

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association
Board Meeting
Monday, June 20- 11am
Ramada Inn – Saskatoon, SK**

Attendance:

Ryan Beierbach, Chair (Director, District 1)
Paula Larson (Director, District 7)
Arnold Balicki (Director, District 9A)
Lloyd Thompson (Director, SSGA)
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)
Harold Martens (Director, SSGA)
Garret Hill (Director, District 6)
Larry Grant (Director, District 3B)
Levi Hull (Director, District 5)
Rick Toney (Director, District 4)
Philip Lynn (Director, District 2)
Dean Moore (Director, District 9B)
Michael Spratt (Director, District 8)
Laurie Disney (Director, District 3A)

SCA Staff:

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

Regrets:

Chad Ross (SCFA)
Bill Jameson, Past Chair (Director, SCFA)
Christina Patterson – (Policy)

Ryan Beierbach called the meeting to order at 11a.m.

1.00 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2016-78: Hill/Welter

“To accept the agenda as amended”

Motion carried

1.01 Review of Minutes*

May 17, 2016

Leann reviewed the minutes.

MOTION 2016-79: Jameson/Larson

“To accept the May 17, 2016 minutes as read.”

Motion carried

1.02 Chair Report

- Beierbach read his report,
- Presented at the Senate committee on agriculture and forestry in Calgary about trade.
- Generally favorable to signing the TPP
- Positive perception of the Canadian beef industry.
- Had a meeting regarding the horn penalty – options are:
 - SCA administer different levies on horned and non-horned cattle
 - LSS charge different inspection fees for horned and non-horned cattle.
 - Amend animal products act to give power to an administering group (will take a while).
 - Get rid of the penalty.
- MLA reception overview – positive.
- Provincial budget:
 - crown land sale ends 2016 instead of 2017
- Lands Act Call:
 - We want leasee rights to control access in the act
 - Less in act/ more in regs
- They will consult us on regs
- Will be able to issue immediate stop work orders
- Lands appeal board will be replaced with an advisory committee
- SSGA Conference – attended
- GF2 Provincial Government Consultation

MOTION 2016-80: Beierbach/Larson

“To accept the Chair report as presented.”

Motion carried

1.03 Policy Report

- No report at this time

1.04 CEO Report

- Lee presented the written report.
- SSGA AGM
- Fuel tax review – will put about 12 cents/litre onto the bill – something to bring to the Minister of AG’s awareness - (Chris)

Motion 2016 – 81: Spratt/Moore

“To accept the CEO report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.05 Audit and Finance

- Lee presented the Audit and Finance Committee report.

MOTION 2016-82: Disney/Hill

“To accept the Financial Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

2.0 Old Business

- Still working on Chancellor and Board of Governors
- Forage council rep – Garret will consider if there is nobody by next meeting
- Rustling case – still waiting on CFIA
- Yorkton golf tournament – Lee/ Hull

3.0 New Business

- a) LSS AGM – Brad is good with staying on as rep. Garret will go to this year’s AGM as rep to vote, as Brad will not be able to attend. We need to let LSS know Garret will be our rep for the meeting.

MOTION 2016-83: Spratt/Hull

“ That Brad continue as director at LSS and Garret be the representative at the 2016 AGM.”

Motion Carried

Discussion – regarding next step with brand inspection conversation about check off.

1:30 David Pezderic – Past President of Saskatchewan Wildlife federation

- Works in the poultry industry, used to have a mixed farm, mostly grain now.
- Very involved for the past 12 years.
- Interested in hearing and understanding issues we have with wildlife sector and issues with ranching sector, interested in remediating those problems.
- Interested in talking about move with government to manage Fish and Wildlife development Lands (160,000 acres). Want some partnerships around grazing.
- Issues to address – land access. They are interested in providing good relations with the farming community and hunters in the province looking to access public and private lands. What can be done together to improve access and relations.
- Provided the card of Conrad Olson who is the management contact for those Fish & Wildlife lands. From Quill Lake (306)539-2421 – e: cp.olson@sasktel.net
- Discussion between the board members and David:
- Meeting with Darrell, they talked about access and controlling access (close gates ect.) also talked of pressure on land and resources like stacks.
- Private lands can be accessed by First Nations with permission of the land owner. If you give permission to hunt, you are giving it widely. Give permission in a timeline.
- Access control is clearly laid out in SWF’s contract with government including First Nations.
- Concern is access to all the land. Access should not be without written permission. Leafy spurge is spreading. Consumers want producers to have a Biosecurity plan, animal welfare plan, environmental plan. Oil companies have to wash down/ but hunters do not ????
- Dave supports the notion on permission, he also supports walk in only. The model in Montana is that access is written access. You park at the gate and it is mandated you walk in. You cannot even retrieve with a vehicle.
- Rick – if we are on the same page maybe we can go to government with it.
- Paula – there should be workshops for hunters about Biosecurity and what the threats are.
- Arnold – Wildlife and Trespass Act has not been revised since 1978. We would like that hunters have to ask for written permission, not just for Biosecurity, but for safety of your cattle.
- Lands Act is going to be opened – SWF asked for opportunity to speak to it
- David will go back to SWF to see if there is an opportunity to work together.

- Game Management Plans – they approached the government a while back about science based management plans. Carry capacities, habitats, numbers are not easy to understand.
- Harold – Predators – high numbers of cougars and wolves are a growing concern. Hunting cougars with dogs is against the law. Would like to see that changed so you can only hunt cougars with dogs.
- Predator control is on the SWF agenda every year. They were asked to allow to use dogs to blood track wounded animals – but it is a hard sell in Sask.
- The main idea is to be able to work together to get issues brought to the forefront and be able to work on them with government as a unified front.
- Annual meeting every March.

2:30 External Call In

Mark Elford

- Not a lot has changed since last month.
- Wondering about CATS being dissolved – talking to their chair.
- Looking into CFIA not moving on reading of cattle crossing provincial borders.
- Having an executive meeting this summer to set a new direction with CATS gone.
- Premise id is provincial government’s job. They need to put the money into getting it done. CCIA has decided not to be the enforcer over something they have no control over so they will not require a PID to buy a tag.

Pat Hayes

- Sask Government is talking about refunding part of the tuition for CBIC.

Back to New Business:

b) SBIDF

- #1 - WBDC - Nathan Erickson – “A field comparison of intranasal versus injectable BRD vaccination on beef calf titres, ADG, morbidity and mortality.”
\$15,000.00- over 3 years

MOTION 2016 -84: Welter/Hull

“That SCA fund the project : A field comparison of intranasal versus injectable BRD vaccination on beef calf titres, ADG, morbidity and mortality, in the amount \$15,000.00 over 3 years.”

Motion Carried

- #2 – Peter Phillips – “Reverse Vaccinology Approach for the Prevention of Mycobacterial Disease in Cattle.”
\$66,000.00 over 2 years

MOTION 2016-85: Welter/Hill

“That SCA deny funding for the project, Reverse Vaccinology Approach for the Prevention of Mycobacterial Disease in Cattle, in the amount of \$66,000.00 over 2 years.

Motion Carried

- #3- U of S – Gregory Penner – “Optimizing ruminal fermentation using silage and cereal grain inclusion strategies for backgrounding and finishing steers.”
\$81,714.00/ over 2 years – \$50,707. year 1 - \$31,007/ year 2

MOTION 2016-86: Welter/Spratt

“That SCA fund the project Optimizing ruminal fermentation using silage and cereal grain inclusion strategies for backgrounding and finishing steers, in the amount of \$81,714.00/\$50,707 year 1/\$31,007 year 2.”

Motion Carried

- #4 – 2016 Agribition – Sponsorship

MOTION 2016-87: Welter/Moore

“ That SCA grant Agribition \$50,000.00 for the 2016 event.”

Motion Carried

- #5-SSGA Travel Grant – Sponsorship

MOTION 2016-88: Welter/Martens

“That SCA grant SSGA \$20,000.00 travel grant for 2016-2017.”

Motion Carried

- #6 – SSGA – Youth & Consumer Education

MOTION 2016-89: Welter/Larson

“That SCA grant \$10,392.00 for renewal of the youth and consumer education materials.”

Motion Carried

- c) Canada Beef bylaws – talked farm business development initiative.
Delegates: Chad, Mike, Rick, Levi, Garret, Paula, Ryder, Ryan.
Bylaws look fine

- d) Horns – talked options and barriers and the need to put it before producers again as they tabled it at the AGM.
Reviewed Board’s past policies
Present the 4 options this fall?

MOTION 2016 -90: Welter/Hull

“That SCA take the position to fall meetings and the AGM, that SCA board supports letting the Act expire and not doing something to replace it.”

Motion Carried

- e) Fur Trappers – break away snares are not cow friendly
There is no interest in engaging on this issue.

- f) BSE Testing – reviewed the discussion with Dr. Althouse.
Issue is some government vets read in the riot act to producers on a pick up
Perhaps some more funding could be found if SCA commits some industry funding.

MOTION 2016-91: Lynn/Toney

“That SCA explore increasing funding for BSE testing with \$30 contingent on a match by both federal and provincial governments.”

Motion Carried

- The understanding is that there be a limit of 4000 tested.
- g) VBP+ - do not know why they cannot apply for IODF funds for a strategic plan.

MOTION 2016-92: Balicki/Disney

“That SCA apply on Saskatchewan Verified Beef Producer’s behalf for IODF funding of a strategic plan.”

Motion Carried

Isolation pens are there as part of the encouragement/funding of \$1000 plus \$1000 for vet consult fees for doing a bio-security protocol. Is pretty feeder specific.
The back log in audits is not on Coy, but on the auditor Colin.

MOTION 2016- 93: Balicki/Toney

“To accept the VBP report as presented.”

Motion Carried

New website was launched on June 15- it is much improved.

- h) Agri-Food Council – Ryder and Leann to attend.
- i) Investment Policy Statement

MOTION 2016-94: Welter/Larson

“That the IPS update of June 1 be approved.”

Motion Carried

- j) Land Act – has been tabled -Missing some of the things from the old Act, including ability for producers to have controlled access. There is nothing stated for security for lease land, it has been said that the Act will be open enough to allow for that.
There is an on site Stop Work order in the Act.
Chris to look into.

6.0 Committee Reports

- a) Communications:
 - Scott presented the communications report as written.
 - SCA is has a You Tube channel.
 - Facebook is gaining popularity.
 - Continuing on the feedlot buyers guide.
 - Producing a SCA producer handbook for the district meetings.
 - Meetings with the Catholic school teachers for the student cook off event in November .
 - Taste of Sask in July.
 - Career Expo in Swift this Sept.

MOTION 2016-95: Spratt/Moore

“To accept the communications report as presented.”

Motion Carried

b) Environment:

- Harold attended the McD's wind up.
- Recommendations to CRSB – transparency is an option to not be overlooked. Build a community, do not discriminate over size or geography. Make it easy for professionals to engage. Make progress over perfection. Fix failures and celebrate successes.
- There was 8967 head of Canadian Cattle tracked moving thru verified operations.
- Producers verified through the pilot project will not have to go through the verification process again
- The CRSB will work with a limited number of producers to increase the number of verified producers.
- Positive results from phone interview with those that were involved.

MOTION 2016-96: Martens/Moore

“To accept the environment report as presented.”

Motion Carried

c) ABP:

- Dean covered
- Sangita Sharma is working on Why Act Now in Alberta schools.
- She travelled the world to look at children and nutritional deficiencies. Gets back to beef nutrient and its nutrient density vs other choices.
- Biggest area they are aiming at are new Canadians who are not knowledgeable about choices and are short on budget.
- Rob Meier gave a report with a video of the Centre of Excellence.

d) Research:

- LFCE was covered
- Janice was at last meeting about forage network. They are thinking we need to have a commitment by the end of August so they can go to the government to try to get the next budget. She figures \$50k – July meeting.
- Had a meeting this morning. Economic Research Priorities. Marianne wants that section to take a bit more work. Our current priorities are more “accounting” than “economics”.
- Proposal is to include research that would find ways to increase program uptake.

Events Review

- May suggest to Bill or Brad to go to NCBA regarding CME conversation
- Struggle with Sept meeting- Have a conference call meeting?
- Discussed need for and amount of meetings
- Need is there for monthly meetings. Do away with September and May meetings for field work.

Extra:

- AgriBiz has handed off F&FC

- Traceability, CIP met, CFIA was telling what is coming in the regulations. One that is coming is a regulated national manifest.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm

MOTION 2016-97: Larson

"To adjourn."

Motion carried

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray rectangular background. The signature reads "Ryan Beierbach" in a cursive script.

Board Chair – Ryan Beierbach

Recording Secretary – Leann Clifford

Date approved