

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association
Board Meeting
April13, 2023
The Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon, SK – 8am**

Keith Day Chair (Director 3B)
Arnold Balicki Past Chair (Director 9A)-virtual
Kyle Hebert (Director 1) – virtual
Wade Beck (Director 2)
Randy Stokke (Director 4)
Levi Hull (Director 5)
Shelby Corey (Director 6)
Joleen Shea (Director 7) - virtual
Leon Leuke (Director 8)
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA) - virtual
Garret Poletz (Director, SCFA)
Scott Gerbrandt (YCC) – virtual
Julie Mortenson (CYC CBA)

SCA Staff:

Grant McLellan (CEO)
Leann Clifford (Administrator)
Christina Betker (Policy)
Marianne Possberg (Production)

Regrets:

Roger Meyers (Director 3A)
Dean Moore (Director 9B)
Jeff Yorga (Director, SSGA)
Kelly Williamson (Director, SSGA)

Keith Day called the meeting to order at 8:00 am
Introductions

MOTION: 2023-031: Balicki / Hull

“To accept Christine Strube as the new Director for district 9A.”

Motion Carried

1.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2023-032: Day/Stokke

“To accept the agenda as amended.”

Motion Carried

Governance Minute

Board discussions need to stay with the Board, it's alright to canvass constituents, but we can't have constituents lobbying staff and other board members when its up to the board to make those proposals and to deliberate on those issues.

**1.01 Review of Minutes
March 15, 2023**

MOTION 2023-033: Stokke / Corey

"To accept the March 15, 2023, meeting minutes as presented."

Motion Carried

1.02 Chair Report

- Went through the report.
- Put forth Arnold and Leon's name to SVMA.
- Spoke to Pat Hayes regarding sitting at the CCIA table for SCA,
- Jocelyn Poletz agreed to put her name forward for the Hall of Fame committee.
- Zoom meeting with VBP+ national, conversation regarding Public and Stakeholder engagement, which continued in Ottawa at the CCA AGM.
- Attended the CCA AGM in Ottawa. President's meeting, environmental committee, foreign trade, domestic ag meeting and CCYC semi annual meeting.
- Panel presented ideas and answered questions from SCIC and producers.
- Attended a SODCAP meeting. They are getting busy with ACS projects and require more employees.
- Signed a letter of support for National VBP+ program.
- Attended SCA committee meetings.

MOTION 2023-034: Day/Hull

"To accept the Chair Report as presented."

Motion Carried

1.03 CEO Report

- Attended the CCA AGM. It was well-attended and featured good discussion around important issues like FMD preparedness, the proposed expansion of LPI, some initial feedback on the beef competitiveness study, and the impacts of inflation on profitability of the sector, among others.
- Had a good opportunity to meet with elected officials, a mixture of Conservative and Liberal MPs, and had some good discussions about bill C-282 and inviting people out to Saskatchewan to see the industry first-hand. This led to a round table this week with 8 Liberal MPs, and the participation of Keith, Garrett and Dean from our board.
- Saw the announcement of the new Sustainable CAP program, which SCA participated heavily in the consultations to develop the new/improved programs delivered under the partnership, including the expansion of FRWIP and eligibility for things like power.
- We saw a provincial budget that saw the province pay down debt, increase funding to the AG sector, and implement no new taxes or tax increases.
- There is a commitment for a Canadian FMD Vaccine Bank, as well as funding for the development of an FMD response plan. This is good progress, but much work still needs to be done. There does still seem to be quite a bit of money floating around for things like the supply management sector, but good news is still good news.

- Participated in APAS livestock summit, SCIC Board meeting, media interviews, Agribition AGM.

MOTION 2023-035: Moore/Poletz

“To accept the CEO report as represented.”

Motion Carried

1.04 Financial Report

- Reviewed the balance sheet and profit/loss.

MOTION 2023-036: Stokke/Moore

“To accept the Financial Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

External Reports

NCFA- Will Lowe

- Working on S-Cap, Bill 232, Trucking regulations

CCYC – Scott Gerbrandt

- Bill 232, Rural connectivity, LPI expansion, regulatory review of the supply chain by the treasury board secretariat (try to interface between different ministries/ministers that may not talk to each other eg. Vaccine approvals). ABP study. Proposals around succession planning

CCA, BCRC – Ryan Beierbach

- CCA – CPTPP inclusion of UK has not produced the results that industry expected; non tariff trade barriers remain. CCA doesn't support UK including CPTPP. Pushing against Bill 282. CCA determining position on lab-grown meat.
- BCRC – find the balance in communications; how much to provide. Talked about VBP+, how it operates, should BCRC be more involved?
- CRSB – semi-annual meeting coming up, working with CCIA to get better tracking of cattle through the supply chain, it will help support if they are certified cattle

New Business

Animal Health Committee - Priorities

- Animal Health Emergencies
 - Advocate for additional funding for producers in the case of a devastating emergency
 - Complete a walk-through for committee members, so that they know of the route we should expect.
- Traceability Regulations
 - Contribute to the comments provided from our office.
 - Puch premise id as mandatory
- Biosecurity
 - Advocate for veterinary technicians to be given more responsibilities, including preg checking,
 - Advocate for an easier transition for foreign trained vets into the province.
- Alert Line
 - Investigate the benefits and roadblocks of instituting an Alert line, similar to Alberta, in Saskatchewan.

- Production limiting Diseases.
 - Gather more information on diseases like Chronic Wasting Disease and its potential effect on beef cattle and other livestock.
 - Understand and encourage vaccine development of the most worrying diseases that could devastate our industry.
- Agreed with priorities, add more focus on biosecurity at borders

Governance Committee Priorities

- Timely posting of information (AGM resolutions & updates) to website
- Improvements to resolution process – collecting and communicating resolutions
- Improved recruitment of board members
- Reviewing professional development, training and resources for board members
- Update governance manual
- Look into a board review.

Government Policy Priorities

- Cost of Production Type program
- Competitiveness
- LPI
- Environment
- ELDs and Humane Transport Regs

Communications Priorities

- Newspaper
- Website
- App
- Emails
- Education – Dome

MOTION 2023-037: Balicki / Stokke

“That SCA fund AITC in the management of the SCA Dome project, with strategic comms priorities to be directed be the communications committee.”

Motion Carried

Introduction of New Traceability Regs

- The Policy committee to review the CFIA Traceability regs and return to the board with a recommendation no later than April 24 for board approval to submit to the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture by April 26th.

Agri Insurance Framework

- Policy committee working on

Canola Growers Cash Advance

- Should the March deadline be pushed out to September? Need more details
- Direct staff to come back to next meeting with more details to share with producers.

SBIC Update

- Report discussed.

Old Business

CCIA Update

- Deferred to next meeting.

Board Policy Reminders

- Get expenses in, need to attend meetings.

ABP Report

- Went over the summary.

RoundTable

- Labour is a challenge, how do we value it
- DUC policies are problematic, paying lots for conservation easements.
- Conservation groups get way to much money, that money should go right to producers to keep cattle on the land.
- SCIC predation specialists can't store firearms in vehicles when they are adjusting. Coyotes' area huge problem
- Good for young people to maybe develop the succession plan.
- Will be at Check-Off meetings in Calgary next week. Research proposal sent to Marianne is of great interest to Cattlefeeders.
- Lots of bulls are being sold that aren't paying checkoff. Can we educate producers that they need to be paying checkoff.
- Keep a unified front on policy positions.
- Need a replacement for Ryan Beierbach, next meeting is May 25th.
- Reg Schellenberg award will send a young producer to SBIC.
- Good event with Liberal MPs, lobbied to keep grasslands, reduce taxes.
- Appreciated opportunity to attend. Shortage of local abattoirs, long waits. Vet shortages
- FCC working to develop some more supports for succession. Ensure we keep a light regulatory framework around small producers. Working to keep people profitable.

Calendar Overview

- May meeting – cancelled.
- Fall meetings will be held either in the afternoon or evening. Leann to help work it out.

In Camera

Adjourn

MOTION 2023-038: Hull

4:04pm

“To adjourn.”

Motion Carried

Board Chair – Keith Day

____ Leann Clifford ____ - Recording Secretary

Date approved