

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association
Board Meeting
Thursday June 21, 2018
Travelodge - Saskatoon,SK - 8am**

Kyle Hebert (Director 1)
Keith Day (Director, District 3B)
Rick Toney – Chair (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)
Dean Moore (Director, District 9B)
Ryan Beierbach, Past Chair
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)
Harold Martens (Director, SSGA)

SCA Staff:

Ryder Lee (CEO)
Leann Clifford – (Administrator)
Christina Patterson – (Policy)
Tom Jordens – (Communications)

Regrets:

Joe Jackson (Director 2)
Roger Meyers (Director 3A)
Kelcy Elford (Director, SSGA)
Marianne Possberg – (Production)

1.00 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2018-062: Beierbach/ Welter
“To accept the agenda as presented”

Motion Carried

1.01 Review of April 17, 2018 Minutes

MOTION 2018-063: Beierbach/ Hill
“To accept the April 17, 2018 minutes as presented.”

Motion Carried

Brad is invited to a July 4 meeting of a task force with Kasko, Lawton, Griffin, to work on price reporting issues.

MOTION 2018-064: Moore/ Hebert

“To accept the May 17, 2018 minutes as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.02 Chair Report

- Land access meetings went well.
- Talking to Ministers about making an exception for agriculture does not work. Need to get permission, regardless of the reason to be on someone else’s land.
- What happens if they don’t care? What drives the complaint? Do I need permission from a neighbour who does not care? Would a third party be able to “report someone”? All questions that need to be answered as this develops.

MOTION 2018-065: Toney / Moore

“To accept the chair report as presented. “

Motion Carried

1.03 CEO Report

May Reporting:

Strategic Plan Areas Update

- Received a good number of research proposals.
- Working with other groups to advance out trespass policy. A meeting this past Monday shows positive support from Justice and Agriculture.
- Sent out a survey to our email list looking to find out what people are thinking about their current industry information flow.
- SCA on solid financial ground. \$4.50 levy increase has seen a few inquiries - but all is good.

Activity Update

- Had a couple of meetings leading up to this past Monday’s meeting regarding trespassing. Christina has been building a coalition to move it forward.
- Tom attended Ag in the City - Saskatoon.
- Lloyd Thompson attended the Sask. Ag Hal of Fame Inductions.
- Ag in the classroom held their AGM.
- Attended and involved in a couple of meetings to raise funds for the Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence.
- Last week attended the Beef Value Chain Round Table meeting in Ottawa and the NFACC executive meeting.

At the roundtable there were many things of note that is to be passed along to the board:

- The food strategy and food guide got a good blast feedback. It is not very clear that the feedback was being taken. There are still concerning files but there is no question that industry’s position is well understood.
- BSE testing numbers are still too low and still skewed to the east instead of around where the cases have happened. CFIA is working on a submission to request negligible risk status at the OIE but our testing numbers are not helping. We need more testing and likely always will. A recommendation was made to revisit the compensation for testing. It was noted that this still costs us \$50/ over thirty - month animals.
- Canada will not be selling SRM removed meat and bone meal until we get negligible risk. Applications for negligible risk can go the other way from controlled to uncontrolled.

- Transport regulations process continues. The only thing they would share was that the content of the comments was not surprising.
- I am not confident that we will have electronic export documents this year after hearing the update. They do say businesses can build their profiles in MyCFIA as a move towards this future.
- Traceability regulations are supposed to look very much in line with the Cattle Implementation Plan. Economic impact work is going on. Target early fall with a 75- day comment period before going to Gazette 2 which usually takes 1 to 1.5 years after Gazette 1. They are going to formally evaluate the program 3 years in. They are building the baseline to compare against now.
- Harmony Beef's tripe belt issue was presented. CFIA is not moving away from their prescription to outcome based before the Safe Food for Canadians regulations come out (supposed to be soon).
- A recommendation was made for a third- party system for EU certification to add to CFIA's veterinarians.
- Fred Gorrell is heading up the international Affairs Branch that combines both Ag Canada and CFIA functions. A very good move.
- A public trust presentation was presented with the question "what will we wish we had done today, five years from now?" It also caught my eye that the things you do to build public trust are what keep your social licence. They may not be exactly the same thing. Public trust is something you work on as a foundation and the outcome is social license. One last quote from Duane Ellard was "communicating the goodness of our industry is the responsibility of our industry."
- The government was encouraged to ratify CPTPP and be among the first six.
- There is a hunt out for funding to complete a study of peroxyacetic acid for application to the European Food Safety Authority.
- The RoundTable's next meeting is in Calgary November 28/29, 2018

June Reporting:

Strategic Plan Areas Update:

- The research committee continues to meet as the latest round of applications moves to peer reviews and towards board discussion.
- Marianne to look back at projects SCA has funded in a critical way to inform future decisions.
- Access concerns are front and centre once again
- The legislation to implement the Trans Pacific Partnership was introduced in the House on June 14. The week ending on the 15 and the week ending on the 22 are weeks the House can raise at any time if they deem business taken care of for the summer.
- There is a push on to get the legislation passed and President Trump's latest actions may help that happen. This would keep Canada in the first six which was part of SCA's lobby points on the last fly in to Ottawa.
- Development and growth of VBP+ is also part of SCA's strategic plan. Look at VBP+ and the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef fit together. As many discussions around cattle health, stewardship and others, it circles back to producers following VBP+ practices would avoid a lot of the problems discussed. Growth of VBP+ in the SCA strategic plan makes sense. Getting people out to those meetings should be working better as the Acceleration Pilot is paying \$20/head this past quarter.
- Election notices are going out to all districts where nominations are open.
- June is Beef month YQR.

- Letters of support for a CAP federal project for Animal Emergency Management have gone forth. SCA is at the top of the list for this project if it gets approved.
- Year end and budget are in full swing.
- Candidates for board positions. Please reach out for help if there is no successor.

Activity Update

- Office is making plans for the fall meetings. Director manuals are updated and to be handed out today. Please update your information.
- The LFCE governance is handing over the Strategic Advisory Board. Ryder continues to spend time on the fundraising side meeting and pitching potential funders.
- Was in Ottawa last week for National Farm Animal Care Council meetings. Was looking around for a successor as chair of that body. The other two producer group reps on the Executive are at the end of their time at the Council so they will not be taking over in December. That means Ryder will take on the last term as Chair if that is the will of the NFACC Board. CCA continues to cover the expenses for this role.

MOTION 2018-66: Hull / Larson

“To accept the CEO report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.04 Financial Report

MOTION 2018-67: Balicki / Beierbach

“To accept the Financial Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.05 Governance Minute

Reports and minutes circulates prior to meetings are expected to be read ahead of time to make the best use of meeting time, Any motions that can be foreseen are best circulated ahead of time to help people consider them. Any questions that may take further research should be raised ahead of time when the agenda is circulated so staff and other board members can prepare rather than needing to respond on the spot. Any requests for agenda additions should be brought up as soon as possible to allow for preparation and planning.

1.06 SCFA Update

- Appreciate the addition to the agenda.
- Application for the 2019 Feedlot school is in the package. Great success again last year. Ceylon and Midale. 2019 Saskatoon, using LFCE for training.
- OH&S project coming up with LMS. Chad and Brad cannot make it. Do not want to lump markets and feedlots into the same lump.
- Workforce challenges continue. Australia has opened borders to white South Africans, no questions asked.

MOTION 2018-068: Ross/ Hebert

“To accept the SCFA Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.07 SSGA Update

- Bill Huber is the new president, Kelcy Elford is 1st vice.
- Just had the AGM.

MOTION 2018-069: Larson / Day

“To accept the SSGA report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.08 VBP+ Update

- VBP+ has taken the stance of an 8- year cycle to the max with no compromise from CRSB. Therefore, a motion was made “VBP+ shall only maintain one audit cycle and shall work towards amending its current audit cycle to be in alignment with the CRSB framework. It shall not keep the current audit cycle and add another for the CRSB framework.” (5- year cycle)
- Motion – That the deadline for pilot participants to be grandfathered in to VBP+ program be extended from Dec 31, 2017 to the end of the CBSA pilot project on the condition that the date of their pilot audit be considered the start of the VBP+ audit cycle.
- Virgil Lowe spoke in- regards to the CAP application – waiting for a response back. VBP+ application to be recognized by the National Farm Care Councils Animal Care Assessment Framework.
- Committee adopted the VBP+ terms of reference.
- Discussed where we want to be 5 & 10 years down the road, What Duties will the National body assume & what will be provincial jurisdiction? I made it very clear that its very difficult for us to budget provincially when we don’t know what the responsibilities ae going to be. All provincial reps voiced the same concerns.

MOTION 2018-070: Balicki / Moore

“To accept the VBP+ report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.09 AITC Update

- Attended board and AGM meeting. Copies of the annual report to the SCA board.
- 2019 AITC SK – 25 years as a registered organization.

MOTION 2018-071: Balicki / Hill

“To accept the AITC report as presented.”

Motion Carried

BCRC Representative

- Ryan Beierbach is the new chair.
- Funding for the next cluster was part of the last meeting, also the discussion on how to allocate funds that are not going into the cluster.
- Discussed VBP+
- Tech transfer network being created so BCRC can coordinate.

MOTION 2018-072: Beierbach / Hebert

“To accept the BCRC report as presented.”

Motion Carried

- Discussed potential appointments.
- Timing of expiration of terms was discussed.

MOTION 2018-073: Beierbach / Hebert

“SCA’s board appoints Beef Cattle Research Council reps to three-year renewable terms. Terms expire after the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association’s AGM in successive years such that one is up for renewal every April. Appointments that take place outside of this cycle will have an expiry set at the time of appointment to keep the one every three-year cycle intact. The board retains the right to revoke the term before the three years is upon a carried board motion. “

Motion Carried

MOTION 2018-074: Ross/ Hill

“That Ryan Beierbach’s BCRC term be up in three years (2021), Mike Spratt in two years (2020) and the new appointee in one year (2019).”

Motion Carried

Canada Beef Update

- Moving forward with governance changes. Approved to have marketing committee to consist of 4 CMC reps, 1 retail/ wholesale, 1 import export, 2 agency board members and 4 at large from the floor of the AGM. The 2 agency directors will also be elected at the floor of the AGM by the delegates. This was part of a back and forth with ABP. ABP wants elections.
- Atlantic provinces are pushing back as they do not have many delegates or voting power.
- ABP said they will accept that set up.
- JBS has stepped off the Canada Beef board. Not laying reasons out, just that Canada Beef is not meeting their needs and it is not worth the time. Chad has seen 3 different reps during his few years.
- In their place Russ Mallard from Atlantic Beef Is replacing JBS’s rep.
- Garnet Thoms from Ontario passed away. Jack Chaffe is the new rep from BFO.
- Chad is up for nomination and would let his name stand.

MOTION 2018-075: Welter / Day

“That Chad Ross be Saskatchewan’s nominee for the Agency Board.”

Motion Carried

MOTION 2018-076: Ross / Beierbach

“That the Canada Beef Report be accepted as presented.”

Motion Carried

Delegates: Rick Toney, Ryan Beierbach, Garret Hill, Paula Larson, Pat Hayes, Duane Thompson, Ryan Thompson, Ryder Lee.

Nominations to Marketing Committee

- Mike Guest from Western Prime Meats and distillery from Weyburn is willing to stand. Everyone to have suggestions to Ryder by this coming Monday.

CCIA Update

- Reviewed the happenings in SCA's denied application to become a member. Something to bring up with CCA reps.

BVCRT review

- BCRC will fund 1/3 of the peroxyacetic acid work. Looking to other funders including federal government.

ABP Semi-Annual

- Dean attended.
- Very similar issues as to ours. A big push to one voice in AB. One voice is stronger voice, more listen to one etc.
- \$2.5 million of refundable returned last year. 850 producer majority was to 20 entities.
- Plastic recycling presentation. Looking for industry to pay, enforcement, prairies wide with a goal of 70% recycled material. After his 30minute spiel, its clear these are ideas, not a solid plan.
- UFA talked about medications and prescriptions to be able to keep selling prescription products. Looking to set up pharmacies but companies not supportive.

MOTION 2018-077: Moore/ Hull

“To accept the report as presented.”

Motion Carried

Sponsorship

S-001 SCFA – 2019 Western Canada Feedlot School - \$15,000.

MOTION 2018-078; Hull / Day

“That SCA fund the SCFA – 2019 Western Canada Feedlot School in the amount of \$15,000.00.”

Motion Carried

S- 004 Farm Management Canada – Travel Fund for Sask. Beef Farmers to attend Agricultural Excellence Conference (ag EX) 2018 - \$25,000.00.

MOTION 2018-079: Balicki / Day

“That SCA deny funding for – FMC proposal - Travel Fund for Sask. Beef Farmers to attend Agricultural Excellence Conference (ag EX) 2018.”

Motion to Deny Carried

S-005 – Sask. Forage Council

- More info needed

S-006 South Sask. River Watershed Stewards Inc – Showcasing exclusion livestock fencing to improve Riparian Health along the South Saskatchewan River. - \$3,500.00

MOTION 2018-080: Hill/ Larson

“That SCA fund the South Sask. River Watershed Stewards Inc – Showcasing exclusion livestock fencing to improve Riparian Health along the South Saskatchewan River in the amount of - \$3,500.00.”

Motion Carried

S-007 Sask. VBP+ - VBP+ training, promotion & delivery in Sask. - \$90,000.

MOTION 2018-081: Welter / Hill

“That SCA fund the Sask. VBP+ - VBP+ training, Promotion & delivery in Sask. in the amount of \$72,000.00.

Motion Carried

Discussion:

- Government funding will have a \$15,000. Cap.
- 6009 cattle producers fall under the \$50K min income cap for ministry funding.
- Proposal to prorate amount they could receive.

S-009 Canadian Western Agribition – 2019 - \$50,000.

MOTION 2018-082: Day / Beierbach

“That SCA fund the Canadian Western Agribition in the amount of \$50,000.00.”

Motion Carried

S-010 Prairie Conservation & Endangered Species Conference - \$2,500.00

MOTION 2018-083: Day/ Larson

“That SCA fund the Prairie Conservation & Endangered Species Conference in the amount of \$2,500.00.”

Motion Carried

Discussion:

- Sending people would be better than sponsoring
- Keith volunteered, overlaps with SODCAP work. Garret as well.

S-011 No Sugar Tonight – Diabetes Camp for Kids

MOTION 2018-084; Balicki / Hill

“That SCA fund – No Sugar Tonight- Send kids to Camp in the amount of \$5,000.00 and approach Thinkbeef.ca for partnering.”

Motion Carried

Board Handbook

- Ran through the renewed board member handbook

Board Evaluations and Review

- Reviewed the information gathered and changes already implemented.

Provincial Rural Crime Watch Organization

- Arnold has been working towards a rural crime watch. Ministry touch point was John Greuel.
- Start up meeting is happening with SARM’s work. They invited Arnold to attend.
- There is funding through the Proceeds of Crime Pool.
- Offered to help other areas looking to set one up.

CIPARS – Canadian Integrated Program for Antimicrobial Resistance

- Let the administration of Saskatchewan Government funds flow through BCRC.

Letters – In and Out

- Reviewed the letters in the package.

Guest Call

Monica Hadarits – CRSB

- Talked about the link between VBP+ and CRSB.
- CRSB won't be the auditing body, they set the framework. Kind of sounds like National Farm Animal Care Council -who keeps processes- but others do the work following those processes.
- End goal is if VBP+ certified then CRSB certified.
- How to be on the pilot: be CRSB Certified (VBP+), be on BIXS, Age verify or complete move in reports in the CLS database through BIXS or CCIA.
- Concern that there are gaps when selling off your place via auction you don't know if the buyer is going to be on the program or not.

External Calls

Ryan Thompson

- Trade is an ever- changing piece. Keep pushing on CPTPP to get in on the ground floor.
- Canadian Beef Industry Conference – would like NCFA to be full members and put \$20,000 in.
- Not in budget and did not feel right going back for more funds. Will continue being involved as “associate partner.” If there are strong feelings to revisit NCFA will. SCA already puts in via Canadian Cattlemen's Association.
- Electronic logging devices is still a concern.
- National Beef Strategy is getting started – working on beef advisors.
- What should be changed, dropped, new things – Get feedback to Ryan and Bryan before CBIC.

Duane Thompson

- Enviro side – TESA winner from SK is Blain Hjertaas. Judges will pick national before the CBIC
- Royal Ontario Museum's display saying cattle ranching is destroying the grasslands of the world. Ducks and conservation groups wrote a letter first asking for it to be addressed with no reply. CCA asking if they could meet.
- Nature Conservatory wants to meet on a dual conclusion outcome. Meet with a few cattle industry representatives and work out a few policies. World branch is concerned about easement recognition. CRSB meeting in Regina during calving was missed. Bob Lowe attended.
- Was called about price reporting and would like some explanation. He would like a written explanation as to why SK is not supporting it.

Tim Oleksyn

- SCA thanked Tim for all his hard work at BCRC over the years. Ryan Beierbach is the new chair.
- Ryan will also be engaged on the Beef Advisors too. Aug 16 is their next meeting.
- There is a strong need in holding forth on the National Strategy. Public Trust, regulatory burden etc.
- Real focus and responsibility is solidifying the National Checkoff and getting allocations sorted out.

- Keep in mind the importance of the Beef value Chain Round Table and Economic Strategy Table and the need to be engaged in these things. Murad Al-Katib chairs the Economic table only. Only Allison Sunstrom for beef is involved with any beef background.

Calendar Reviewed

Forage Insurance Working Group

- Frost damage, corn coverage. Get another meeting

Lease Allocation Process

- Yes - to overhauling, but No- to highest bidders.
- Need to be part of the process

MNP Guests – David Engdahl , Ryan Kerig (Tax guy), Roxanne Olynyk (beef cattle specialist)

- Deferred grain ticket were brought in to help spread delivery receipts during Canada Wheat Board era. Helped alleviate the quotas calls being sold at once. Also tied into cash basis for accounting. Did not want grains from the fall harvest not being moved until the winter. Feds backed the program as they wanted grain to move smoothly.
- Only certain grains are allowed to be deferred. Wheat, oats, barley, canola, canary seed. Can not defer lentils/ peas.
- Lists specific qualities of grain.
- Approx. a year ago the government tried to take away this tool, deferred tickets. It was over run by capital gains and other proposals. Quietly in November they abandoned the commitment to removing the deferral system. – so this may be a struggle to get something that has a short shelf life left. Government looking to get rid of the tool.
- No more Canada Wheat Board, the government 's driving policy for having it is wavering and they are looking to get out.
- Drought deferral decision often is not made until well into following year. It would make sense if producers could do more income deferral as a risk management tool.
- Drought is one drive, make it a producer- based decision.
- Drought can make a cattle producer have to sell two crops in one year and cannot put the tax into the next year until the Finance Minister decides.
- ADVISE: Has to be legislative change at the federal level to get this. There is a “we are different” case that is real. In drought you sell two crops you also hammer your AgriStability averages. It whammies your management, all of a sudden you are paying a bunch to feed those cattle into the next year and that is not so good.

MOTION 2018-085: Balicki / Moore

“That the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association lobby for income deferral on cattle sales.”

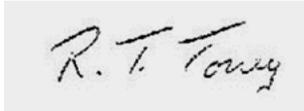
Motion Carried

Next Meeting July 19, 2018 – Travelodge, Regina,SK – 8am

Adjourned 2:50pm

MOTION 2018-086; Toney

“To adjourn.”

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. T. Toney".

Board Chair – Rick Toney

Recording Secretary – Leann Clifford

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