

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association
Board Meeting
June 14th, 2023
The Atlas, Regina, 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)
Joleen Shea (Director 7) - virtual
Leon Leuke (Director 8)
Christine Strube (Director 9A)
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA) - virtual
Jeff Yorga (Director, SSGA)

SCA Staff:

Grant McLellan (CEO)
Glenn LaPointe (Comms)
Christina Betker (Policy)
Marianne Possberg (Production)

Regrets:

Roger Meyers (Director 3A)
Dean Moore (Director 9B)
Kelly Williamson (Director, SSGA)
Levi Hull (Director 5)
Shelby Corey (Director 6)
Garret Poletz (Director, SCFA)
Scott Gerbrandt (YCC) – virtual
Julie Mortenson (CYC CBA)
Leann Clifford (Administrator)

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2023-039: Day/Hebert

“To accept the agenda as amended.”

Motion Carried

1.01 Review of Minutes

April 13, 2023

MOTION 2023-040: Shea / Leon

“To accept the April 13, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.02 Chair Report

- Went through the report.
- Province is still in a drought situation but there has been areas that have received moisture for grass and hay production.
- Attended several committee meetings.
- Co-chair on SODCAP and have been busy since they have been awarded the Living Labs project.
- Attended the spring PCAP meeting in Regina. They are working on their 5 year plan. The United Nations has declared 2026 to be the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoral. PCAP is excited about the opportunity for the Canadian livestock industry to get their message out. Will be a good opportunity for us to explain the benefits cattle provide to native prairie, species at risk and the environment.
- Attended a meeting with SARM and SSGA. Issues were identified as having in common and discussed plans to move forward. A relationship building process.
- Met with the environment minister. Discussed the issues producers have with predation and wildlife populations. These are issues that are not easy to fix but we will continue to have conversations and look for solutions.
- Attended the Industry Government Forage Insurance Task Team that includes CCA members, provincial associations and the prov and fed government peoples. They are working on a nation wide forage insurance program that would use GARS technology for measuring production.
- Met with Jodi Griffin to discuss Livestock price insurance and took the opportunity to suggest and talk about improvements.
- Will be attending a meeting with Water Security Agency – to discuss the AG. Water Steward Policy.

MOTION 2023-041: Balicki / Stokke

“To accept the Chair Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.03 CEO Report

- Have participated in a number of meeting as mentioned in chair report.
- We continue to attend the Industry Government Forage Insurance Task team. We meet every two weeks thus far.
- The provincial members call has focused primarily on the trucking regulations and the traceability regs. There has been a cause for concern regarding the AB forest fires, but it seems to be improved.
- Attended Sask Chamber annual political forum and continue to look for opportunities in and around Regina.
- Attended the Ottawa fly in with Joleen. Overall lots of discussion about rangeland/grassland preservation, support for younger producers, as well as the issues of the carbon tax and increased costs being borne by producers.

MOTION 2023-042: Hebert/ROss

“To accept the CEO report as represented.”

Motion Carried

1.04 Financial Report

- Reviewed the balance sheet and profit/loss.

MOTION 2023-043: Stokke/Shea

“To accept the Financial Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

External Reports

NCFA- Will Lowe

- Met with the new president of the CFIA and new DM of AAFC (Janice and CJ)
- Have been working on Labour, Elds (especially with Treasury board officials)
- Offset – ECCC
- Agri-Food pilot – Immigration
- FMD Bank and response plan – CFIA
- Traceability
- Voluntary COOL submission to the US
- Impact of underused housing tax – its catching some ag operations who use TFWs as its not a primary resident.
- Met with animal protein table, discussions on Pan-Canadian food guide
- Meetings on bill 282, trying to hold that up in the senate – kind of undermines the arguments we have for cool.
- Meet with beef grading agency.

CCA-Duane Thompson

- TESA awards (there are a lot of candidates across the country)
- Grasslands conservation initiative – starting to reach out/present to the feds – getting ready for the provinces to also go through it.
- Starting a transition of the chair of the environmental committee to Mike Dugood from MB.
- Lots of discussion regarding grassland conservation, grain bag recycling, things are moving too fast – net-zero ag is a bad target.

CCYC – Scott Gerbrandt

- Succession working group.
- CCA youth programs.
- UN has requested youth perspective.

Sask Forage – Kyle Hebert

- AGM this week

VBP+ - Joleen Shea

PCAP – Keith Day

- Living Labs project (hired two people but one stepped down, so hve to hire anther)
- Projects are proceeding.

NCO – Chad Ross

- AGM August 15 at CBIC – SK has 10 delegates.
- Hiring committee for Michael Young’s position – 6/8-month transition period – 200 applicants have been reduced down to 6-10 resumes.
- Concerns about prop 12 in California. Australia demand for meat has dropped. Brazil has 70,000 tonnes of frozen beef stuck in Chinese ports. China’s frozen beef reserve is several million

tonnes, Japan and South Korea are long on frozen stocks as well. Us exports down 10 percent, and production will decrease 12% (2.2 billion pounds).

- Concerns about domestic consumption declines in US, prices projected to still go up. Domestic beef consumption in Canada is up 2.9% and exports up 1.4%. Canadian beef remains shut out of Chinese market. Canada beef centre of excellence has transitioned for a public facing education piece to a production focused centre.

MOTION 2023-044: Balicki / Stokke

“That the SCA adopt a position that Saskatchewan Cattle Producers are opposed to the imposition of ESG’s on the livestock sector in Canada.”

Motion Carried

New Business

Sponsorships

S-01 Flora of Saskatchewan Association – Grasses of Saskatchewan Printing

- It was decided not to fund this event.

S-02 4-H Saskatchewan - Beef Industry Promotion & Education

MOTION 2023-045: Hebert / Yorga

“That SCA fund 4-H Saskatchewan – Beef Industry Promotion & Education in the amount of \$61,500 over three years @ \$20,500/year.”

Motion Carried

S-03 Saskatchewan Verified Beef Production Plus – delivery the Saskatchewan program.

MOTION 2023-046: Stokke / Ross

“That SCA fund Saskatchewan Verified Beef Production Plus in the amount of \$75,000.”

Motion Carried

S-04 Western Feedlot School 2024

MOTION 2023-047: Ross / Hebert

“That SCA fund the Western Feedlot School in the amount of \$30,000 for 2024.”

Motion Carried

Grassland Conservation Initiative Project

- Information distributed.

SCIC decision to reduce coverage on rainfall insurance.

- SCA & SCIC executive future meeting.
- Reduction in coverage
- Need more places that measure rainfall.

CBCA Marketing Member at Large

MOTION 2023-048: Ross / Hebert

“That Mike Guest continue to be SCA’s Marketing Committee Member at Large.”

Motion Carried

LSS AGM

- Keith to attend the LSS AGM as the voting delegate for SCA. Kyle will also be in attendance.

RoundTable

- Discussion around lease rates returning to traditional lease rate calculations, will they take into account the cost of inputs for feeding the cattle. Could those rates be staggered? (Sask has the highest razing rates)
- Are they going to do a review of the rates the value of the buy-out of the lease should be related to the stocking rate of the existing lease.
- Concerns about AB group trying to buy up lease grazing land.
- Single point for dugout application, can we write a letter? Working with ECCC on a pilot RM 51 for “rapid habitat assessment. You would be eligible for a rebate if you have a level of biodiversity. Program is just starting. SARM is involved.
- AGT is diverting potential livestock feed to create organic fertilizer. Cattle industry should be concerned. Approach Murad and AGT to process into a better feed for livestock.
- ESG stuff is a threat, need an industry-wide campaign on this. Should perhaps broaden it out to AG as a whole, not just livestock. Reach out to dairy. Concerned about messaging out there about using farmland to produce renewable energy.
- Should we establish a campaign targeting CP MPs. Saskatchewan Science class (how do we bring industries together?)
- Can we invite Tim McMillan to our next board meeting?
- SaskWater Authority drainage on easements - permitting is tied to loans.

Calendar Overview

In Camera

Adjourn

MOTION 2023-049: Hebert

4:04pm

“To adjourn.”

Motion Carried

Board Chair – Keith Day

____Leann Clifford__ - _Recording Secretary

Date approved July 13, 2023