

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association
Board Meeting
Thursday July 20, 2017
Ramada, Saskatoon 8am**

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

SCA Staff:

Ryder Lee (CEO)
Leann Clifford – (Executive Administrator)
Marianne Possberg – (Production)

Regrets:

Dean Moore (Director, District 9B)
Bill Jameson, Past Chair
Tom Jordens – (Communications)
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)
Christina Patterson – (Policy)

Ryan Beierbach called the meeting to order at 8:17am

1.00 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2017-082: Hill/Spratt

“To accept the agenda as amended”

Motion Carried

Introduction of Dean Sentes – YCC Rep

1.01 Review of Minutes*

June 15, 2017

Lee reviewed the minutes.

MOTION 2017-083 Welter/Jackson

“ To accept the June 15, 2017 minutes as read .”

Motion Carried

Discussion – Food guide consultation is very anti animal protein, and talks about environment damage from livestock.

1.02 Chair Report

- Beierbach read his report.
- Bill Huber, Bill Jameson, Christina Betker and Ryan Beierbach met with the RCMP in Regina to talk about cattle theft.
- They don't have the manpower to have a dedicated RCMP officer for cattle theft or agricultural crime regardless of who pays for it. Limited number of officers they can train.
- They like rural crime watch
- Willing to look at options that they would not have considered in the past.
- Possibility of getting brand inspectors peace officer status? (similar to animal protection officers)
- Would be willing to have officers at our meeting to increase visibility and talk about what producers can do to reduce the chance of theft, make it easier to catch thieves.
- RFID tags could help with dealing with cattle theft, especially on large groups of cattle.
- Participated in a call about non reversionary lands in the PFRA pastures. The provincial government is looking at trading the Battle Creek, Nashlyn and Govenlock pastures for the non-reversionary land in the other pastures. This would solve the problem of federal land in numerous other pastures but would probably decrease the value to patrons of these 3 pastures. Environment and Climate Change Canada would receive the pastures and would make some of the pasture management decisions.
- NAFTA discussions lately with the U.S., releasing their list. Conferring origin is a concern. State owned enterprises are targeted but then they want to exempt things on the US side. Broadly it reads similar to ours. Changing the dispute mechanism could be a worry or a positive.
- Meeting with Lori Carr, MLA was good. She is new and does not have a broad Ag knowledge so that made the experience valuable.
- RFID tag discussion:
 - Does SCA ant to try to change things to allow RFID tags to be used for theft or finding an owner?
 - Marts will hold funds for strays for RMs
 - CCIA will not give brand inspectors information.
 - RCMP cannot get information out of CCIA, only CFIA.

MOTION 2017-084 Beierbach/ Day

“To accept the Chair report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.03 CEO Report

- Lee presented the written report.
- SCA is on solid financial footing.
- Participated in the VBP+ strategic planning session. This was an excellent session. One of the things that is apparent is Coy is working beyond capacity and the organization runs a risk of losing him.
- Government can do a better job on their compliance burden of funding.
- Industry can also play a role at the national level with database management and they are moving towards this.

- If VBP+ is to be a part of this industry's successful work on freedom to operate, public trust and marketing, I see more integration with SCA as an important piece. Another important piece is VBP+'s measurement criteria. It is not helpful to only focus on audits and sign ups. The changes in industry practices that VBP brought about are a big success. Public support is a part of the success. The market may never pay for full uptake of third party verification. That does not mean that money invested is not producing results.
- National Farm Animal Care Council met in late June. Part of the discussion was what has been taking place with Mercy for Animals working to bully food selling companies into adopting standards from GAP. GAP is a certifying body that has production practices for all kinds of farm animals.
- A success has been Chicken Farmers of Canada working with food sellers to expose that they are all being pressured by the same tactics and that they all need to stand behind the Code of Practice developed in the Canadian context with robust processes and the Chicken Farmers assessment program based on the Code that also follows robust processes which the National Farm Animal Care Council oversees. There is a cautionary tale here for the beef industry but also a strong success story for the National Farm and Animal Care Council processes.
- Participated in University of Saskatchewan meetings. Although we usually think of the University and its funding being a Ministry of Agriculture concern it is clear now that it is also the Ministry of Advanced Education that is critical in funding the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. Industry's support for research is unquestioned and well known. Future activity needs to reach beyond the agriculture ministry and likely should include funding increasing for the vet college.
- Fundraising continues for the Livestock and Forage Centre of excellence.

MOTION 2017- 085: Hill/Hull

"To accept the CEO report as presented."

Motion Carried

9am – Reg Schellenberg, Pay Hayes, Tim Oleksyn

Reg Schelleberg:

Pat and Reg attended CCA Exec meeting June 28/29. Highlight was the idea of a change in collection of fees to a per head basis. Brenna presented on a 53 cents/head collection.

Reg recommends the status quo. The legal assessment per province is not worth changing. Also worries it may make it easier to contribute less. Epidemiological study going on is costing \$80,000. Shortfall of \$10,000. Rallying support was happening. They made it clear that SCA has lead and should not be approached for any more.

Pat Hayes:

Assessment change would be a change so it would be a number that the provinces would know beforehand. Everyone would have to agree to change.

Tim Oleksyn:

There is very little to report since last call.

They are continuing to draw up contracts on proposals and recommendations from the LOI meeting. Super Cluster announcement BCRC put together some engagement on where they fit, but they really don't. CCA and BCRC and Lacombe and PAMI put some things in.

On theft and tags – any time the confidentiality Act has been discussed the CCIA has said no it cannot be changed unless someone like SCA asked. When CCIA was founded that was a huge part of being able to

get going. It was written as such to protect confidentiality first to get it done at all. Uncertain if this is in the MOU with CFIA that could be a snag to change. Uncertain that RCMP could not get information if they contacted CCIA. This would be more of a case of stray/ redirected cattle then retagged stolen cattle. Stray animals processes could be better, brand inspectors cannot get information, only alert CCIA who then can call the registrant of the tag.

VBP+ Proposal
Reviewed

MOTION 2017-086: Welter/ Hill

“That SCA support the renewals coordinator proposal for \$10,500.00”

Motion Carried

This is a bridge only. Next Policy Framework is also coming and the information with that rollout will inform a likely new proposal.

1.04 Financial Report

- Reviewed

MOTION 2017-087: Disney/ Balicki

“ To accept the financial report as presented.”

Motion Carried

Budget 2017/18

- Reviewed the proposed budget for 2017-2018

MOTION 2017-088: Disney/ Welter

“ To approve the proposed 2017-2018 Budget as presented.”

Motion Carried

Break

Old Business:

4-H Sponsorship – S-001

- Revisited the revised proposal from last month.

MOTION 2017-089: Huber/Hull

“That SCA support funding for the 4-H proposal of sponsorship in the amount of \$30,000 - \$10,000/year for 3 years.”

Motion Carried

Miles Anderson

Expenses are covered by the government for the SARAC work.

Elections and Succession

Reminded board to get paperwork in. Talked of succession and getting others involved on committees as a step.

LSS News

Jason Pollock has been named as the new CEO for LSS. Working on a 2 year contract, working remotely. He will be responsible for 6 areas. Delegations will happen. Negotiations with MBP as well.

Revised Theft and Tags

Cost of making brand inspectors peace officers would increase cost to about double.

MOTION 2017-090: Toney/Larson

“That CCIA make traceability information available to police agencies and livestock inspectors for stray animal and theft investigations.”

Motion Carried

Crop Insurance - SCIC

Guests: Shawn Jaques, Dallas Swan, Jodie Griffin

Discussed forage insurance uptake, coverage levels, predators, elk/deer losses, adjuster variations, corn program shortfalls, early write off compensation levels for predator killed calves, consistency between grain and livestock, and drought.

Brand Camp

Levi and Tom attended Canada Beef's event. Centre of Excellence worth a visit. Japanese delegation was in at that time, restaurant owners. Interesting to hear their take on Canadian beef. Cross country discussion of what Canada Beef is to the different provinces. Did not get the country right together. Some issues again with ON who thinks Canada Beef is working against the Ontario Corn Fed program. They think the Canadian Beef logo is a competitor.

Lunch Break

Drought

Talked about Shamrock situation and call from Diana Lott.

Cannot make recommendations from this removed position. Find out what the patrons are looking to do, see if there is something SCA can do.

Other pastures have insurance funds they build on access fees.

Facilitate conversations with government. If after they think all is fair it might close the book on this case, or not, advocating might be there. Does SCA try to be at that meeting? Garret is willing to attend.

Beyond this – push for pasture management school? Board training? Successful grazing coop management?

Drought in general – if it keeps getting worse, what then?

Nashlyn, Battle Creek, and Govenlock patrons are meeting tonight to decide on next steps. One request is to sell the HQ.

Leafy Spurge – And other Invasive Species

Tour at Elbow pasture. 21,000 acres with at least 11,000 covered in spurge. Spurge in the Qu'Appelle Valley is being addressed by sheep, bugs, spray. New spray is registered by aerial (Reclaim). One area it is so thick cattle won't go through.

Same as drought, cannot leave 40 years as it continues to spread.

This invasive species needs to be taken out and requires major investment. Every area of the province has its own invasive species problem.

Committee to work with SARM? All have a stake in this in different areas.

Act leaves it up to the RM. There is a grant system through RMs for noxious weeds.

Producer notifies the RM, they authorize a licensed sprayer to get it.

Communicate to all our contacts. RMs are responsible. Let them know. Grant funds available for the spray or part of sprayer.

Noxious weed act – and who pushes the RMs? SARM encourages RMs to have weed inspectors.

Landowners are responsible if they have weeds. RMs can take over if they are dragging feet.

Crops & Irrigation Branch – crops@gov.sk.ca – The Weed Control Act

MOTION 2017-091: Jackson/Hill

“That the Government of Saskatchewan work with RMs to ensure they have noxious weed programs / policy and they are actively promoting them.”

Motion Carried

IDF Proposals

R-001 – Moved to ABP IDF to be discussed at a later date.

R-003 – R005x

MOTION 2017-092: Welter /Day

“That SCA fund proposal R-003 – Increasing the yield threshold & enhancing the ideotype& quality of barley cultivars for feed in Western Canada as a joint proposal with R-005x – Developing forage barley and triticale varieties with high whole plant biomass and enhanced nutritive value.= in the amount of \$45,000 - \$15,000 /year for 3 years.”

Discussion

Motion Carried

R-006

MOTION 2017-093: Martens/Spratt

“That SCA fund proposal R-006 – Developing new vaccine strategies for infectious bovine keratoconjunctivitis (pink eye) in the amount of \$50,000 over 3 years.”

Discussion

Motion Defeated

R-007

MOTION 2017-094: Spratt/ Welter

“That SCA fund proposal R-007 –Development of a novel vaccine for protection against Mycoplasma bovis infections in feedlot cattle in the amount of \$149,788 – Over 3 years.”

Discussion

Motion Carried

R-011

MOTION 2017-095: Toney/ Huber

“That SCA fund the proposed R-011 – Evaluating long term benefits of genomic selection programs in beef cattle breeding programs, in the amount of \$24,000- \$8,000/year for 3 years.”

Discussion

Motion Carried

AITC Tour

MOTION 2017-096; Balicki/ Jackson

“That SCA fund AITC teacher tour at gold Level - \$2500.”

Discussion

Motion Carried

Letters

NCO FYI

LMS Letter

Proposal that has gone back and forth around awareness building and funding. Heartland has set down that no cattle will go through presorts a second time. A positive for buyers and producers and industry as whole.

MOTION 2017-097: Huber/ Hill

“That SCA partner with LMS on signage and awareness for \$30,000/year for 3 years.”

Discussion

Motion Carried

PNWER

Joe is prepped and ready.

Let Minister Stewart know about our ask on animal protection act.

In camera

Next Meeting: August 24,2017 – Travelodge, Regina – 8am

Adjourned 3:50pm

MOTION 2017-098 Beierbach

“To adjourn.”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Beierbach". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of a vertical line that extends from the "To adjourn." text down to a horizontal line.

Board Chair – Ryan Beierbach

____ Leann Clifford _____
Recording Secretary – Leann Clifford

_____ Date approved