

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association
Board Meeting
Thursday November 14, 2021
Zoom Meeting
8am**

Arnold Balicki Chair (Director 9A),
Kyle Hebert (Director 1)
Leigh Rosengren (Director 2)
Roger Meyers (Director 3A)
Keith Day (Director 3B)
Joleen Shea (Director 7)
Brian Cole (Director 8)
Dean Moore (Director 9B)
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)
Garner Deobald (Director, SSGA)

SCA Staff:

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

Regrets:

Rick Toney, Past Chair
Randy Stokke (Director 4)
Levi Hull (Director 5)
Brent Griffin (Director 6)
Holly Thompson (YCC)
Garret Poletz (Director, SCFA)
Kelly Williamson (Director, SSGA)

Arnold Balicki called the meeting to order at 8:07 am.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2021-081: Day / Welter

“To accept the Agenda as presented”

Motion Carried

1.01 Review of Minutes

October 14, 2021 Minutes

MOTION 2021-082: Shea / Cole

“To accept the September 9, 2021, minutes as presented.”

Motion Carried

- Work on manure and crop residue underway with Hebert Land & Cattle and Jeff Schoeneau. Plan is to work with other commodity groups to ensure this is seen as relevant information for beef producers AND grain producers. Important to legitimacy going forward.

1.02 Chair Report

- Attended several virtual meetings in the past month.
- Engaged in several calls from producers regarding the cost of feed. Spoke of the government's \$100/head and how to access.
- Some producers asking about any other follow up in AgriRecovery. Need to discuss how this unfolded with cows of any type vs bulls.

MOTION 2021-083: Balicki / Rosengren
"To accept the Chair Report as presented."

Motion Carried

1.03 CEO Report

- Reviewed the written.

MOTION 2021-084: Deobald / Shea
"To accept the CEO report as presented."

Motion Carried

1.04 Financial Report

- Reviewed the balance sheet and profit/loss. Activity costs are likely to be down again this year.

MOTION 2021-085: Hebert / Moore
"To accept the Financial Report as presented."

Motion Carried

1.05 Governance

An important but often overlooked job of a board is succession planning. Continuity is important as is revitalization. The SCA board has reasonable turnover. In my six years there are five of sixteen board members remaining on the board compared to when I started. This provides continuity and shows renewal. With the AGM reasonably close it is important the board has discussed leadership with ample runway to this and future AGMs.

Business

AGM Plans

- How to handle restricting admission to AGM is challenging. Would people come to an AGM without the conference as well? Struggle would be to get enough people to show given a virtual conference.
- How about do both in person and virtual? Spotlight on things we fund to go over what they do. Have a beef on a bun. Then put SCA's business aside (That is SBIC without partners)
- Concern with who is asked to check vaccine status. Do not want to put staff in that situation. Can that be outsourced to the venue?

- Only Saskatoon Inn would host this kind of event (combination in person/ virtual hybrid). The room used for past AGMs is now a studio. They hand out wristbands and inside is a private event. They look after COVID restriction.
- Support for getting together is there. Need to be cautious about expectations for attendance. If we do a hybrid event with increased opportunity to engage, there is still a decline in motions coming and real participation. That needs to be addressed, engagement of producers, as much as venue.
- How to get producers back into the conversation is key. Concern over doing a hybrid and still not having attendance to match the spending.
- Moderation plans are also important. Motions should be brought forward well in advance.

MOTION 2021-086: Hebert / Day

“That SCA’s 2022 AGM will be held virtually.”

Motion Carried

Extension Update

- QR code ideas. Connect demonstration sites to other information. Concern when demo projects are on producer land, is there going to be a privacy concern? Others have voiced concern about privacy as they pursue as similar kind of idea.
- It sounds like a good idea, not much downside with this idea at the LFCE.
- Would anyone use a QR code? If it was on a field edge, it might keep people from walking through a field. Will help with the trespass laws.
- Support for the idea.

Ag Climate Solutions – Living Labs Project

- Who should we engage? – Roger to date along with Marianne and, to a lesser extent Ryder.
- Kelly Williamson via SODCAP is driving one application. Will likely see a request for SCA funding.
- A bit of a conflict of interest with requesting funding from SCA. That can be handled as it comes along.
- SODCAP gave him the go ahead to drive this as his prior experience and current environment with many projects is helpful.

Old Business

PST

- Anyone with invoices that now have PST that did not in the past, please pass along to Christina. Things that are for farm purposes continue to see PST added.
- Could use land location or premise ID to show it is agriculture.

District 8 Rep

- Turn up networking to find a replacement for this district.

SSGA Update

- Garner discussed that members pushing on all things drought.
- Lots of discussion about carbon and sequestration.
- AgriEd and Agribition is all virtual this year.
- Trying to get s many teachers and schools aware they can do that remotely.

SCFA Update

- Ongoing discussion about how to make feedlot school happen.

SODCAP Update

- Melanie Toppie worked on noxious weeds program. She oversaw targeted grazing things. Melanie has since moved away and A new hire is taking it on and being trained.

AITC Update

- Looking for input on their materials.
- All encouraged to do so.

VBP+ Update

- Short meeting earlier this month.
- Reviewed budget proposed to SCA. Looking at having an external help for bylaw review.
- Going to ask SCA to apply for IODP funding on VBP+'s behalf.

Letters Reviewed

- AgriFood Council

Calendar Reviewed

Add

- Dec 15 – FRWIP
- Research Committee Dec 8
- Board meeting – Dec 10
- SCA AGM – Jan 28th
- BFRF – March 4 – I invited

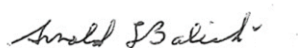
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Adjourn 2:14pm

MOTION 2021- 087: Hebert

“To adjourn.”

Motion Carried



Board Chair – Arnold Balicki

____ Leann Clifford ____ - Recording Secretary

Date approved