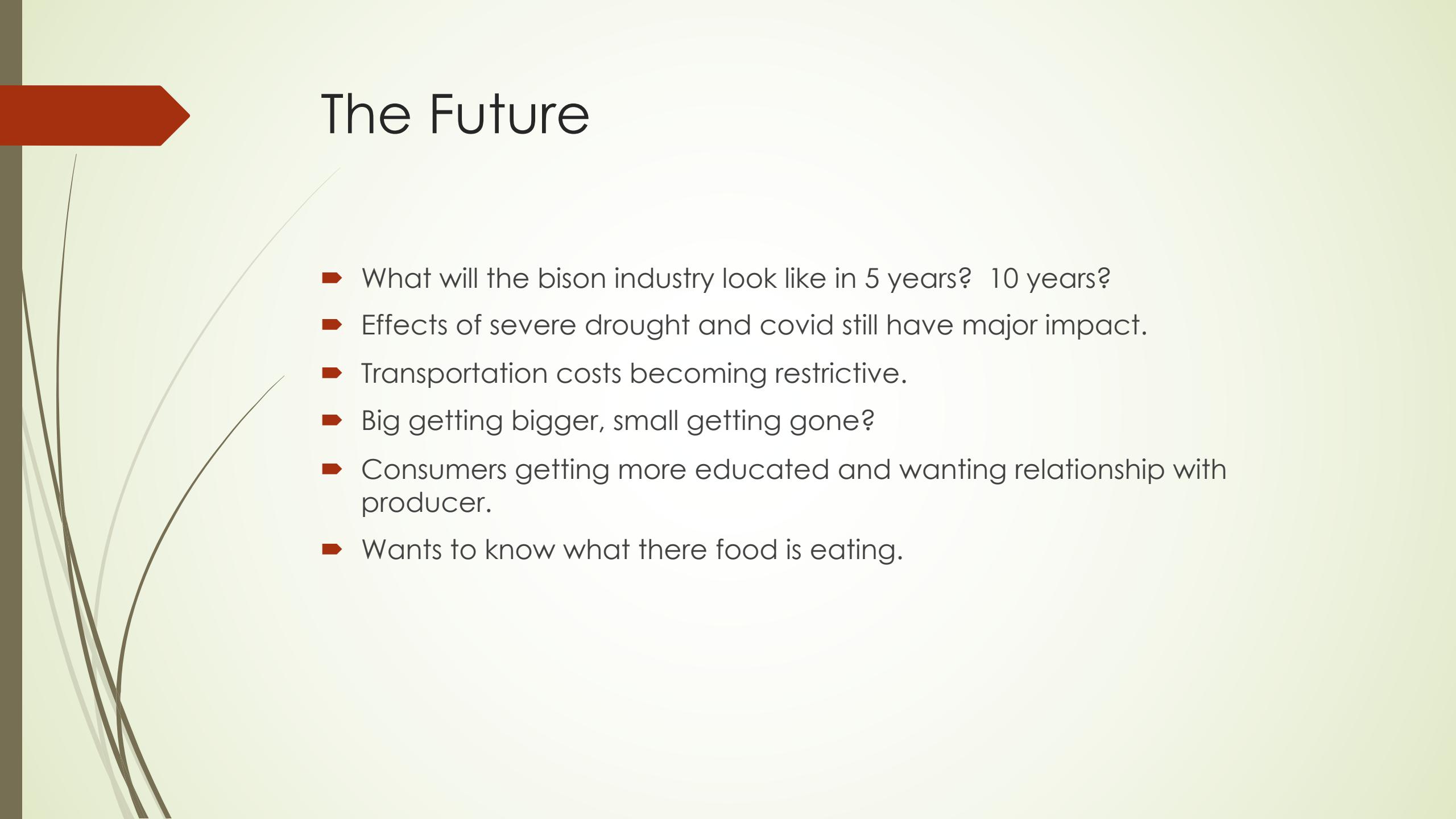
# Advocacy

- ▶ How do we help someone in need?
- ▶ How can you help someone in need.
- ▶ Once Animal Protection Services get involved... high stress!
- ▶ Animal health – physical health and / or mental health issue.
- ▶ Mentorship type program? Alberta has a program?



# What we are still working on.

- ▶ Marketing.
- ▶ Connecting With Consumers.
- ▶ Build domestic markets.
- ▶ \$5000 matching funds for provincial inspected markets.
- ▶ \$10,000 matching funds for federal markets.
- ▶ Application forms on CBA website.
- ▶ Maintaining and developing international markets.
- ▶ Lack of federal and provincial slaughter still a barrier.



# The Future

- ▶ What will the bison industry look like in 5 years? 10 years?
- ▶ Effects of severe drought and covid still have major impact.
- ▶ Transportation costs becoming restrictive.
- ▶ Big getting bigger, small getting gone?
- ▶ Consumers getting more educated and wanting relationship with producer.
- ▶ Wants to know what their food is eating.



# Canadian Bison Association

- ▶ Will continue advocacy efforts.
- ▶ Carl is currently in France at ANUGA with marketers.
- ▶ Will continue to assist marketers developing markets.
- ▶ Domestic markets have growth opportunities.
- ▶ Census numbers showing growth in B.C. and Ontario. Consumer demand high / population advantage?
- ▶ Looking to BCBA and UQB to have CBA board reps.

# Election of Officers

- ▶ Current Board of Directors (elected at 2021 AGM)

- ▶ Conrad Schiebel – President
- ▶ Steven Boyd – Vice President
- ▶ Isobel Vere – Treasurer
- ▶ Sandra Marascio –Secretary
- ▶ Bernie Vere – Past President
- ▶ Sharif Fahmy – Member/CBA rep
- ▶ Cyndy Donally – Member at large
- ▶ Chris Kayat – Member at large
- ▶ Bill Bouffiox- Member at large
- ▶ Tyrol Forfar (resigned during 2022 term)

Call for  
nominations  
from the floor  
and from mail  
in forms



Confirm  
intentions of  
current Board  
members

Election of  
presented  
slate of  
officers

**Motion to accept slate of  
officers as presented**

Thanks for coming! Safe travels home.

