

Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association
Board Meeting - Research
Thursday June 13, 2019
Travelodge, Saskatoon, SK 8am

Rick Toney, Chair (District 4)
Kyle Hebert (District 1)
Roger Meyers (District 3A)
Levi Hull (District 5)
Brent Griffin (District 6)
Michael Spratt (District 8)
Arnold Balicki (District 9A)
Dean Moore (District 9B)
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)
Harold Martens (Director, SSGA)
Ryan Beierbach, Past Chair

Call In:

Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)
Christina Betker (Policy)

Guest:

Holly Thompson

SCA Staff:

Ryder Lee (CEO)
Leann Clifford (Executive Administrator)
Marianne Possberg (Production)
Tom Jordens (Communications)

Regrets:

Scott Greiner (District 2)
Keith Day (District 3B)
Paula Larson (District 7)
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)
Kelcy Elford (Director, SSGA)

Rick Toney called the meeting to order at 8:06 am.
Introductions around the table as Holly Thompson – YCC rep joined the group.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2019-053: Martens/Hull

“To accept the Agenda as amended”

Motion Carried

1.01 Review of Minutes

April 18, 2019

MOTION 2019-054: Martens / Beierbach

“To accept the April 18, 2019 minutes as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.02 Chair Report

- WCVM seats meeting with Tina Beaudry-Mellor. What to do with that? Want to keep vets in Saskatchewan, but there is value of being elsewhere too.
- Traceability meeting coming up in Calgary. Is the position of SCA still the same? CIP is the road. Will get something from CFIA if we don't do something.
- LSS's next board meeting is going to discuss CIP and how to implement it.
- Dry conditions have cows and calves moving already. Discussing income deferral may be right again.
- There should be enough data already to make the deferral happen.
- Opportunity to renew our request to make this a producer election. Press Release.

MOTION 2019-055: Toney / Beierbach

“To accept the Chair Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.03 CEO Report

- SCA's goals of permanent WLPIP and improved forage insurance are achievable and beneficial for producers. Without commitment from both levels of government to increasing the budget for business risk management there is limited opportunity of success in pushing change. Even with commitments to increase budget then the discussion would be whether to see that go into BRM programs or into research, innovation and market development which often win the day. If the thought is to drive toward BRM program change if we continue with the base tenets of whole farm, trade friendly, coverage based on the individual etc. then we will end up with an AgriStability type program and the debate can be just about at what level it kicks in and what share of the coverage is from government. We have been having this debate for two decades now.
- Meeting with Karen Chad (VP research) to discuss research capacity at the U of S. While Dean Mart has her processes for adding faculty and research position's I would like to better understand how the University overall views research strategy. Saskatchewan's biggest crop is the 19 million plus acres of hay and grasslands that are of static value unless we are making use of it through mostly ruminants. How we make the most of that is called forage utilization. We do not have that kind of research and extension capacity at the University of Saskatchewan and it is

time to add that piece to the faculty. This is an area where SCA funds will likely come into play. I want to see the use of SCA funds maximized by the co-funding of the University, province and other cattle organizations if possible. The LFCE is built and while not “fully funded” it is operational. It is time to restart the conversation on forage utilization capacity even if the University is feeling the pinch of successive provincial budgets that did not meet their wish list.

- There is a coming glut of meetings. I hope board members can get out to help the staff as much as possible. Whether it is in having an MLA or three and MPs visit your place or attending a show to wave the flag and talk to producers or consumers, staff’s activity is greatly helped by board member presence. You are the weight of the organization. Staff works for you. When we do make requests for your presence we do not do it lightly. Either it is because we do not see it as our place (policy debates for example) or we see the impact would be better with producers who can best answer the question “where is your farm?” Opportunities come at bad times of the year but there is no real “good time” to be off the home place.
- The TB case in BC does reach into Saskatchewan. Things are quiet now and will resume with testing in the fall.
- Another poke from me about elections. Notice went out and is going out in hard copy to districts up for renewal. If you are not running I want your potential replacements being approached now, not in July. People usually want “time to think about it.” Let’s give them some of that.

MOTION 2019-056: Hebert / Meyers

“To accept the CEO report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.04 Financial Report

MOTION 2019-057: Griffin / Beierbach

“To accept the Financial Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.05 Governance

Making Decisions is the role of the board.

Old Business

BCRC

- Representative – Steve Pylot

MOTION 2019-058: Spratt / Meyers

“To appoint Steve Pylot to BCRC from SCA for three- year term.”

Motion Carried

Communications Update

- Arnold participated in the Lloydminster Save on Foods event. Good to have producers in attendance. Built an opportunity to host store managers at Arnold’s place and he is going ahead with that.
- Met with CJME to design ads.
- Krystal Tendler has moved on from Ministry’s Public Trust area. She was also an Ag in the Classroom board member and that hole will also need to be filled.

- Working with Ministry on renewing. Call end of June with other groups and Farm and Food Care to build some cohesiveness in agriculture communications.
- Arnold to be involved in the work going forward.
- Brent with to the Saskatoon store for Save on Foods. They want to do more but they want producers, hats on. Costco is talking about doing something similar.

BRM Review

- Coming up on June 20 – Christina and Rick to attend.
- Reference margins limit removal. Own hay vs purchased hay. Hay land rental.
- Corn damage claim – paid out on grazing corn at value of whole plants (5 cents/pound) instead of the grain value of 9 cents/pound which would be what you have to buy the grain for. The stalks by themselves are not useful.
- Coverage for combining corn vs grazing corn is different but so is premium.
- Wildlife damage is different though, you don't have to insure it.
- Is there a way to include machinery and tire damage in wildlife claims?
- Could AgroPak policies have a no deductible for wildlife damage. How do we fix?
- CAP – dates are not matching up on forms and what people are getting told – Levi's
- CAP – forage seeding. Watershed run around. Can it be streamlined? Way more complicated for \$3,000 than it needs to be. Same issue on changing nozzles on irrigation.
- Trouble changing water rights in SOD. Flood to pivot.
- FRWIP is the same thing.
- Generally slow is an issue. Need to seed or get the work done.
- Brent looking to develop irrigation and getting turned down over and over as it's not an "Irrigation Area" so no funding. Can do a little FRWIP but not the irrigation programs that are there. This is irrigation branch saying no. Soil samples cost a bunch. Tie you up with that, and then a no. One needs a licence to irrigate and that comes from Irrigation Branch at Ministry of Ag. Min of Ag is not getting things done. WSA is not helpful in SOD area either.

New Business

Sponsorships

SB-19-001 – Royal Canadian Legion Military Service recognition Book – Producers can support individually and not with their money. We seek legion halls for fall meetings.

SB-19-002 – Catholic Schools

MOTION 2019-059: Beierbach / Hull

"That SCA support the Regina Catholic Schools cooking competition for \$3,000 for the fall 2019 event."

Motion Carried

SB-19-003 – Canadian Culinary Federation

MOTION 2019-060: Martens / Spratt

"To support Team Canada's fundraising event for \$3,000. For the culinary Olympics with Canadian Beef as their focus."

Motion Carried

SB – 19-004 – Regina Exhibition Association

- No interest in supporting

- Reintroducing the Farm at the Agribition to the Ex this year. Expanding their programming for the year. Bringing back the rodeo. CWA is running it. They have asked SCA to support a cut chart on a steer on the grounds. Tom has agreed to help with that. Help CWA with what they are doing and let the rest unfold based on last year's experiences.

SB – 19-005 – Western Feedlot School

MOTION 2019-061: Martens / Balicki

“That SCA support 2020 Western Canadian Feedlot Management School in the amount of \$20,000.”

Motion Carried

SB-19-006 – Dept of Animal Science – U of S – Mini Conference

MOTION 2019-062: Balicki / Moore:

“That SCA support a Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association Beef & Forage Award for \$1,500. Annually for five years.”

Motion Carried

SB – 19-007 – No Sugar Tonight – Diabetes Canada

MOTION 2019-063: Martens / Hebert

“That SCA support the No Sugar Tonight event in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried

Support for the dinner. Did last year. Fundraiser for their summer camp as well. This means we are a Meal Sponsor. Milk is title sponsor for much more.

SB-19-008 – F&FC Public Trust Summit

MOTION 2019-064: Martens / Balicki

“That SCA support the Public Trust Summit for \$1,500.”

Motion Carried

SB-19-009- VBP+ Support & Delivery in Saskatchewan

MOTION 2019-065: Balicki / Martens

“That SCA support the VBP+ Delivery in Saskatchewan in the amount of \$75,000.”

Motion Carried

SB-19-010 – PCAP Action Plan

MOTION 2019-066: Martens / Griffin

“That SCA fund the Prairie Conservation Action Plan for \$22,000.”

Motion Carried

SB-19-011 / 012 – Agribition

MOTION 2019-067: Hull / Martens

“That SCA support funding for Agribition \$50,000 and the Chef’s Challenge \$5,000.”

Motion Carried

SB-19-013 – LMS Cattle Safe Saskatchewan

- As has been put forth but crystallized around the amount. Discussion around whether a smaller support amount would be worthwhile. Support was not there.
- (Letter of Decline – has been sent)

SB-19-014 -SPCA Conference

- They do not work on livestock

SB-19-015-Student Leadership Conference

MOTION 2019-068: Balicki / Meyers

“That SCA support the Student Leadership Conference in the amount of \$1,500. Contingent on beef purchase for the conference.” **Motion Carried**

SB-19-016- Camp Easter Seals

Banquet sponsors of roast beef in the summer.

SB-19-017- CRSB- AGM in Montreal

MOTION 2019-069: Balicki / Martens

“That SCA support the CRSB AGM for \$2,500.” **Motion Carried**

Ryan will go if it works with his schedule as Harold is not.

CRSB at CWA

Pushed back to work with CRSB on CWA presence.

Future Guests

SWF manages some lands. A lot is not useful as not fenced, swampy, but there are some positive motion.

Do we talk to them sooner?

Parks about the land they manage. Allowing grazing in partnership. Harold had to fence the land off but it was worth it. Works with he local manager.

Work with SWF to get some permanent fence put up so it can get grazing regularly. Give a deal if you fence it?

AITC -Sara Shymko

Important tools to be balanced, inquiry-based and broad based (themes) like environmental stewardship, health and nutrition or animal care.

Curriculum has certain statements that are broad that allow for agriculture to be taught.

Habitat, growth of animals relative to humans, importance of ag to the economy and culture of Saskatchewan for example.

Want to build the foundation for successful delivery of educational programs and resources.

Create personal connections and experiences to help build trust in agriculture. To make events that teachers don't want to miss so connections can be made with people because that's who can really deliver messages.

Keys to success involve strong relationships with Ministry of Education curriculum consultants, school divisions, teachers and the local ag community.

Adopt/ Demo Project Proposal

- Looking for funding support to add forage quality testing to the annual Saskatchewan Variety Performance Group programs.

MOTION 2019-070: Balicki / Meyers

“That SCA support the forage quality testing up to \$11,070.00. “ **Motion Carried**

Surplus IDF Funds Policy

MOTION 2019-071: Martens / Hebert

“That surplus funds from research can be utilized for technical transfer upon approval by SCA.” **Motion Carried**

Capital Gains Exemption

Two options discussed. Increase to \$2 million per person? Or reduce the timeline over calculation of the gain to the previous seven years. The reduced timeframe would create an exemption for any gain prior to the last seven years.

Intergenerational transfers of lands are the trick. Returns on equity of farmland are very small. The CGE has not kept pace with the inflation on farmland so now the farm has to take money out of the farm to pay the capital gains tax when transferred. That is what needs to be changed.

If passing farm to family, there are no capital gains. Exemption is \$1 million to a child on the farm?

Back to the committee to work on this as not on same level and different experiences make knowing what to do difficult.

Scenario of passing it along and what the realities are.

On top of the \$1 million exemption further capital gains are 50% taxable.

External Call In

Will Lowe – NCFA

CBIC in August, AGM on the Monday. Joe Jackson on grading. Vesta on Harmony, All welcome.

Met with CCIA over high frequency tags. Working on lift times in ON and QC.

McDonalds joining CIPARS day=ta usage.

Japan is making some worrisome moves on Tylosin and Oxytetracycline tolerance levels. Could shut down beef access.

Pat Hayes

Tylan is one thing, Oxytetracycline is something that everyone uses. Has not hit animal health committee yet. Figure traceability regulations to be introduced soon after the election. New costs will be the discussion point. Beef and pork have been told they are not paying more. \$330 million on price of tags to date. Moving to high frequency tags will cost more and will be the need to not slow down commerce.

CCIA is not anti -high frequency, there is just not enough information, CFIA says the industry needs a business plan. Hard to do when you don't know what the regulations even are. Told them industry would not be doing that busy work project.

Ag Canada is pushing to get things done ahead of the election but won't do things themselves. Trying to set up a meeting to justify numbers and get to an agreement.

Duane Thompson

Easement talk with Nature Conservancy are positive. Not talking in perpetuity which will help. Talked about buying land, putting on easements. They say they will look to do better. Even looking at terms as low as five years to get people on board. Five years, 20-30 or life of title (long as name is on title).

Minor Works and Navigable Waters - concerning with the bans they would have.

Chad Ross

Michael Young hired at Canada Beef.

Agency completed an audit at Gateway and it went well.

MBP has sent Agency a letter asking that since Heinz Reimer is not sitting on provincial board they'd like to send an additional person to Agency meetings. Agency responded with a no. MBP will not send Heinz anymore. This removes the chair a year before term is completed therefore makes Chad as Vice Chair move to the Chair position.

BCRC – Quebec will get an ex-officio seat on BCRC. Aim to get some of their levy left with BCRC to leverage in future. Ryan participating in NSERC evaluation of potential chair (Waldner) at U of S. Met with Ag Canada staff to talk food guide and favoring of plant protein, science cluster etc.

MOTION 2019-072: Ross / Spratt

“That SCA nominate Mike Guest to Canada Beef Committee.”

Motion Carried

AITC

Meeting with Kevin France, Rick Burton. Talking staff changes and short terms. Asking for more time in terms.

VBP+

Janelle Smith is not going to ascend to provincial leader in Coy’s place. Only backlog in audits is arranging things with producers.

ABP

Dean attended the AGM on Tuesday. Had a WCB rep come in to talk about WCB on the farm. Plastics pilot going on at twenty sites. Can do silage plastic and twine. Remake them into pellets then into auto parts. Trouble with smell of silage bags even after pelleting. A pilot project.

Jill Harvie talked about the 3% guy and changing his tune by engaging with him instead of hammering on him.

SSGA Update

Recent convention. Covered motions and people renewal.

SCFA Update

Feedlot school will happen again this year. Meetings coming up. Not a lot to report.

Calendar

College of Engineering Internet of Things – June 27

LSS meeting – Brent Griffin to be the representative.

MOTION 2019-073: Martens / Hebert

“That Brent Griffin be the SCA representative to the LSS AGM.”

Motion Carried

Chad MacPherson, Brent G and Mark Elford all have member at large terms expiring.

Stewart Stone’s term is also expiring.

Bill Jameson is coming back for cattle feeders.

Other Business

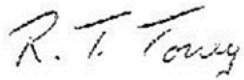
MOTION 2019-074: Beierbach / Spratt

“That the Federal and Provincial Governments and Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation adjust policies and programs to facilitate the use of failed crops as livestock feed to encourage the production of livestock feed on crop land. Further that the federal income tax deferral on breeding stock be triggered immediately.”

Motion Carried

In Camera
Adjourn 2:45pm
MOTION 2019-075: Toney
"To adjourn."

Motion Carried



Board Chair – Rick Toney

____ Leann Clifford _____
Recording Secretary – Leann Clifford

____ July 11, 2019 ____ Date approved