

Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association
Board Meeting
Thursday June 15, 2017
Travelodge, Regina - 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)
Garret Hill (Director, District 6)
Paula Larson (Director, District 7)
Michael Spratt (Director, District 8)
Arnold Balicki (Director, District 9A)
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)
Harold Martens (Director, SSGA)
Bill Huber (Director, SSGA)

SCA Staff:

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

Regrets:

Levi Hull (Director, District 5)
Dean Moore (Director, District 9B)
Bill Jameson, Past Chair

Ryan Beierbach called the meeting to order at 8:04am

1.00 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2017-070: Disney/HILL

“To accept the agenda as amended”

Motion Carried

1.01 Review of Minutes*

May 18, 2017

Lee reviewed the minutes.

MOTION 2017-071 Welter/Jackson

“ To accept the May 18, 2017 minutes as read .”

Motion Carried

Discussion – Provincial animal protection Act is being opened and consult is to be done very fast. Nothing has been sent to SCA to comment on.

1.02 Chair Report

- Beierbach read his report.
- Spoke at the Livestock & Forage Centre of Excellence. There is recognition that industry played a big role in making this happen and that the governance needs to be set up properly so that industry provides directions.
- Participated in the BCRC meeting in Calgary to decide which research projects the beef industry would like to fund under the next science cluster. Expected a \$20 million budget.
- Attended the SSGA AGM. Not at all happy with how provincial pastures transfer is rolling out. Should have known more or had more together. Reviewed the resolutions from that meeting.
- Matador resolution passed unanimously. Fire fear is first. Second is spraying with glyphosate and starting again from scratch. They are trying to get rid of brome and Kentucky blue grass. It is very hard to access to fight a fire that could get away, geographically challenging to get equipment through gullies and springs.
- Also an advantage to industry to have that old non grazed grass showing what not grazing looks like. Much healthier across the fence. It is a check strip against what grazing is doing.
- Attended the NDP reception.

MOTION 2017-072 Beierbach/ Martens

“To accept the Chair report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.03 CEO Report

- Lee presented the written report.
- SCA is on solid financial footing. The challenge in the near future will be managing the LFCE project while minimizing disruptions to investments.
- Attended the funders meeting with Ryan and a mile marker letter has been sent from all the provinces to the Chair of the Agency. Progress is coming on clarifying roles, decision making flow and separation of marketing from managing the funds. The upcoming Agency AGM is the next event.
- Another topic of the meeting was the Issues Management position. There was support for this coordination of an important part of keeping and building public trust. There are some questions around reporting, responsibilities, funding and coordination. That will unfold as this new undertaking get its feet and there is commitment to get more information. There is also an Issues Response Team being built and Tom will be part of that group. An increase in connectivity in marketing and in communications about public affairs issues will both be improvements.
- The federal funding announcement for the Livestock & Forage Centre of Excellence took place May 26. The announcement was a long time coming and good to get past,. The Western Diversification funds are flowing through the SCA with the first chunk expected to flow soon. Fundraising continues toward the \$12 million goal. A recent call indicates that the University is once again indicating an openness to partners purchasing land rather than only the University owning land.
- CJ Katz is featuring beef on the Wheatland Café show on CTV across Sask on June 21 at 12:15.
- It is good to have the SCA intake and the latest meeting in the BCRC Cluster 3 process advancing. The BCRC process along with the provincial ADF and our own IDF research intake and the ABP partnership targeted call have a lot on Marianne’s plate at this time.

- LSS continues to meet with us and work towards sharing information that will be useful in levy collections.
- Check into Miles Anderson and expenses and activity on federal committee. Could report back in
- Talked about SBIC having big check off receivers on main stage.

MOTION 2017- 073: Hill/Jackson

“To accept the CEO report as presented.”

Motion Carried

9am – Lynn Grant, Duane Thompson, Chad Ross

Duane Thompson:

Duane is vice chair of Environment committee.

National Food Strategy meeting will be held in Ottawa next week. CFA has been pushing since 2010.

Some of the push is a new food guide. Concerned with that heading into an anti beef direction.

Hosting a meeting of national organizations of beef producers and ENGOS. Address climate change and attention it gets. Building a common understanding.

Impact of climate pricing projects. Each commodity group is doing some of their own research on this.

One of Duane’s resolutions from the AGM was to work with others. Canola is done and came out as neutral.

Beef should continue. Even neutral would be better that the way some portray beef. His

resolution was to work with forestry and other industries to show positive impacts.

Chad Ross:

Chad gave a brief Canada Beef run through.

Working towards AGM.

Appreciate the letter that came from funders, echoes some of the concerns that the board has brought forth to date.

BCRC project review for cluster 3. Maybe \$20 million neighbourhood.

PNWER:

No talk about a battle plan for that meeting.

China deal might change some things. Canadian cattle may be impacted.

Bison don’t need branding, but they do need a dangle tag that has a manufactured number that matches their CCIA number. He is a bit disappointed with what he has heard to date.

1.04 Financial Report

- Reviewed

MOTION 2017-074: Jackson/Disney

“ To accept the financial report as presented.”

Motion Carried

Break

Old Business:

CCIA Representation

Mark Elford is the SK rep in SSGA is the provincial member. Is there a plan to have a process to renew who represents Mark? No. Lay the groundwork for that now, not because of Mark's work but for succession.

CCIA goes back to Carl Block's work on getting it started. This started at SSGA. Would likely get quite a bit of push back from SSGA on ownership.

Some discussion between the parties could help on this process.

CCA representation was quite a conversation when that changed.

Can talk to CCIA about options. Also talk to SSGA to find a way to move forward. Two reps? How selected? Through SCA in a way that is okay for SSGA? If we cannot smoothly do it then move to more precipitative action.

What about at AGM as an elected position?

Bill and Harold will let us know when the next SSGA board meeting is.

TB update

Gave an overview of the trace in process that has begun.

Carbon Tax Input

Arnold's place is 1 of 14 SK operations involved in a research project. SK Ministry of Environment for input

MOTION 2017-075: Martens/Hill

"That SCA put forth the position that supports the provincial government's position that there not be a Carbon tax."

Motion Carried

Food Policy for Canada

Christina provided a handout

IDF Sponsorship Applications

S-001 - 4-H Sask -4 -H Beef Symposium - \$10,000/yr for 3 years

4-H could be more commercially applicable. It is about leaders too.

What is the breakdown of the requested funds?

Last year the event was mid May.

Go back and ask for what it will be spent on, and if we can come on, we may want input.

S002 - Canadian Western Agribition - \$50,000 – 1year 2017

Reviewed their proposal. Same amount as last year.

MOTION 2017-076: Martens/Disney

"That SCA support S-002 – Canadian Western Agribition 2017 – in the amount of \$50,000.00."

Motion Carried

S-003 – Invasive Plant Species Guide

This is the only one available

MOTION 2017-077: Hill/Day

"That SCA fund S-003 – Invasive Plant Species Guide – in the amount of \$3,000.00."

Motion Carried

S-004 – Sainfoin for Western Canada Bulletin

Good for grazing

MOTION 2017-078: Balicki/ Larson

“That SCA fund the proposal S-004 – Sainfoin for Western Canada Bulletin in the amount of \$6360.00.”

Motion Carried

Phone & Computers

Talked about how to change settings Etc. Sign up for things.

Request from Brad and Arnold to remove their email from our website. Create a directors @saskbeef and office looks after it – No – just use info @saskbeef .com and staff will monitor and forward on relevant info.

Community Pastures In SW Corner

Govenlock, Nashlyn and Battle Creek with high environmental value looking to be lumped together and managed by ECCC for management with continuing to allow grazing access with a complimentary fashion of ECCC’s goal of conservation of species at risk and migratory birds. Randy Stokke dialed into the meeting. Randy is a patron in the pastures and has been active in SAR issues.

The letter the patrons got in the area was quite a bit different than the letter we got. Theirs was more towards a proposal than a “sure thing” which is what the June 2 letter to SCA sounds like. At the June 14 meeting David Ingstrup, Alan Parkinson and Brent McGinnis were there. Brent for SKLands Branch instead of Wally. Some staff support.

70-80 patrons were there. Doug Steel was invited by the patrons though he had no knowledge of the proposal.

They made it sound like ECC partnership would be a wonderful thing. That said patrons have not been able to get a long term deal on Govenlock. Trying to get a 3 year grazing agreement and they only go 1 year. Now saying a 15 year grazing agreement with ECCC. Nashlyn and Battle Creek already have their plans in place and are ready to take those pastures over. It was unanimous at the meeting to not be partners with ECCC. See it as a loss to producers.

Nashlyn and Battle Creek have some non-reversionary lands. 4 Sections or so each. Nashlyn would be fine if that was not part of the pasture.

Govenlock has around 10 quarters of non-reversionary land. 2 townships of land that was always federal land and is claimed by ECCC. So there has to be some dealing with them. 30+ sections of provincial lands.

The patrons are looking at a legal issue. How can the rules change for these last pastures when all the other pastures have an equity building chance.

ECCC steered away from acknowledging that loss.

What can SCA do?

Have Nashlyn and Battle Creek transition the way the rest did. Live up to the existing agreements/commitments. Would like to see the provinces take ownership of the land. There are options, manage for the federal government. Could go cost recovery on the land, as long as it is protected it should be okay.

Was to be a 15 year agreement with a chance to buy assets. On Nashlyn and Battle Creek. With Govenlock option on part of those lands.

Weren't improvements to be part of the agreements as long as maintained?

There were 2 options. Maintain or work towards owning.

UN agreement to set aside 17% of habitats by 2020. This would fit into that commitment. Leaving it federal removes decision making far from the patrons. Keeping in province is a lot closer.

This group should not be getting disadvantaged over other pasture patrons.

RM of Reno and others are fired up about how province unrolled the provincial pastures. Is this related to that? RM of Reno has some evidence that the land Canada bought would be returned if PFRA ended. RM of Dundurn is involved in that one too.

Goal : Nashlyn and Battle Creek – transitioned as others. Province takes non-reversionary land and develop a program to manage it.

Govenlock: federal land sticks them with dealing with the federal government. Provincial portion of that land follow the process of the other pastures. Deal with the federal land on it's own.

Would there be legal help from SCA to pay for a lawyer?

At least stop/slow down and look at other options. Nashlyn and Battle River are set to be taken over next spring. Next step a sit down with Landas Branch and others to flesh this out. MOE, MOA, SCA, someone from those pastures patrons groups. SSGA and SCA at the same time. See if SCFA can come too. Ask Chad what he is doing. They are not doing their duty to consult on this.

Letter of Support Requests

Lands Branch does well. Some on team are not so strong.

Value of our relationship with MOA should be considered.

Community Pastures transition needs some addressing too.

Ryder to do over his signature.

Pasture Transition

Doing similar as the PF. Similar funding to set up organizations.

Similar on noxious weeds. Similar on access.

They are trying to figure out what the enhanced role of the lands branch will be in new lands they will be controlling. Sounds like more oversight. Likely response to ENGOs. If patron groups are not looking to take over they will partner with ENGOs on management.

Will be working in next while on how to serve pastures best along with ENGO interest. Need to stay involved.

CBIC Expenses

Pay for hotels and flights.

Registration to be paid for the 8 delegates.

MOTION 2017-079; Martens/Disney

“That SCA pay for registration and costs including per diems for the 8 delegates and alternates.”

Motion Carried

MP and MLA Meetings

Passed around the lists. Talked about potential events and working with Christina on making it happen. Spoke of events that happen.

Agri Ed Funding

Letter went in January that said the project was approved for the \$36,300. That was an error as it was tabled not approved. The board finally approved \$28,000/ Motion 2017-058.

For storage and rent he charged between a quarter and half of what office space costs. Sherri uses pretty much their whole office at certain times getting ready.

Admin is 10% because government contracts allow for a standard 10% fee.

They issue about 70-80 cheques per year. Issuing and checking on them is a significant time commitment.

Upset the Arnold and Rick seem to be trying to hire Sherri for SCA or to have AITC take over the deal.

Wondering if this is SCA's position or if that had been talked about at the board level.

Arnold is working to meet with Sherri on June 20 to clarify what is said and done. Not soliciting to have her part of SCA. AITC would be willing to integrate AgriEd with AITC but keep the beef separate.

Issues between our board and SSGA should be between the board and staff of SCA and board and staff of SSGA.

Why not have education work directly for SCA?

AgriEd is a SSGA program that they contract Sherri to run. Not a Sherri program that SSGA administers.

Items:

Letter was an error.

Communications with Sherri need to be done better, she is about how it gets out to the community not how it is administered.

Crop Insurance

Lots of crop left out this spring. Same with predation or any other thing. Every time adjuster is different and each have an opinion in how it should be done. No consistency of message to farm gate. Some forced to combine whole crop, some say not worth it Eg) "... no proof it was a coyote kill..."

Letter to SCIC? Need more consistency. Time to have Shawn before board?

Both livestock and grain.

Meet the board? Rick Burton chairs it, Bob Ivey is on the board. Payment for wildlife damaged crop is not less because it is not in the bin. They have a set value. Precedent is there for paying what it would be worth as harvested.

Direct Pay

MOTION 2017-080: Ross/ Spratt

"That SCA move to electronic payments for board per diems and expenses."

Motion Carried

Board members to give Leann a Void cheque.

In camera

Next Meeting: July 20,2017 – Ramada Inn, Saskatoon – 8am

Adjourned 11:06am

MOTION 2017-069: Beierbach

"To adjourn."

Ryan Beierbach

Board Chair – Ryan Beierbach

Recording Secretary – Leann Clifford

_____ Date approved