

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association  
Board Meeting  
Thursday December 12, 2019  
4Points Sheraton, Saskatoon, SK  
8am**

Rick Toney, Chair (District 4)  
Kyle Hebert (District 1)  
Leigh Rosengren (District 2)  
Roger Meyers (District 3A)  
Keith Day (District 3B)  
Levi Hull (District 5)  
Brent Griffin (District 6)  
Michael Spratt (District 8)  
Arnold Balicki (District 9A)  
Dean Moore (District 9B)  
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)  
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)  
Harold Martens (Director, SSGA)  
Kelcy Elford (Director, SSGA)  
Ryan Beierbach (Director, Past Chair)  
Brian Cole  
Randy Stokke

**SCA Staff:**

Ryder Lee (CEO)  
Christina Betker (Policy)  
Marianne Possberg (Production)  
Leann Clifford (Executive Administrator)  
Glenn LaPointe (Marketing and Communications)

**Regrets:**

Paula Larson (District 7)

Rick Toney called the meeting to order at 8:07 am.  
Introductions around the room were made. Incoming board members were present.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION 2019-109: Martens / Beierbach  
"To accept the Agenda as amended"**

**Motion Carried**

**1.01 Review of Minutes  
October 17, 2019**

**MOTION 2019-110: Welter / Spratt**

**“To accept the October 17, 2019 minutes as amended”**

**Motion Carried**

**1.02 Chair Report**

- Met with Minister Eyre, Resources Minister – very supportive of SK Science class.
- A&W looking toward sourcing in Canada more, maybe OTM. The grinding meat market is being affected by China’s demand.
- Alberta Beef AGM – their development of information for teachers is to be labelled “biased information” and out for teachers to grab if they want.

**MOTION 2019-111: Toney / Beierbach**

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

**Motion Carried**

**1.03 CEO Report**

- Touched on Ag in the Growth strategy.
- Glenn to staff with a marketing focus.
- Minority federal government and what that entails.
- Met with Deputy Minister Rick Burton and staff during Agribition to discuss the Growth Plan for SK. It was the first of many discussions with this Plan as overarching context. Given many ministries in the government it is viewed that Agriculture has a prominent place is positive. We did push that while we appreciate that, the lack of livestock and cattle language is something we noticed and will be pushing for details on how the Plan includes positive motion for the cattle industry.
- Rick attended meetings regarding irrigation and the Sask Science class. Both seem to be finding decent welcome form decision makers and the pursuit continues.
- The first of three governance sessions hosted by AgriFood council took place earlier this month. The next is in Jan and Feb. It would be a good thing if everyone is able to take in some of this training.
- There have been screenings of the Guardian of the Grasslands. There have been good turn outs and discussion by the panel and feedback. More screenings are being pursued.

**MOTION 2019-112: Hebert / Griffin**

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

**Motion Carried**

**1.04 Financial Report**

- Check off may have shifted a bit later in the year.

**MOTION 2019-113: Moore / Day**

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

**Motion Carried**

## 1.05 Governance

Upcoming governance training sessions from the Ministry of Agriculture include one in Regina January 28 and 29 (conflicts with SBIC) and one in Saskatoon February 25 and 26. Day one of both is the same, general practices. Day two in Regina is aimed at Governance Systems (recruitment, succession planning and board assessment). Day two in Saskatoon is about Strategic Planning and Risk Management. It would be great if as many board members as possible attend some of this training. There is no registration cost.

## 1.06 Advocacy Report

Capital Gains – talked of risk of inclusion rate of capital gains not being taken for granted. Increase to \$1 million exemption is not that old. This conversation started due to land prices moving up, but the reality of government that has been adding taxes is reason to be cautious. Guidance is to leave this alone for now.

PST on Insurance – Letter to Government in draft.

SK Science – Letter sent to Minister of Education. Building coalition in happening. Meeting mining association next week. Sask Pork has been on this kind of undertaking already.

## 1.07 Communications Report

Talked about AAIP project approval and what that involves.

## 1.08 Research Report

RA2019-001 A screen for drugs that reveal Mycoplasma bovis to the bovine immune system.  
Researcher Antonio Ruzzini – WCVN - \$24,200

### MOTION 2019-114; Beierbach / Hull

**‘That SCA fund: A screen for drugs that reveal Mycoplasma bovis to the bovine immune system, in the amount of \$24,200.’**

**Motion carried**

RA2019-002 Accelerated & targeted discovery of cellulases using high resolution meta-omes of multiple ruminant species. Researcher Leluo Guan – U of Alberta - \$35,000.

### MOTION 2019-115: Hull / Spratt

**“That SCA fund: Accelerated & targeted discovery of cellulases using high resolution meta-omes of multiple ruminant species, in the amount of \$35,000.”**

**Motion carried**

Projects have one year to get rest of the funding then it expires and has to be resubmitted, but what if they are not fully funded and can begin? Would need to see the revised project to release funding.

IN the agreement put guidance that the project is funded by SCA as submitted. Changes to the project need to be resubmitted if full funding is not achieved.

RA2019-003 Stocking density & feed bunk space as a risk factor for liver abscesses. Researcher Diego Moya – U of S – \$20,000.

**MOTION 2019-116 Spratt / Ross**

**“That SCA fund: Stocking density & feed bunk space as a risk factor for liver abscesses in the amount of \$20,000.”**

**Motion carried**

RA2019-004 Developing large yield nitrogen fertilizer recommendations for irrigated silage & grain corn. Researcher Garry Hnatowich – Irrigation Crop Diversification Corp. - \$35,000.

**MOTION 2019-117: Beierbach / Moore**

**“That SCA fund: Developing large yield nitrogen fertilizer recommendations for irrigated silage & grain corn, in the amount of \$35,000.”**

**Motion carried**

Varieties, application methods, other nutrients will be in the methods.

RA2019-005 Evaluating premiums for weaned calves marketed with value – added management characteristics. Researcher Kathy Larson – U of S - \$20,000.

**MOTION 2019-118: Spratt / Beierbach**

**“That SCA fund: Evaluating premiums for weaned calves marketed with value – added management characteristics, in the amount of \$20,000.”**

**Motion carried**

A lot of variables in there is a concern. Management can be overcast by flesh, weight, etc. Hard to compare apples to apples.

RA2019-006 Field evaluation of one catalytic seed treatment inducing multiple agronomic responses in forage crops. Researcher Karen Tanino – U of S - \$30,000.

**MOTION 2019-119: Hull / Moore**

**“That SCA fund: Field evaluation of one catalytic seed treatment inducing multiple agronomic responses in forage crops, in the amount of \$30,000.”**

**Motion carried**

RA2019-007 Developing hybrid bromegrass with improved neutral detergent fibre digestibility. Researcher Greg Penner – U of S - \$25,000.

**MOTION 2019-120: Spratt / Meyer**

**“That SCA fund: Developing hybrid bromegrass with improved neutral detergent fibre digestibility, in the amount of \$25,000.”**

**Motion carried**

RA2019-008 Strategies to address mineral nutrition in the face of poor water quality. Researcher Greg Penner – U of S - \$40,000.

**MOTION 2019-121: Hull / Spratt**

**“That SCA fund: Strategies to address mineral nutrition in the face of poor water quality in the amount of \$40,000.”**

**Motion carried**

RA2019-009     Development of meadow brome and cicer milkvetch varieties for stockpiled grazing in Western Canada. Researcher Bill Biligetu – U of S - \$50,000.

**MOTION 2019-122: Hull/ Spratt**

**“That SCA fund: Development of meadow brome and cicer milkvetch varieties for stockpiled grazing in Western Canada in the amount of \$50,000.”**

**Motion carried**

RA2019-010     Development of forage wheat lines with high biomass yield and high quality. Researcher Bill Biligetu – U of S - \$30,000.

**MOTION 2019-123: Beierbach / Hull**

**“That SCA fund: Development of forage wheat lines with high biomass yield and high quality in the amount of \$30,000.”**

**Motion carried**

RA2019-011     Barley lodging – getting to the root of the problem. Researcher Aaron Beattie / Allan Feutado – U of S - \$25,000.

**MOTION 2019-124: Beierbach/ Spratt**

**“That SCA fund: Barley lodging – getting to the root of the problem in the amount of \$25,000.”**

**Motion carried**

RA2019-012     Investigating the role of copper fertility in ergot infestation of forage crops. Researcher Jillian Bainard – Agriculture & Agri-Foods CDN - \$12,500.

**MOTION 2019-125: Beierbach/ Hull**

**“That SCA fund: Investigating the role of copper fertility in ergot infestation of forage crops in the amount of \$12,500.”**

**Motion carried**

RA2019-013     Level of canola source fat in pregnant beef cow diets – effects on cow & calf performance. Researcher Bart Lardner – U of S - \$50,000.

**MOTION 2019-126: Beierbach/ Meyer**

**“That SCA fund: Level of canola source fat in pregnant beef cow diets – effects on cow & calf performance in the amount of \$50,000.”**

**Motion carried**

**Fall Meetings Review**

- Do calls again.
- Circulated motions that are ready for AGM.
- Keep having 5pm sessions. Veterinarian session? They do that on their own already.
- Keep timing the same.

## **AGM Preparations**

- Review the audited financial statement 2018/19

## **MOTION 2019-127: Hebert/ Moore**

**“To accept the Audited Financial Statement as presented.”**

**Motion carried**

## **MOTION 2019-128: Ross/ Moore**

**“To recommend at the AGM in January that we appoint Dudley & Associates as the Auditors for 2019/2020.”**

**Motion carried**

- Talked about CCA elections coming up

## **MOTION 2019-129: Hull/ Beierbach**

**“That the SCA board appoint replacement CCA directors to serve until the next AGM where the position will be up for election. That election will include staggered terms to get back to a rotation.”**

**Motion carried**

## **Agribition Review**

- Went through pictures and activity overview.
- Would be good to have more people at our booth. Catching attention was okay but having producer conversations alongside kids was hard when one person manning the booth.
- Getting producer conversations away for the booth? Walk the barns to help have those conversations.
- When there are 3-4 at the booth it works better.
- More of the board for more of the week.
- Desire for Guardians of the Grasslands to be available wider. Comes off as a bit of a commercial for DU and NCC. Rubs a bit the wrong way.

## **Fall Meeting Places**

- No feedback on the proposed ones. Proceed.

## **Strategic Plan Review**

- Step 1 is talking about the national strategy and SCA’s own strategic plan. February board meeting will look at renewing SCA’s plan in that context.

## **Old Business**

- Motion from last meeting about biosecurity was not a closed loop.
- Resources for hiring at SCA? Farm & Food Care developed some of those resources in the past. That subcommittee has been disbanded.

## **External Calls**

### **SSGA**

- Agribition great exposure – approx. 15,000 kids.

### **SCFA**

- Western Feedlot School.

#### VBP+

- The cost of the training is being balanced out after the first check one receives after selling cattle. Example was paid \$1250/5 years. Sold 78 steers and the difference on the check for being VBP+ certified was the cost of the 5year plan.
- We need to get Saskatchewan producers on board.
- Need to get Cargill on board – talks are being held and looking at some uptake.
- JBS more resistant to being certified.
- Chain of custody must be on the VBP+ chain.
- US roundtable pushing hard – CDN not so much
- Mike Guest – Western Prime Meats – Weyburn.

#### AITC

- PST troubles.

#### CRSB

- Growing numbers are certified/ benefits.
- Semi annual March 31 in Calgary, Annual in Penticton 2020.

#### BCRC

- Proof of concept call- 5 research approvals.
- McDonalds not solely committed, BCRC committed to all 5
- Stakeholder Engagement – Amy Peck acting ED.

#### SODCAP

- Meeting tomorrow.

#### Check-off

- Ryder/Rick attended the AGM guest portion and was successful engagement.
- Asked governance committee to work on succession plans. Developed a form to help with that.
- Inspections continue to move though out the country. Education is the key.
- ON veal agreement – working on. Need the conversation.
- Agreement to be signed shortly.

#### Pat Hayes – CCA

- In Ottawa met with various MPs, was well received and good conversations. Maritimes are in a crisis on the markets – hurting bad.
- Packing deal in Ontario,
- Western Price insurance – ON fought it, they wanted a cost of production program. They are .20 cents behind market. How is this program working? NOT! When asked the questions, Pat didn't get any answers.

#### Pat Hayes – CCIA

- CCIA meeting- Dr. Heather Brown – traceability file.

- New tags? Our tags are not as good in cold as the plastic cracks in winter weather. New plastics/new changes. New trial.
- Figure they know what the regulations are. Don't need regulations to know what the costs to CCIA are going to be.
- Pat is middle of a first term as CCIA chair. Will be letting his name stand for CCA.

#### Farm & Food Care

- Budget call on Tuesday.
- Annual meeting is January 13. Not much to report.
- Programs have run well. In the area of 250,000 people interact with over the year. CEO annual report was well received by the board. Negotiated an increase in pay for him, related to things he is doing that are positive and of benefit to the association. When hired had him agree to increasing memberships, (which has not been successful, mainly with consolidation). Want to have more municipalities to join.

#### LSS

- Contacted over last two years by Qu'Appelle Beef to get a licence. They took a long time to comply with provincial regulations around disclosure. Approx. three weeks they were issued a Dealer Licence. They were under the impression they could operate under AB licence.
- Signing union agreement for staff at LSS. Negotiated at 0-0-2-1% increases to take through 2022. LSS employees will be outside their union's collective bargaining process.
- Reorganizing – Nikki is HR in Swift. Compliance – Garth, Rusty – IT and finance is in house. Looking at a reduction in management system with refocus on moving to fewer people with broader responsibilities. Nikki has been chief negotiator with the union, does recruiting.
- Provincial grants that have flowed since offshoot from government are ending, have been able to work on breakeven and hold a reserve to operate.
- About 75 staff of which 55 or so are part time.

#### Forage Council

- Brent went to his first meeting. Bulk of meeting was about redoing their website. Quote for a full rebuild.

#### NCFA

- Eastern capacity is something they are engaging on. BSE status plays into flexibility in shipping ON cattle into the U.S.
- Work going on at grading agency around dark cutters. U.S. and Canada treat differently. In Canada discounts for B4s are substantial. In the US the downgrade is only a step down on the A grades. Looking to treat similar here.
- Been asked to look into a pilot on moving feeder cattle into the US on one certificate.
- Transport regulations delay is being talked about. For cattle, extra paperwork issues are part of it.

#### Duane

- Still working with NCC on program development. When they have asked to work together to form policy the Canadian Cattlemen's Assoc. wants to be there. Nothing has been finalized, just work in-progress. See it as better to be involved than take whatever they make on their own. Any development will have to go through board.



LFCE

- Is the board receiving information and know what is going on there? No correspondence.
- Duane is asking for a quarterly report from Kris Ringwall.
- Monthly meeting with Doug Freeman, who is Duane’s point of contact.
- Five producer reps on the Advisory Board. Wildeman cannot make them. Oleksyn wants to see new engagement on the board.
- Don’t want the least busy person. Really engaged in research and want to be on it. Not someone from any one group. Asking for help in filling those spots.
- Is there someone driving it forward at LFCE? Kris.
- Duane, Kevin France and Suzanne, Dean of Engineering are the exec looking to fill those spots.

**Sponsorships**

SA-001	2020-2021 SK PCAP Implementation	\$22,000.00	
<b>MOTION 2019-130: Elford/ Griffin</b>			
<b>“That SCA fund PCAP Implementation 2020-2021 in the amount of \$22,000.00.”</b>			<b>Motion carried</b>
SA-002	SSGA – Saskatchewan Beef Education	\$46,098.80	
<b>MOTION 2019-131: Day/ Elford</b>			
<b>“That SCA fund SSGA SK Beef Education in the amount of \$46,098.80.”</b>			<b>Motion carried</b>
A secret ballot was requested			
<b>MOTION 2019-132: Welter/ Beierbach</b>			
<b>“That the ballots be destroyed.”</b>			<b>Motion carried</b>
SA-003	Regina Catholic Schools – Cooking Competition	\$3,000.00	
<b>MOTION 2019-133: Hull/ Balicki</b>			
<b>“That SCA fund Regina Catholic Schools Cooking Competition in the amount of \$3,000.00.”</b>			<b>Motion carried</b>
SA-004	2020 SVMA Vet Preceptorship	\$18,000.00	
<b>MOTION 2019-134: Moore/ Martens</b>			
<b>“That SCA fund 2020 SVMA Vet Preceptorship in the amount of \$18,000.”</b>			<b>Motion carried</b>
SA-005	F&FC- 2020 Building Public Trust in Sask	\$32,500.00	
<b>MOTION 2019-135: Martens/ Griffin</b>			
<b>“That SCA fund F&amp;FC – 2020 Building Public Trust Sask in the amount of \$32,500.”</b>			<b>Motion carried</b>
SA-006	Ag in the Classroom	\$50,000.00	
<b>MOTION 2019-136: Martens/ Moore</b>			
<b>“That SCA fund Ag in the Classroom in the amount of \$50,000.00.”</b>			<b>Motion carried</b>

**Letters**

- Went through the letters in the package.

**Calendar**

- Went through the calendar.

The board was reminded of Sherri Grant's recent award from RBC and Agribition for her work in agriculture.

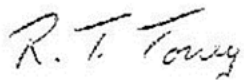
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**Adjourn 3:20pm**

**MOTION 2019-137: Toney**

**"To adjourn."**

**Motion Carried**



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Board Chair – Rick Toney

\_\_\_\_ Leann Clifford \_\_\_\_ - Recording Secretary

Date approved