



## *Agriculture is Everyone's Business*

**Dorothy Weetman and Ernie Briggs Resolutions Committee members presented the following resolutions for debate and decision to the assembled APAS delegates on Thursday, June 25, 2009.**

**Whereas** the reality of drought once again challenging the beef producers, therefore,  
**Be it resolved** that APAS lobby Ag Crown Lands Administration to allow leasers to sublet currently unused grassland to beef producers without fear of penalty.

**Moved by Larry Toner RM 349, seconded by Jeff Simpson RM 318**

**Carried**

**Whereas** current crop insurance does not provide producers with adequate coverage and  
**Whereas** a true representation\* of average yields combined with market prices might enhance\*\* coverage and

**Whereas** this kind of insurance would allow producers to farm the markets and could attract producers to enroll in Crop Insurance and

**Whereas** this kind of insurance would reduce the need for other ad hoc programs and these funds could be transferred to fund anew crop insurance, therefore

**Be it resolved** that APAS lobby both levels of government to implement these changes for the 2010 crop year.

**Moved by Garth Burns RM 309, seconded by Stanley Novogrodski RM 486**

**Carried**

\*friendly amendment by David Spencer – remove ‘would provide’ and replace with “might enhance”

\*\*Friendly amendment by Greg Marshall 279 – remove ‘true average yields’ replace with ‘true representation’.

**Whereas** large investors may be using pension fund money to purchase farmland and

**Whereas** individual farmers are required to utilize after-tax income to make principal payments on land, therefore

**Be it resolved** that APAS investigate this issue and seek a level payment field for farmland investment.

**Moved by Ken Rosaasen RM 344, seconded by Kevin Gilbert RM 110**

**Carried**

**Whereas** rail freight costs are an ever increasing expense for our producers and

**Whereas** rail performance is lacking, therefore

**Be it resolved** that APAS lobby governments to establish a board of industry, provincial government and producers to resolve freight costs for producers.

**Moved by Merv Kryzanowski RM 337, seconded by Garth Burns RM 309**

**Carried**