

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association  
Board Meeting  
Thursday July 16, 2020  
Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon  
9:45am**

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)  
Brent Griffin (Director 6)  
Paula Larson (Director 7)  
Brian Cole (Director 8)  
Dean Moore (Director 9B)  
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)  
Harold Martens (Director, SSGA)  
Garret Poletz (Director, SCFA)  
Holly Thompson (YCC)

**SCA Staff:**

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

**Guest:**

**Regrets:**

Levi Hull ( Director 5)  
Kelcy Elford (Director, SSGA)

Arnold Balicki called the meeting to order at 9:14 am.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION 2020-61: Moore / Larson**  
**"To accept the Agenda as presented"**

**Motion Carried**

**1.01 Review of Minutes**  
**June 18,2020**

**MOTION 2020-62: Hebert / Martens**

**“To accept the June 18, 2020 minutes as presented.”**

**Motion Carried**

**1.02 Chair Report**

- Participated in a meeting with the producers of Meadow Lake.
- Flood issues – the producers of Meadow Lake area have been dealing with serious flood issues. There are four municipalities involved and they have all applied to be declared disaster areas. Approx. 15,000 ow/calf pairs. 3,000 yearlings & 660 bulls are displaced. Along with 150,000 acres of grazing and pasture lands under water.
- The Ag ministry has since put out a media release outlining all the programs that are available for the flood victims.
- Also got a call from a producer from the South West more flooding issues.
- Participated in several media calls – radio, newspapers regarding flooding, the Provinces’ irrigation announcement, CUSMA agreement and the role of SCA in the province.
- Participated in the weekly teleconference calls with AAFC, Minister Marit’s call ins and the CCA call ins.

**MOTION 2020-63: Balicki / Day**

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

**Motion Carried**

**1.03 CEO Report**

- Positive development – the irrigation project.
- It will be continuing work to ensure this announcement is followed up by actual work. It was a visionary decision of the SCA Board to advocate for this and will take further grinding to get it done. That kind of vision is important for the board to keep in mind. Current challenges are important to meet with recommendations for governments.
- From an operations standpoint there continues to be challenges. COVID – the upcoming flu season. It is difficult to plan and to commit to events.
- The set aside program has been in place for a week now. The positive basis level vs the U.S. last week and continued high fed cattle kills are positive signs. Both SK and AB have taken cattle into the program.
- The office is being transformed into separate offices for everyone.

**MOTION 2020-64: Toney / Day**

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

**Motion Carried**

**1.04 Financial Report**

**MOTION 2020-65: Martens / Moore**

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

**Motion Carried**

## 1.05 Governance

A conflict of interest is not only when there is actual benefit to a board member or their family at stake. A conflict must also be declared when there is a potential or appearance of this type of benefit at play. SCA rarely provides support to producers directly so this is rarer than say an RM Council deciding on contractors for local work. It still must be watched for and discussed before topics are discussed to allow removal from discussions.

### New Business

#### Budget

- Reviewed the proposed budget.

#### MOTION 2020-066: Larson / Griffin

**“To accept the proposed budget for 20/21 as presented.”**

**Motion Carried**

#### CRSB Council Elections

- Reviewed the information
- Will wait for guidance from Ryan Beierbach as he is on the nomination committee.

#### National Check Off Agency AGM

#### MOTION 2020-67: Martens / Toney

**“That SCA appoint Chad Ross as NCO representative.”**

**Motion Carried**

#### Flooding

- 90 producers, 150,000 grazing acres plus hay and crop lands. 50,000 head of cattle including bulls and heifers. A lot of challenge is lack of access across rivers to summer grazing in bushland. PDAP looks at putting cattle on hay land as an already solution but that doesn't take into account that it is a wreck for winter developing. A lot of Dean's area buys hay out of Meadow Lake area. Some as far down as district 7.
- Looking to SCA to:
  - Encourage PDAP to set up a temporary office in Meadow Lake. Harrison offered an office (Cannot use office if the writ is dropped). Producers felt this would be beneficial to them.
  - Add natural hay land meadows to crop insurance. Dikes trenched through to drain them. 1000ac meadows that will yield 4-5000 bales/ Silt left over will mean damage. A big feed source for that area. Add it into crop insurance? Have an overland flood aspect? SCIC says they can look at that kind of program but won't see it soon in that way for budget.
  - Winter feed or cattle moving freight assistance is needed to deal with loss of fed from grazing it. (Freight assistance is often a challenge because freighters know and up their rates. Would a per cow payment help?)

- AgriRecovery – we need to get the productive asset back to normal they need a feed bridge to get there. That would be a per animal payment to help in doing that, not a payment per animal but a payment to get that productive asset through the challenge.
- Get province to forfeit lease fees for the year. (This is part of the existing programs available for lands) – Done
- Action on riverbank erosion.
- Action on beavers. Can shoot 30/40 in evening. There is a beaver bounty but only 2 trappers in the area. Max will pay for is 1500 beaver. Do something with your beaver or offset the costs / damages.
- Equalization of municipal grants for road infrastructure based on size or mileage? PDAP only pays on non-insurable. Roads ect. should qualify for PDAP. Need the municipality to be aggressive. How is the grant calculated for roads? Is it miles of roads or population or what calculation? ( per capita?)
- Push Ducks to open up some of their lands that are not flooded.
- Thought I knew.... Add in crop insurance, write off can be sold. Once they have done their assessment what you sell the leftovers for is “bonus.”
- Can SARM do something that helps?
- Defer income.
- These fit under the strategic plan area of advocating and developing policies and programs that improve producer resilience, profitability, skills and other needs as they arise.
- Another flood occurred in the South west. Over 2000 acres are affected. Flooding occurred in the conservation district area but reached ranch land too. After Arnold’s engagement, things have improved.

**MOTION 2020-068: Martens / Welter**

**“That SCA advocate for recovery actions for the flooded northwest areas including but not limited to AgriRecovery, breeding stock tax deferral, crop insurance improvement, beaver and water management improvements and Provincial Disaster Assistance Program delivery improvements.”**

**Motion Carried**

If hay meadows are not insurable through SCIC then they should qualify for PDAP coverage.

**Communication Needs**

- Save On Foods and No Frills would like to enlist a few producers. Save On is not having a producer in stores this year. Asking for a couple of volunteers to provide a photo of family and ranches and those would be featured in SK. NoFrills approached Canada Beef for a similar undertaking. Questions of producers then included in flyers. Need a couple of producers to be featured.
- SCIC would like a virtual tour for employees. Life of a rancher content and I thought I knew.... Content.
- Rika Stewart is suggested to approach. Volunteers stepped forward. There is a need to capture more than little snips that are positive, the hard and less glamorous aspects. The business aspects SCIC is asking about are different than the physical - “through the fence” aspects.

**Adopt Projects**

**AD2020-01 – Establishing Salt Tolerant Forages \$6,099 – Committee – 50% - \$3050.**

**MOTION 2020-069: Day / Hebert**

**“That SCA fund the project – Establishing Salt Tolerant Forages in the amount of \$3050.”**

**Motion Carried**

- 2 replicates near Yorkton with different salinity levels, dormant seeding, pesticide use to suppress weeds. Demonstrate through tour, video, online reports.

**AD2020-02 – Using record keeping software as a production & economic indicator for decision making. -\$55,052 – Committee - \$5,500.**

**MOTION 2020-070: Toney / Poletz**

**“That SCA fund the project – Using Record Keeping Software as a Production & Economic indicator for Decision Making in the amount of \$5,500.”**

**Motion Carried**

- Stockgrowers, extension specialist out of Moose Jaw, Kathy Larson as well collaborating.
- Would software come as a app? A variety will be used. If it could contain all needed info for VBP+ would add good value.

**AD2020-03 – Assessing the viability of winter – feeding chopped corn swath compared to standing corn in terms of utilization, quality. - \$7081 – Committee- \$4,000.**

**MOTION 2020-071: Welter / Toney**

**“That SCA fund the project – Assessing the viability of winter – feeding chopped corn swath compared to standing corn in terms of utilization, quality in the amount of \$4,000.”**

**Motion Carried**

- Lot of discussion at the committee level. Good or bad results as valuable. Talked about using a hay bine as well to learn that impact.
- One aim would be to see if this would mean less grain selection that can cause acidosis.

Lunch break

**Old Business**

**Lands**

- Updated on the recommends vs requests on some pieces. Also lack of certainty on WHPA to EPO idea of transition.

**SCA Display**

- Updated the board regarding the dome and other prospects.

**SK Science Class**

- Continuing to push with contacts in the education ministry. Dean Elliott has been one of these contacts. Going to be some applied arts content around agriculture in the new year.
- They will be coming back to SCA, Dairy and others for input for this new development.

**Next meeting in person?**

- Discussed as long as numbers stay reasonable in Saskatchewan.

## **External Call**

### **Chad Ross - NCO**

- Virtual AGM coming up. Goal is to have any resolutions etc. back to office by August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Chad has two years left as Chair if the agency agrees.

### **Will Lowe – NCFA**

- SCFA talked on Tuesday about speaking about BRM that WLPPIP needs to be pushed nationally as a permanent status program. Sent presentation in.
- Meeting with Sask. Conservative Caucus on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Duane Thompson – CCA**

- Judging TESA nominees and reporting during virtual CBIC.

### **Holly Thompson – YCC**

- with CBIC going virtual, so will YCC semi. Great speakers lined up.
- YCC elections also coming up and will be online.
- Working on delegate handbook to help with understanding of what YCC is and delivers.

### **Ryan Beierbach – BCRC**

- CCA committee have not had a call since last month.
- BCRC trying to get research rolling and maybe an extension on funding of federal program.
- CRSB nominations are open. They have received a few nominations. Second call right now.
- Anne is planning to run for chair. Bob, Greg and Les have their nominations in.

### **Harold Martens – LSS**

- Had AGM and board meeting June 25.
- Brad Welter took on treasure role as Chad McPherson stepped down.
- In the past year, the collective bargaining agreement was approved.
- Still working on electronic manifest system. Will start soon on pilot trials with willing participants.
- Have a new board member from the Horse Federation, she is from just outside of Davidson. The member is former RCMP so hopes to bring value to the board.
- Jason pollock has been in touch with 'F' division as livestock liaison has not been a positive experience. Will embark on a new system of reporting right to C.O. in Regina.
- Annual report holds the details of costs and benefits of the industry and warrants important support from policing and others.
- Harold remains chair with Mark Elford as vice chair.

### **Harold Martens – F&FC**

- Most events are cancelled or postponed.

**Brent Griffin – SK.Forage Council**

- Note the early June launch of the Forage U-Pick tool found on the SK forage council website. Helps in picking forage and in pest control.
- AGM was cancelled and looking got reschedule.

**Brent Griffin - PCAP**

- No report

**Keith Day -SODCAP**

- Funding is increasingly and issue. Government deficits make it more worrisome.
- Tom ensures there is enough funding to see through the end of this season.
- Branding program is now live.
- Weston Foundation released some information yesterday around Alternative Land Use Services.

**Arnold Balicki – AITC**

- New board members including a member from MNP. Have made improvements in structure with committees.
- Growth has come from a very small organization that has grown in funding and employee size. Professionalism and structure are in place to match the growth and responsibility of that growth.
- There is still some high level of uncertainty of sponsorship levels. They are taking financial precautions.

**Arnold Balicki – VBP+**

- Audits are going forward.
- Hearing there are still some holes so a follow up is required.

**SSGA**

- No report

**Garret Poletz - SCFA**

- Looking for a tour addition for feedlot school in the Rosetown / Biggar / Elrose area to Saskatoon.

**Calendar Synchronized**

**In Camera**

**Adjourn 2:10pm**

**MOTION 2020-72: Balicki**

**“To adjourn.”**

**Motion Carried**

*Arnold Balicki*

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Board Chair – Arnold Balicki

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

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