

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday October 18, 2016  
Sandman Inn - Regina**

**Attendance:**

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

**SCA Staff:**

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

**Regrets:**

Larry Grant (Director, District 3B)  
Paula Larson (Director, District 7)

Ryan Beierbach called the meeting to order at 8:05am

**1.00 Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION 2016-154: Beierbach/Ross**  
"To accept the agenda as amended"

**Motion Carried**

**1.01 Review of Minutes\***  
September 21, 2016.  
Lee reviewed the minutes.

**MOTION 2016-155: Beierbach/Martens**  
"To accept the September 21, 2016 minutes as presented."

**Motion Carried**

### 1.02 Chair Report

- Beierbach read his report,
- Participated in the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef Conference. Allowed people from around the world to see what we are doing in Canada as well as what is happening in other parts of the world regarding sustainability.
- The CRSB wants to sign up producers to test the indicators and verification this fall –
- Are planning to move forward quickly with verification framework and policy.
- Have a spot on the website for producers to sign up for verification.
- Life cycle assessment results presented, the report is out. They are going to put money away every year to fund the next one in 5-8 years.
- Indicators will be reviewed and revised every 5 years.
- Plan to be completed in the spring -summer 2017.
- Looking for a 1 yr contract person to work on verification.
- GRSB Directors meeting
- Presentations are available on line
- Antimicrobial Technical Working Group – Texas A&M did a huge research review. Media has been overstating the negatives, it is actually more nuanced.
- GRSB will be publishing white paper on it – working on how to really get the message out

#### **MOTION 2016-156: Toney/Moore**

**“To accept the Chair Report as presented.”**

**Motion Carried**

### 1.03 CEO Report

- Lee presented the written report.
- The Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef conference was interesting to attend.
- My main aim at the conference was around fundraising for the Livestock & Forage Centre of Excellence. Positive.
- Frustrations with provincial inspections seem to be getting addressed. Discussion on checkoff remittance has also been positive as uniformity is a continued goal. Confident that we can manage the levy collection at the best value for producers.
- Policy review session have come to the attention and needs addressing. The goal is to have a living document that better guides current and future staff and directors on how the organization runs.
- SCIC are not on board with added more hours to Monday nights. The solution is to call each WLPIP policy holder the Friday before the first Monday they can trigger a claim and make sure they know how claims can be triggered.
- Agribition is around the corner. The Saturday before is the first high schools of Regina beef cook off.

#### **MOTION 2016-157: Beierbach**

**“To accept the CEO report as presented.”**

**Motion Carried**

**9am – Tim Oleksyn, Les Johnson, Ryan Thompson, Shane Klepak  
Regrets, Reg Schellenberg, Mark Elford, Pat Hayes**

**Tim Oleksyn:**

- BCRC
- Andrea and Reynold are in Ottawa again dealing with formulation of Cluster 3 and Next Policy Framework, administration and such.
- Research strategy will have some adjustment, aim to complete before Beef Value Chain Round Table end of Nov.
- Working on VBP+ workings.
- Most important topic is antimicrobial aspect. Reynold went to Saskatoon meeting with vet college and Sask Ag. Lots to solve around animal-human - pet health.
- Classification of antimicrobials is different between Canada and the US for ionophores that needs to be identical.
- Will have more to report on Canadian Beef Advisors next call.

**Ryan Thompson:**

- NCFA
- Ottawa meetings - Agriculture and Agri Food Canada re: China – not an easy go
- Met with Goodale and focused on rural infrastructure.
- Met with Minister MacAuley on number of issues: Trade, TPP, China, labour.
- Minister of Labour is not on board with HUMA committee recommendations so Ag Minister needs to champion ag workforce needs.
- Transport times for drivers.
- Says both organizations want to see FLAT as part of VBP+. Not sure where CCA is at on overarching
- NCFA wants to maintain a technical committee so it can evolve as needed.
- Point made that recognize there are different programs but not say one is better, just different.

**Shane Klepak:**

- YCC
- Laura Bodell and Shane will be going to Denver to represent YCC
- YCC has been discussing how to add value to provincial organizations
- AGMs are this year and are booked up. Currently YCC is exploring hosting a young producers meeting at AGMs. Focus on issues young producers are facing. Aim to set up a room for networking between attendees. Open to anyone but aimed at the young producer.
- YCC promoting provincial website.

**Les Johnson:**

- CRSB
- Release of the sustainability assessment. Garret Hill was one of the surveyed producers. It was a two year study and the results are highlighted.
- Pro-Action webinar was very interesting. Question at the end about uptake
- Of the 12,000 producers they are at acceptance with some resistance. Will see similar from beef industry.
- Looks like VBP+ program will be preferred audit for sustainable beef
- Plan for beta testing the verification protocol – Just coming out so not quite sure yet. Needs results by spring so push will be on.

**Chad Ross:**

- Canada Beef
- Had a special board meeting regarding CEO departure.
- Ron Glaser and Michael Shitu are heading things up
- Michelle Macatoo came over from Kraft who will be leading communications and branding.
- Issue management will report to Canadian Beef Advisors (CB, NCFA, BCRC, CBBC, CCA). Pilot project evaluated after a year.
- Linda Allison struck a committee to hire a new CEO.
- Aim for agreements is to get draft done by end of October. Challenge is coming from Ontario.
- Next board meeting is in November in Calgary.

Reg send his regrets but reported:

- Next CBIC in Calgary one more time, then onto Ontario, and BC.
- He will be at the Traceability Symposium.

**External Rep call ended 10:04am**

**1.04 Financial Report**

- Reviewed

**MOTION 2016-158: Martens-Disney**

**“ To accept the financial report as presented.”**

**Motion Carried**

**Communications Report**

- District meetings being advertised on the radio
- Producer handbook to be done Oct 20.
- Social media follower increase.
- Virtual reality video to have debut at Agribition.
- Chinook School division Career expo was a success.
- Regina catholic school cooking contest November 19.
- Beef cattle Buyers Guide in progress.

**Report Accepted into Minutes**

**Beef Production Specialist Report**

- Extension meeting in Saskatoon noted the initiatives in provinces all over the country. The break-out sessions in the afternoon noted the problems that we have in the industry which need consideration.
- Met with researchers from the University to brainstorm possible project ideas.
- The presentation for the Ag Economics Dept. and beef on a bun was well attended.
- An online calendar has been set up and populated with events from Saskatchewan. Please visit [saskbeef.com](http://saskbeef.com) for more info.
- Continue to work thru the ADF research proposals.

- Hoping to get some input into potential ADOPT projects.
- Would SCA like to be a member of AgWest Bio for an annual cost of \$350.00?

**MOTION 2016-159: Thompson/Hill**  
**“ To join AgWest Bio.”**

**Motion Carried**

**Report Accepted into Minutes**

**3.0 Old Business**

- a) Ottawa Fly in
  - Rick and Laurie will go.
- b) BSE Testing
  - Vets are not on board due to the high cost of doing the job and the low compensation.

**AITC Report:**

- Balicki presented
- They are going to need a home soon approx 12 people in the present space.
- Ongoing fund raising ideas explored
- Strategic plan in progress.

**MOTION 2016-160: Balicki / Toney**  
**‘ To accept the AITC report as presented.’**

**Motion Carried**

**VBP+ Report**

- Balicki presented
- VBP+ management committee meeting was held in Calgary.
- Increase funding
- Next meeting needs more information

Guest : Doug Johnson- Executive Director, Special Projects from Saskatchewan Watershed Authority.

- His job is to bring regulations and legislation into action. They are making progress.
- Conservation and development Area Authorities.
- Watershed authorities are more along RMs.
- All drainage since 1981 need approval but compliance rates have been very low <5%>.
- New regulations – all drainage work requires a permit.
- Three risks they are trying to manage – potential for flooding, impact on water quality and habitat.
- Doug.johnson @wsask.ca 306-694-3959 cell – 306-631-0740
- First nations Lands are not included in this
- They do have the authority to close works. But it is 30 days . If they do not close themselves they will bill them. They can charge for failure to comply \$10,000 plus \$1000/day. Working on upping that. Will it still be 30 days?

- RMs do not have the authority to approve drainage. They can give approval to put water into a ditch, but they should advise to work with the Watershed Authority and advise only if it is an approved ditch.

#### **4.0 New Business**

##### **SCAIDF**

- Would the board support funding a graduate student? It would not be a dedicated fund set up as it would flex with the demand from supervising professors. They would apply and SCAIDF would decide.
- They would also be applying to MITACS who would match funds we provide.
- Stipulation could also include ongoing communications with SCA staff to ensure work is of ongoing importance.
- This does not lock SCA into spending funds. It allows for new ways.

##### **MOTION 2016-161: Welter/ Spratt**

**“ That SCA institute an application form and process for research projects for graduate student funding for supervising professors researching items of importance to the Saskatchewan beef cattle industry.”**

**Motion Carried**

##### **Research Committee and SCAIDF Committee**

- Discussion – redundancy of the two committees. Recommendations still ultimately go to the board for final approval or disapproval.

##### **MOTION 2016-162: Spratt/ Welter**

**“That the SCAIDF committee be dissolved with research proposals to go to the Research committee for consideration and all other SCAIDF proposals going direct to the Board.”**

**Motion Carried**

Policy Review:

External policies tabled until next meeting. Homework for everyone.

#### **Foundational Policies (those motions that guide or bind the organization)**

**2009-071** –(Strike a committee to work with industry partners who are not represented at the SCA board table ( Later named -Industry Stakeholder Forum Working Group)  
Have not had and does not seem like a clamour exists to create this.

##### **MOTION 2016-163: Balicki/Disney**

**“To rescind Motion 2009-071.”**

**Carried**

**2009-120** – (SCA format a regular publication to producers.)

Magazine is suspended and will depend on communications tactics of the day.

**MOTION 2016-164: Lynn/Hill**  
**"To Rescind Motion 2009-120."**

**Carried**

**2010-083** –(\$100 for every board member per year to cover off incidentals to be claimed on an SCA expense voucher.)  
Per diems and expense reimbursement covers this.

**MOTION 2016-165 Welter/Disney**  
**" To Rescind Motion 2010-083."**

**Carried**

**2010-081** – (Alcohol on expense accounts – only when taking out "dignitaries".)  
Allow board members to make the call

**MOTION 2016-166: Martens/Jameson**  
**" To Rescind Motion 2010-081."**

**Carried**

Review the dealer rebate.

Hall of Fame award and Lifetime Achievement Award?

**2011-014** –(Set up criteria and a selection committee for the Cattlemen Hall of Fame award.)  
Keep Lifetime Achievement award which does not have to be given annually.

**MOTION 2016-167: Lynn/Hull**  
**" To Rescind Motion 2011-014."**

**Carried**

**2012-065** – (That SCA bookkeeper provide every cheque written monthly with who the cheque was made out to, what each cheque was written for, cheque number and amount, as part of the monthly financial package.)  
Cannot do this for privacy concerns especially around levy refunds.

**MOTION 2016-168: Hull/Hill**  
**'To Rescind Motion 2012-065.'**

**Carried**

**2012-237** – (Use a designated travel agent and SCA credit card to schedule and pay legitimate expenses such as hotel, airfare and other items, leaving the option for directors to do it themselves.)  
Redundant to itself.

**MOTION 2016-169: Toney/Moore**  
**"To Rescind Motion 2012-237."**

**Carried**

**2013-188** – (That SCA provided an annual \$5000 grant to the Saskatchewan 4-H Council to be provided to Saskatchewan 4-H beef Clubs, to be paid from SBIDF starting in the 2013-2014 budget year.)  
Can apply to SCAIDF.

**MOTION 2016-170: Martens/Welter**  
**'To Rescind Motion 2013-188.'**

**Carried**

**2014-091** –( Following the December board meeting all directors automatically receive the \$100 claim for office incidentals rather than individuals having to claim it on their own.)  
Removed this above.

**MOTION 2016-171: Disney/Thompson**

**' To Rescind Motion 2014-091.'**

**Carried**

**2014-213** – (Directors take mandatory crisis media training course every two years.)  
Overly directive. Seek opportunities and have as needed.

**MOTION 2016-172: Martens/Lynn**

**" to Rescind Motion 2014-213."**

**Carried**

**2015-072** – (Keep district meetings on same week as last year.)  
Not a durable policy.

**MOTION 2016-173: Lynn/ Rick**

**" To Rescind Motion 2015-072."**

**Carried**

**2015-032** – (Form a Regulatory Committee to deal with dealer regulations.) amend to Regulatory Working Group

**MOTION 2016-174: Hill/ Moore**

**"To amend Motion 2015-032- Regulatory Committee to Regulatory Working Group."**

**Carried**

**MOTION 2016-175: Disney/Welter**

**"That current board of directors decide on the frequency and locations of board meetings."**

**Motion Carried**

**4.0 Letters In**

- Premier Wall – Thank you letter re: A new appointment to the University of Saskatchewan Board of Governors.
- Peter Stoicheff – President Uof S – re: A new appointment to the University of Saskatchewan Board of Governors.
- Honourable Lyle Stewart – Ag Awareness Initiative Program Funding.

**Letters Out**

- Dave Spooner / Philip Lynn– RE: resolution regarding predation compensation. -(page 31)
- Dave Kerr / Tom Hougham – RE- resolution regarding U of S Board of Governors.– (page 32)
- Will Lowe/Brad Welter – RE- resolution regarding remove the brand requirement on export feeder cattle. – (page 33)

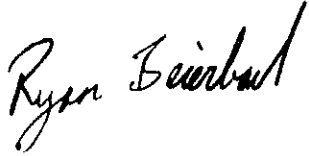


Calendar of Events

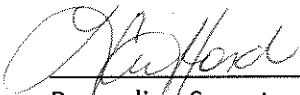
In Camera  
Meeting adjourned 4:43

MOTION 2016-176: Beierbach/Larson  
"To adjourn."

Motion Carried



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Board Chair – Ryan Beierbach



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Recording Secretary – Leann Clifford

November 15, 2016 Date approved

