

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association  
Board Meeting  
Thursday February 11, 2021  
Conference Call**

Arnold Balicki Chair (Director 9A),  
Rick Toney, Past Chair  
Kyle Hebert (Director 1)  
Leigh Rosengren (Director 2)  
Roger Meyers (Director 3A)  
Keith Day (Director 3B)  
Randy Stokke (Director 4)  
Joleen Shea (Director 5)  
Dean Moore (Director 9B)  
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)  
Garret Poletz (Director, SCFA)  
Holly Thompson (YCC)  
Garner Deobald (Director, SSGA)  
Kelly Williamson (Director, SSGA)

**SCA Staff:**

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

**Regrets:**

Levi Hull ( Director 5)  
Brent Griffin (Director 6)  
Brian Cole (Director 8)

Arnold Balicki called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION 2021-008: Day/Hebert**

**“To accept the Agenda as presented”**

**Motion Carried**

**1.01 Review of Minutes**

**December 17, 2021  
January 28, 2021**

**MOTION 2021-009: Welter / Stokke**

**“To accept the December 17,2020 minutes as presented and the January 28, 2021 reorganization minutes as amended.”**

**Motion Carried**

Discussion:

Twine and plastic conversation, are we to be included? Yes – there is a meeting coming up.

Cyber crime coverage in our insurance is \$50,000.

### **1.02 Chair Report**

- Busy with lots of phone calls, webinars, meetings as well as chairing AGM meetings for a few organizations.
- Great responses to the virtual AGM this year.
- Notable calls were with the Provincial organizations and CCA Reps, a Webinex call with Minister Bibeau and did a brief presentation on BRM.
- Call with Brent Brooks in regard to the troubles that flooded producers in the Meadow Lake area are having with the PDAP requirements. It appears that whatever they submit has problems.
- Will be part of a Globe and Mail panel.

### **MOTION 2021-010: Balicki / Shea**

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

**Motion Carried**

### **1.03 CEO Report**

- Welcome new board members. Reminder there are resources at the office and talk to each other if there are questions. Board Manual check.
- Christina is back half time and will be looking for some advocacy coordination in the coming weeks.
- The BRM file has been frustrating. Still hopeful but concerns of what comes out of this will be half measure.
- Markets are in full swing again towards very profitable grain growing. The negative potential this holds for cattle producers is yet another reason for these changes and further change such as increasing the cap.
- Very happy with the turnout for both SBIC and SCA AGM. Engagement online continues to increase. Thou the participation list was not much different than the in - person list.
- Waiting on the U of S, BCRC and Ministry to finalize the research announcement.
- Discussed the rumors of land for sale by the LFCE.

### **MOTION 2021-011: Hebert / Deobald**

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

**Motion Carried**

### **1.04 Financial Report**

### **MOTION 2021-012: Day / Welter**

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

**Motion Carried**

#### **IPS proposal**

- Committee feels Sean has a good grasp on the account.

### **MOTION 2021-013: Moore/Toney**

**“To update the Investment Policy Statement by allowing a maximum of 60% equities and maximum 25% alternative investments.”**

**Motion Carried**

## 1.05 Governance

Governance Manual Review

### New Business

#### Government policy and Programs Committee

- Reviewed SAR Project Proposals. Five groups. \$60,000 of government funding on the table. Kelly Williamson removed himself from the conversation due to conflict of interest as he works for SODCAP who applied for the funding. Pittman came in over that budget. Would like to top up that funding up to \$35,000.

#### MOTION 2021-014: Hebert / Stokke

**“That SCA fund the SAR proposal from Jeremy Pittman with SCA contributing up to \$35,000.”**

**Motion Carried**

- Brad Anderson from provincial ministry of corrections is working on developing a rural crime response group.
- Carbon tax policy discussed

#### MOTION 2021-015: Hebert / Toney

**“That carbon taxation and programming in Canada be implemented in ways that do not negatively affect competitiveness or market access and that recognize and value the sequestration side of the carbon cycle.”**

**Motion Carried**

#### MOTION 2021-016: Toney / Kyle

**“That SCA support a tax credit for rural security systems.”**

**Motion Carried**

Insurance providers will give a break on premiums if you repurpose or double duty calving cameras.

#### CWD program and CCIA issues

- CCIA system does need improvement. Anne sent email just recently.
- CWD test results are taking too long to get back to producers.
- If it takes three months to get the test back what is the point? What do you do with your animal from November to February? Why pay a processing bill? Need to investigate this. Support hunters as they help us control wildlife populations. Need more stations and better response.
- Keith is on the Wildlife Advisory Committee. Government people did not seem to want to talk about this. Seems like a plan is coming but was not being revealed. Thinks there will be a lot more about this at the next committee meeting.

#### Respect in the Workplace Renewal

- Program is renewing. Everyone will need to take/renew the program. Details will come to the board and staff soon.

#### SPCA Board

- Looking for producers
- Not involved in enforcement anymore but do still push on education. They want to better understand livestock i=on their board and to have a well rounded out board.
- Support for Marianne to be there. Concern with extent to which some veterinarians would consider treatment of animals as abuse.

- A voice of industry is very needed on these types of places. Anthropomorphizing is getting stronger and stronger.

**MOTION 2021-017: Rosengren / Toney**

**“To nominate Holly Thompson to sit on the SSPCA committee for SCA.”**

**Motion Carried**

**SSGA Education Funding**

- Unspent due to 2020 COVID effects. \$36K left and request is to roll it over. SSGA is looking to spend that funding efficiently and focused.

**MOTION 2021-018: Welter / Williamson**

**“To approve the unused portion of 2020 Beef Education funding to be rolled over to SSGA 2021 Beef Education funding.”**

**Motion Carried**

**LPIP Update**

- Announcement coming soon. Good things developing and a good working group.

**External Calls**

**Ryan Beierbach**

CCA Food Policy committee getting legal opinion on whether Beyond Beef meets labelling requirements of CFIA. If that says it is not compliant with requirements it would come with reasons why. Would move forward with that if it is positive. Also getting opinion on what is allowed on fake meat labels. This would be helpful in future dealing with imitation met labels as they come to the market.

BCRC – 2 day Zoom meeting in January. Main meeting for the year. Over \$2 million in funding with a large portion animal health and surveillance. Would like to see more forage and feed efficiency. Net year focus more on those areas that were underweight this year. For SCA research, keep in mind that BCRC has a big portion of animal health projects.

21/22 business plan set priorities. Planning for \$1.3 million deficit to eat into reserve. Reserve grew last year due to higher income and projects deferring funding.

**MOTION 2021-019: Toney / Hebert**

**“ To renew Ryan Beierbach as one of SCA’s reps to BCRC for a three-year term.”**

**Motion Carried**

CRSB -Industry comment period for 2030 beef industry goals on water, people, health, safety, food safety and technology are open now until Feb 26.

Foundational partner requested to be part of the Environmental Stewardship Award by CCA. Approve that. Goals set out for the coming year. Committees approved Some SCA people on a couple of the committees.

Focus group of 30 producers and researchers met (BCRC arranged) to try and ensure alignment of research priorities and industry needs. First of two sessions. Aim is to align researchers with industry priorities.

CCA met yesterday talking environmental sustainability initiative.

Feeds Research Council – have not heard from them. Ryder to follow up.

**Will Lowe**

NCFA – met Jan 29. Concern about Biden administration talking COOL. See the issue on our end with a 60 day residence requirement to become product of Canada.

E-logs for transporters came up again lately. Way it was written up two years ago is to come into effect this June. Have not heard anything about it for a long time.  
OIE progressing. Hopeful to get to shortlist on processing.  
Some COVID cases at High River. Appeared to be managing thus far.

### **Holly Thompson**

Cap gains deferral proposal coming.

### **VBP+**

January completed 15 pre-audit preps, February – 10 pre-audit preps. Currently 312 active operations in Sask.

SK VBP+ had their AGM January 22,21 and BOD meeting on January 18.

Attended the VBP+ webinar on biosecurity and calving on Jan 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Harold Martens**

CRSB has not had a committee meeting since renewed committees. Appreciates being asked to serve there.

LSS working on new manifest. All have to understand that the manifest is the property of the provincial government. How it proceeds depends on them.

Jason Pollack contract extended. Very pleased with his work on HR leadership and other parts that needed attention.

Less cattle inspected last spring and still have not caught up. May before the end of March. Still some slippage in check off and inspection areas where farm to farm sales occur and in some areas of purebred sales where purebred breeder is offering commercial cattle for sale.

Budget close to break even this year. Will be looking at places to prevent future deficiencies. If trend continues with 20-50K less head inspected reflects bottom line and is a concern. Only revenue generation is \$2.75 fee for inspection. If they added .25 cents that would generate \$400,000 in revenue. They would have to apply to provincial government and members of LSS would have to seek approval too. That \$400K would take about 5 years to put LSS to a place of breakeven.

Have been an increasing amount of missing cattle and thefts. Working with RCMP. They are becoming more willing to lean into these things. Have F Division management that are familiar with this.

### **Brad Welter**

E-Permits update – we are a ways away from having E-manifests or E-permits available. It would be well received in some areas of industry. Would go online, complete a form that would create the manifest. That e-permit would be forwarded to destination and available to transported, border etc. We will get there but will take some time.

### **Lynn Grant**

CCA call about environment and climate change initiative. Board directed staff to come up with something to help politicians and policy influencers better understanding the realities of livestock ag. RFP went out. Selected a proposal from Enterprise Corporation. Paying for out of savings from current budget year. Work with Enterprise Corporation to develop a PR format to see if we can bring knowledge to audiences and will provide materials to provincial members. A three- year project.

Endorsed CCA working with Canadian Carbon coalition to work in a unified voice.

Asked about the soil position paper from SK Soil Carbon.

## **Duane Thompson**

Several things covered already. Lee Auten has replaced Kevin France on LFCE Strategic Advisory Board. Next board meeting is before SCA Beef and Forage Forum.

4 relationships the board works on: Deans, Centre Director, Research Committee, Fundraising. Organizational Chart has been improved. Formal relations with all four entities. Asks that a research committee person to join.

## **SODCAP**

Keith is now co-chair with Lorne Scott.

Kelly Williamson and Krista Connick-Todd sharing ED role as Tom Harrison resigned effective end of January. Next week the four above are meeting Minister Kaeding to see if they can source some core funding. This has always been an issue for SODCAP.

## **Farm & Food Care**

New Executive named. First meeting for Brian Cole.

## **SK Ag Hall of Fame**

Struggle with COVID restrictions. May roll years together.

## **AITC**

Surplus like others that have not been travelling.

## **SSGA**

no report.

## **SCFA**

Feedlot school started this past Tuesday. Good attendance and content. Some tech hurdles.

Meeting with SARM this afternoon discussing RMs and some differences from one RM to the next in how ILOs are handled.

## **SSGA Beef Drive**

Reviewed the report that Chad submitted.

## **AGM Resolutions Review**

### **1. "That SCA lobby SCIC to put a dollar value of damage due to wildlife horns on tires."**

- How would this be administered properly? How would it be protected from fraud claims? Should be an SGI insurance issue? Any package policy on a vehicle, why does not AgPak have a similar wildlife clause? It should be in wildlife portion on farm or vehicle coverage.

## **MOTION 2021-020: Toney / Hebert**

**"That SCA investigate wildlife damage coverage insurance for farm machinery and investigate whether other groups are seeking the same to work together."**

**Motion Carried**

### **2." That the AGM recommends to SCA's board that they make available to membership the annual report no less than one week prior to the AGM."**

- Can have it done and posted to our website a week ahead.

**MOTION 2021-021: Day / Meyers**

**“That the annual report be posted to the SCA’s website at least a week before the Annual General Meeting.”**

**Motion Carried**

Last motion was defeated regarding changing CA’s name to better reflect gender diversity. Board to look at what Beef Farmers of Ontario’s work on inclusiveness. Investigate, think on that and discuss at a future meeting.

Discussed the change in Association of Swine Practitioners to Swine Veterinarians and how that is more inclusive.

All to go through Respect in the Workplace and BFO material and discuss at next meeting of the board.

**LSS Review of Theft**

Next meeting

**Conflict of Interest**

Reviewed some of the things that are conflict of interest and the need to point out as soon as it is a possibility.

**Old Business**

**Manifest Committee**

- Continuing under the guidance that one document is the best thing for compliance and ease.

**Meadow Lake**

Those who have trouble just threw up their hands and said forget it. Most of those who quit thought they could just send in invoices and get a cheque. Most are back restarting with Michelle. Just frustrated the with process. Back on track.

**MB Beef Producers and Lease Change**

- SSGA set up a call.
- MBP did not see this coming. Every 15 years it is up for renewal. When farm sells lease does not go with it. It was shifting to 5 years and was going to be open to highest bidder. The 5 years was a compromise and legacy leases can continue – which was also considered a compromise by government. Now lease comes up and in 5 years it happens again.
- Prioritize this.
- Leases should be discussed at Government Policy and Programs Committee.

**Letters in Review**

**Calendar Synchronized**

**In Camera**

**Adjourn 12:54pm**

**MOTION 2021- 022: Hebert**

**“To adjourn.”**

**Motion Carried**

*Arnold Balicki*

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Board Chair – Arnold Balicki

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

Date approved