

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association
Board Meeting
Tuesday December 12, 2017
Home Inn Suites, Saskatoon, SK - 8am**

Ryan Beierbach, Chair (Director 1)
Laurie Disney (District 3A)
Keith Day (Director, District 3B)
Garret Hill (Director, District 6)
Arnold Balicki (Director, District 9A)
Joe Jackson (District 2)
Rick Toney (District 4)
Levi Hull (District 5)
Paula Larson (District 7)
Michael Spratt (Director, District 8)
Dean Moore (Director 9B)
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)
Harold Martens (Director, SSGA)
Bill Huber (Director, SSGA)
Kyle Hebert (Director 1)
Roger Meyers (Director 3A)

SCA Staff:

Ryder Lee (CEO)
Leann Clifford – (Executive Administrator)
Marianne Possberg – (Production)
Christina Patterson – (Policy)
Tom Jordens – (Communications)

Regrets:

Bill Jameson, Past Chair

Ryan Beierbach called the meeting to order at 8:03am

1.00 Approval of Agenda

**MOTION 2017-152: Welter/Martens
“To accept the agenda as presented”**

Motion Carried

1.01 Review of Minutes*

November 16, 2017
Lee reviewed the minutes.

MOTION 2017-153: Disney/Hill

“ To accept the November 16, 2017 minutes as read .”

Motion Carried

1.02 Chair Report

- Beierbach read his report.
- Agribition was a success.
- Attended the Indigenous Ag Summit – there is interest and opportunity to work together to better utilize the land and grow the stock.
- The executive met with the Ag Ministry and had a good discussion.
- Attended the Premiers & International and SK Young Ag reception.
- SCA reception was well received and lots of interaction.
- Ryder, Chris and I met with John Barlow, MP from southern Alberta. Talked about trade, the food guide and tax changes.
- Participated in a CAP consultation in Regina. The provincial government was looking for input on some of the changes they are planning to make. Attended the assurance and planning table and the environment table. They are planning to eliminate the ability to hire private consultants through the FBDI, probably change some of the funding available under VBP (improve it).
- There will be less BMPs under the environment side but I don't think we are losing anything that was really important to cattle producers. They are also planning to take a more targeted approach, with some funding directed to certain watersheds and higher % covered. They hope to be able to demonstrate positive results by doing this.
- Attended the first day of the ABP AGM as well as a board meeting. Their delegate system gets more producers involved and gives them a pool to draw from for their board of directors.
- Bob Lowe, Rich Smith and I met with Adrienne Waller, Linda Alison, Heinz Reimer, and Melinda German from the Agency. Had a good discussion and they had some good ideas on how to increase separation between Canada Beef and the Agency – the executive of the Agency can't sit on the marketing division – possibly allowing the delegates to elect up to 4 marketing division members at the AGM – hire a part time person to do financials for the Agency separate from Canada Beef – Changing the executive to 4 members.
- Attended the AGM of CRSB in Edmonton as well as the Certified Sustainable Beef framework launch. It is exciting to see this ready to move forward. The executive decided it would be good to have a representative on council, I got nominated and was elected. It will be important to get cow/calf producers on board to make this work.

MOTION 2017-154: Beierbach/ Day

“To accept the Chair report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.03 CEO Report

- Lee presented the written report.
- Agribition was a success. Events were successful and there was a lot of interactions between consumers, producers, industry members and government.
- Animal Protection Act received first reading. Companion animals were not split out from farm animals as SCA requested. Codes of Practice will be mentioned in the Act as the farm animal guideline/standard. Codes will not automatically be incorporated as they are updated giving the province that ability to decide if specific codes should be in the provincial laws and regulations.
- Attended SaskMilk's AGM. It was short.
- A&W gift to the U of S Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence was announced December 1st.

- Executive met with the Ministry of AG senior staff. Made some impact in discussing corn and cattle production and the expansion of both being closely related. The Ministry is not in a position to invest in irrigation. As was stated in the meeting it is a lot of money, but it is way more money now than it was 10 years ago, and it will take a lot more money to expand irrigation 10 years from now. It is something where they see the benefits accruing to only landholders or licence holders rather than the broad effects of expanding productivity.
- Last week the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program announced that there would be some support for grass burned in the fires of 2017. This is different ministry than agriculture so rollout is different than we are accustomed to. At time of writing there were still some unanswered questions about details such as lease land and the caps announced.
- The TB trace in testing is on schedule to be done testing herds by Christmas. Many herds have been through the process and released from quarantine. Some are still in the process and a few remain to be tested.
- Attended the National Farm Animal Care Council meetings. The meeting marks the half way point of my second term. That means at a minimum I am half way done as chair as there is a three – two- year term max. CCA continues to cover my expenses for those meetings.

MOTION 2017- 155: Hull/ Hill

“To accept the CEO report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.04 Financial Report

- Reviewed

MOTION 2017-156: Moore/ Disney

“To accept the financial report as presented.”

Motion Carried

Governance Minute:

Board members may fail to perform effectively unless they have the right training and skills and a proper understanding of what their role is (in a documented role description). This can have a knock – on effect on the rest of the organization, if it is not tackled effectively. There should be regular skills audits of the Board to ensure they are performing well. Group training sessions can be run to remind the Board of their role and continually improve their skills – Does any training come to mind that the board wants to seek?

Discussion:

- have training sessions for new board members.
- Governance training
- Self and board evaluation sheets for board members.

Old Business:

AgriEd Funding Request

MOTION 2017-157: Jackson/Larson

“That SCA fund the Sask. Stock Growers proposal – SSGA Youth & Consumer Education – in the amount of \$33,066.

Motion Carried

Order for NCO Increase

- Order No. 6/18. Would increase the national levy to \$2.50 per head.

MOTION 2017-158: Ross/Hull

“To approve Order No. 06/18 to increase the amount of the national levy to \$2.50 per head.”

Motion Carried

New Business

Farm & Food Care

MOTION 2017-159: Martens/ Hill

“That SCA continue membership with Farm & Food Care in the amount of \$20,000.”

Motion Carried

CRSB Launch of Certified Sustainable Beef Framework – Q&A

- Circulate requirements to the board. The first phase is criteria. Only first level will be “visible” as a standard.

Transportation Regulations

- They are done Gazette 1 and we can only wait.
- Don’t champion sealing trucks to smooth out border inspection requirements.

Strategic Plan Review

- Vision is fairly fresh – no need for change
- Mission:
 - To develop and promote the success of all production sectors of the Saskatchewan beef cattle industry through effective representation from all regions of the province.
- Spent time doing a SWOT analysis of the industry and of SCA.

Finances

MOTION 2017-160: Welter/Jackson

“To approve the audited financial statement as of July 31, 2017 as prepared by Dudley & Company LLP.”

Motion Carried

Discussion:

To keep Dudley and Company as the auditor for next year. To be presented at the AGM.

VBP+ Management Committee Report

- Arnold presented VBP+ report

MOTION 2017-161: Balicki/Disney

“That the VBP+ report be accepted as presented.”

Motion Carried

Saskatchewan Party Candidates Forum

SCA has been approached to partner and / or sponsoring an agriculture focused candidates forum. No concerns raised.

Elbow- Loreburn Pasture

Want their weed management funds in place sooner in spring.

1:15pm External Representatives

Mark Elford, Pat Hayes, Duane Thompson, Ryan Thompson

Pat Hayes/ Mark Elford:

CCIA meeting has just passed and the executive meeting in Calgary tomorrow. CCA sent out the priorities piece to the provinces. Only one that has written in is Beef Farmers of Ontario. They figure CCA should spend more time on domestic policy and BRM programs including price insurance and margin based support. They claim because we don't have that cattle are at a disadvantage to other commodities. Figure fair bit spent on trade is okay. Last point is “regional needs with a national voice.” CCA pushes for policies that are good for the whole country. The board emphasized that the balance presented was supported, that trade case risk needs to be a priority and that exports are very important.

Mark Elford:

CCIA meetings. Technical committee looks outside and ahead to what may or may not be coming or workable in the future. Looking at different tags.

Epidemiological Study – update was coming at board meeting but not enough so that will happen next week. They had allocated CCIA budget to educate producers on the gaps present not dealt with by CCIA or government. Maybe in 2018, or 2019, will be spending a team out to have producer meetings to address these things and what needs to happen.

CATS – Canadian Agri Traceability Services (also had been called TraceCanada). Still dragging on with Quebec. Will be would up, some legal challenges have been finally resolved. CCIA will benefit somewhat, this was a joint effort with CCIA and AgriTracibilite Quebec (ATQ) because the government said one system not two. Then ATQ would not hand over key elements that it took to be involved in CATS.

Dairy people have been doing more than beef on movement and tracking.

New tag progress- Same thing was happening in QC and the producers there said won't buy any more. So new tag in QC now for sale to rest of Canada. Said tags are better. Some other groups are having the same problem again. 4-5 tags in their stable, problem with only one of them. QC only uses AllFlex, it is a monopoly. Angus tags have been the subject of a lots of complaints. They may go to a new manufacturer. AllFlex gets complaints but people keep buying them.

Duane Thompson:

Attended the Western Canadian Soil and Grazing Conference. Interest in having the conference every year as it was a great conference. Canadian Roundtable for sustainable Beef (CRSB) launch, will be good proactive move for the beef industry.

Western Beef Development Centre(WBDC), as it evolves to the Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence, hired a forage agronomist a while back, Paul Jefferson's position. The support from the university has not been positive. John McKinnon and John Campbell told them about MITACS which helped hire Michelle Similay. Come March 31, that funding runs out. PAMI wanted to continue that on for two years. Last advisory committee meeting decision was to take the cull cows from the industry herd at WBDC to fund Michelle's post-doc position for two years. Industry's half funding and MITACS for the other half. That position is funded as a two year post doc position. That will be in her hands to prove her worth to the University. University of Saskatchewan has a notion to have a Forage Chair so that was why they resisted that Michelle position. There is a role for both forage agronomist and a forage chair. 3 to 4 projects were going to be discontinued without refilling this role.

Chad Ross:

Canada Beef

Attended the Canada 150 event, Centre of Excellence, ranch tour. Attendance included Foodies and bloggers.

Agency meeting- Separation is moving forward nicely, the requests are being filled and the board is work well.

National Check Off (NCO) Committee will no longer be. Agency will do NCO business. Left as an ad-Hoc committee in case tasks are needed. Finances are separated.

Changing to a four person executive instead of a two person executive to keep from small numbers derailing things. Those on the Executive of the Agency could not sit on the Marketing Division – which would deter industry people from seeking the chair.

Funders Meeting – chairs and CEOs. Chad has asked for reps to be involved in those meetings to bring Agency perspective into the meetings and to come away with info.

MOTION 2017-162: Ross/Disney

“To accept the Canada Bee Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

Adjourned 3:20 pm

MOTION 2017-163 Beierbach

“To adjourn.”



Board Chair – Ryan Beierbach

Recording Secretary – Leann Clifford

_____ Date approved