

Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association
Board Meeting
Thursday July 21 2022
Quality Inn - Saskatoon
8am

Arnold Balicki Chair (Director 9A)
Rick Toney (Past Chair) – call in
Kyle Hebert (Director 1)
Leigh Rosengren (Director 2)
Roger Meyers (Director 3A)
Keith Day (Director 3B)
Randy Stokke (Director 4)
Shelby Corey (Director 6)
Joleen Shea (Director 7)
Leon Leuke (Director 8)
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)
Garret Poletz (Director, SCFA)
Kelly Williamson (Director, SSGA)
Garner Deobald (Director, SSGA)

SCA Staff:

Ryder Lee (CEO)
Leann Clifford (Administrator)- call in
Glenn LaPointe (Communications)
Christina Betker (Policy)
Marianne Possberg (Production)

Regrets:

Levi Hull (Director 5)
Dean Moore (Director 9B)

Arnold Balicki called the meeting to order at 8:06 am

1.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2022-060: Rosengren / Hebert
“To accept the agenda as amended”

Motion Carried

1.01 Review of Minutes
June 23, 2022, Minutes

MOTION 2022-061: Shea / Deobald
“To accept the June 23, 2022, minutes as amended.”

Motion Carried

1.02 Chair Report

- report was circulated.
- Had good discussions with Jeff Morrow regarding predator losses for wolves. There is a producer on the appeal board (Sheri Grant) but forest fringe realities are different. Similar situations in the SE where it was “inconclusive” and paid at 50%. Other areas where the program has paid out fairly straight forward. Differences between offices and adjusters.

MOTION 2022-62: Ross / Poletz

“To accept the Chair Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

- Discussion on vet shortage – challenges and some solutions.

1.03 CEO Report

- Report was reviewed
- Discussion of levy refunds , CCA’s handling of the truckers convoy at Coutts.
- Some not participating in the rainfall insurance which points to them not using the tools available.

MOTION 2022-063: Stokke / Hebert

“To accept the CEO report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.04 Financial Report

- Reviewed the balance sheet and profit/loss.
- Moved 750K from National Bank to Scotia to cover Integrated Forage Management and Utilization funding (\$1 mill)

MOTION 2022-064: Hebert / Shea

“To accept the Financial Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.05 Governance

8 major characteristics of a well functioning board.

New Business

Budget

- Reviewed the budget – discussion.

MOTION 2022-065: Hebert / Poletz

“To approve the 2022/2023 budget as presented.”

Motion Carried

Research Tax Credit

- Not a lot of promise on levy as that is already a write off as a farm expense but spending on research on an operation may be something that can be eligible for tax credit.
- The National agency is exploring.
- The benefit is minimal if check off is a small amount, also cost of the administration is a consideration.

RFP for Crop Livestock Integration

- Rosengren excused herself for this discussion as she may have bias.
- Looked for direction.
- Support is there for sending out the RFP.

Adopt Project

- Canola meal supplementing on pasture. More meal is coming. Could be linked with living labs work. Does need energy to go with the protein.
- AD-001 – Demonstrating the advantages of feeding canola meal on fall pastures.

MOTION 2022-066: Rosengren / Lueke

“That SCA support Demonstrating the advantages of feeding canola meal on fall pastures for 10% of the ask (\$39,910) in the amount of \$4,000.”

Motion Carried

Old Business

Hall of Fame Sponsorship

MOTION 2022-067: Hebert / Shea

“That SCA sponsor the event in the amount of \$2,000.”

Motion Carried

CCA

- Discussed board integration. Potential to bring those reps in every second meeting. Have lunch and work over issues.
- Name change brought up by producers on both sides of the issue. The change is not coming from producers to drive it. The time is now to discuss and move forward and be prepared for the inevitable.
- It is common to have one CCA rep form a provincial board. Can do every Regina meeting to invite the CCA reps to be there in person. NCFCA too?

MOTION 2022-068: Williamson / Corey

“That SCA investigate a name change.”

Motion Carried

- CCA has managed the conversation about being environment and representative of all the different parts of the value chain.
- This goes with Diversity, Equality, inclusion training and must be done well.
- Homework for the board to think of potential names, and to talk of how they would like to go about it, either simply as its own thing or with a bigger rebranding.
- Concern raised about pushing down from the board without grassroots producers asking for the change. Better to come up with a common question for district meetings this fall.
- Discussion passed to the governance committee.
- Need to speak to AgriFood Council on how it would work.

Research Funding Discussion

- Research committee asked to fund specific projects like a roller mill. Looking for direction from the board in funding infrastructure or machinery that doesn't end up belonging to SCA. Rather than pass a guiding policy seen as right to take these one by one and consider strategically on their own merits.

Letters In

- Request for support in paying veterinary bills from Cody Lightfoot. Hard to know how many requests there would be. SCA could set up a burdsary with parameters. WCVM is in a tough spot as those seats need funding and the provinces have funded them in the past. This is still about the 20 seats Albert "left". Manitoba is talking about increasing their share of seats. There is recognition of shortage. There is a change to 3 seats being filled by interview only.

MOTION 2022-069: Hebert / Rosengren

"That the Saskatchewan Government maximize Saskatchewan's share of fully funded seats at the WCVM."

Motion Carried

- Is there something SCA does for recent graduates that are moving to work rural vs students? The need is not for rural, it is for large animal practitioners that serve rural areas.
- Moved to the animal health committee.

Calendar Sync

- Went through the coming events.

External Reports

LSS – Harold Martens

- AGM on June 23rd.
- Had an assessment on income and amount of cattle processed. In 2016 did 1.4 million head. Slowly been climbing. 1.8 million head this year. Not an increase in livestock, it is an indication of maybe a bigger sell off than reports have been. That meant a \$400K surplus last year. The annual "value of inspection" report looks at cheques put to the right person, cattle identified right, comes to around \$11 million on a budget of \$4 plus million so the value exceeds the fees collected.
- Have been meeting with inspectors lacking proper ownership. Processed with about 30 inspectors.
- Ag Ministry is doing a review of the Acts including dealer licensing. LSS is only looking at it from perspective of administration, not a policy. It is incumbent on associations to look at it. See that all the policies are in place that we want there. Suggests SCA looks at that with our own lens. Rick Oakes is treasurer. Mark Elford Vice Chair. Harold is chair at LSS.

CRSB – Harold Martens

- Is on the framework committee. They are reviewing all the audit requirements for each producer, feeder, packer. Increasing some of the qualification requirements. One thing that some were seeking but Harold balked was producer having financial records available to auditor, they agreed to his view, Now it says you have to have a financial plan.
- Other one being pushed forward is by special interest groups. Bird groups want each producer to do an inventory of all the wildlife and birds on their property. Harold pushed back that it was too much and too fluid. Has concerns it is getting too onerous for producers to get to sustainable beef status.
- Only 3 of the 15 on that framework committee are producers. It is hard to keep producers from being alienated from the process. Some more material will be getting circulated for input. Some concern about compliance requirements from financial businesses. Needing an environmental farm plan to receive a loan.
- Cheri Copithorne-Barnes and Andrea? Are also on that committee as a producer. The wish list approach is costly to measure. CRSB sets out the criteria and VBP+ does the check.
- IFRS sustainability measures. Real concern about sustainability reporting requirements holding up ability of producers to sell or otherwise do business. Need for push back. Major banks in Canada have signed on to this. The need is to explore what this even means and impact is on cattle producers. (Duane asked for more information)

Lynn Grant

- Just checking in for things SCA wants to bring to the semi-annual meeting.
- Lynn suggested SCA approach having a livestock oriented person appointed to the U of S Board of Governors. The length of the LFCE process needs addressing right at the top. Premier is doing town halls around the province. One in Assiniboia coming up.

CCA Environment Committee - Duane Thompson

- CCA pushed hard to keep woodpecker off the list, other industries did as well. It is not an unfair insinuation that this is related to trying to keep industry circumscribed.
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans work continues to make sure industry impacts are as limited as possible.
- 6 nominees for TESA this year to be awarded at CBIC.
- Working with Nature Conservancy to show the win-win between environmental agencies and CCA. Working over last two years to talk about native grasslands conversion. Group intends to promote incentives for term conservation. Neither NCC or CCA would own the initiative. Producers could work with any land trust or foundation.
- What is in it for NCC? They are not administering. CCA is not. Not at that point. Will fond one. It is important that message is relayed out there.
- Have been clear to NCC that the past makes this difficult. They are aware of this and working to get past. All producers on this committee. Larry Thomas has put a lot of work into it with producer interests at the forefront.
- Ducks looking to engage and have endorsed this as the right direction. They will be hunting for funding to make this work.

- Also need to ensure this doesn't just apply on native grass. A lot of the positives take place on tame grasslands.
- Engagement with SODCAP and SSGF requested. Duane will follow up.

NCFCA – Will Lowe

- A quiet summer
- Events around stampede
- Continued raising of the bar is a big concern, goes from carbon tax to nature to CRSB standards.

VBP+ - Arnold Balicki

- Back to doing producer presentations.

Forage Council – Kyle Hebert

- New board members.

Farm & Food Care – Shelby Corey

- Sent a letter opposing front of pack
- Requesting charitable status from CRA.
- Shelby and Nicole Lamers are new on the board. Nicole is in public trust with the Ministry.
- Meals from the farm, culinary tours, food influencer tour.

SK Cattle Feeders – Chad Ross / Garret Poletz

- Looking for feedlot speakers

SSGA – Garner Deobald / Kelly Williamson

- Big topic has been beef pricing investigation. Feedback has been positive of people wanting to talk about it, not bringing answers but conversation started.
- Aware of AB study. They have shared their study aims of understanding barriers to entry and expansion of packing, small and medium sized, price transparency in Canadian boxed beef prices, literature review of price discovery, evaluating U.S. proposals and applicability in Canadian context. See that as different from what SSGA would ask for. Will see what comes out of that study and follow up then.
- Their Opportunities and Challenges report, met with government and meeting with Grier tomorrow and will share after that.
Some gopher control happening out of Maple Creek. Kelly will circulate.

Check Off Agency – Chad Ross

- Packages are out today, lots of reading to do.
- Agency oversees the governance and due diligence to review. No red flags but want to see it continue down the right path. Looking at governance around marketing alliances. Associations with marketing can work direct with Michael Young. ON Corn Fed, Alberta Beef.

- Important that there is connection instead of past separateness and conflict. Good start so developing governance around it.
- Youth strategy unfolding. Julie Mortenson is YCC nominee to be the spot on the Agency. Developing a scholarship and continuing education for youth.

SODCAP -Keith Day

- Media release this morning with living labs proposal being accepted. Official announcement at Stampede. Alberta focused at that one. Awarded \$8 million over next five years to put living labs across Saskatchewan. Perennial enhancements, polycrops, different grazing strategies. Probably need to add capacity. Maybe Penner's proposal would fit in there.
- 25 sites identified. Now bringing 36 Agriculture and AgriFood Canada scientists and others from across Canada. Standardizing processes and methodologies and working with other Living Labs to be sure measuring is done the same way.
- Steering Committee meetings ongoing. Then its taking those and coordinating on the ground
- Another difficulty is the Living Labs are new concepts.

PCAP -Keith Day

- Meeting later in August

Board Round Table

- Cattle Keepers – Dome at education are at the QCX Aug 3 – 8.
- Transfer of care issues that could affect producers. If hauling your own, you are considering a commercial transporter subject to all the same regulations. Includes animal transport record and transfer of care.
- With these new regulations there was focus on transport duration. CFIA measures feed water and rest duration. That measure includes when they go off and everything after. CCA working on clarification and exemptions. 500 km exemption has not gotten traction but Leigh is on it.
- There is an app for transport record. Can put in comments of manifest of when off feed water and rest and it works.
- Proposal to recycle dirty net wrap and twine from a researcher and CleanFarms. Research Committee to look into. Concern that it leads to costs on top of producers. Also seems a choice not to take silage bags when grain bags are not clean.
- Pursuing a research proposal to anonymize market power abuse instances.
- Need SRM changes done – that is being pursued
- Need boxed beef reporting – that is being pursued.
- Looking at what the U.S. is pursuing, have to be careful with changing how cattle are bought – that means changing how cattle are sold.
- Grasshoppers a concern
- Outreach sessions questions
- Teachers asking about Guardians of the Grasslands – wonder if there would be something aimed at younger kids, easier to understand. That kind of integration is part of the idea jumping off the Cattle Keepers dome films.

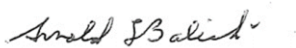
- Vet in Swift recently quit and moved to an animal nutrition company. How do we retain?
- Could we do something with WCVI alumni. Murray Jelinski has done this work. Revisit.
- Took a call about carbon and cattle industry, though it painted a bad light which was not its intent. Media release talking about other protein sources. Protein Industries Canada partnered with humane society getting a lot of fed money – all a bit of concern.
- Thanks, from Bill Biligetu for sponsoring Crop Development Centre and his ongoing research.
- Seeds Canada passed on their thanks for the feeds testing for forage quality.

In Camera

Adjourn 4:21pm

**MOTION 2022-070: Rosengren
"To adjourn."**

Motion Carried



Board Chair – Arnold Balicki

____ Leann Clifford ____ - Recording Secretary

Date approved August 25, 2022