

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association
Board Meeting
Thursday February 15,2018
Travelodge, Regina, SK – 8am**

Kyle Hebert (Director 1)
Joe Jackson (Director 2)
Roger Meyers (Director 3A)
Keith Day (Director, District 3B)
Rick Toney – Chair (Director, District 4)
Garret Hill (Director, District 6)
Paula Larson (Director, District 7) - Call
Michael Spratt (Director, District 8)
Arnold Balicki (Director, District 9A)
Dean Moore (Director, District 9B) - Call
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)
Harold Martens (Director, SSGA)
Ryan Beierbach, Past Chair

SCA Staff:

Ryder Lee (CEO)
Leann Clifford – (Executive Administrator)
Marianne Possberg – (Production)
Christina Patterson – (Policy)
Tom Jordens – (Communications)

Regrets:

Levi Hull (Director, District 5)
Bill Huber (Director, SSGA)

Rick Toney called the meeting to order at 8:05am

1.00 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2018-011: Beierbach /Chad
“To accept the agenda as amended”

Motion Carried

1.01 Review of Minutes*
December 12, 2017
Lee reviewed the minutes.

MOTION 2018-012: Day / Spratt
“To accept the December 12,2017 minutes.”

MOTION 2018-013: Hill/ Larson
“: To accept the January 25, 2018 minutes.”

Motion Carried

Motion Carried

1.02 Chair Report

- Toney read his report.
- has participated in interviews.
- Have talked to Vets regarding the Vet /Client relationship. There is more information in the board package regarding this structure.

MOTION 2018-014: Toney/ Hill
“To accept the Chair report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.03 Past Chair Report

- Beierbach gave a run down of NCBA meetings and concerns.
- Fake meat concerns are big right now. Aim is to protect the names and brands of beef from being used by these new products.

MOTION 2018-015: Beierbach / Jackson
“To accept the Past Chair report.”

Motion Carried

1.04 CEO Report

- Lee presented the written report.
- Gave a run down of the NCBA meetings – Fake meat and electronic logging devices were a big concern in every meeting.
- Feeders event in summer may be of value to SCA, Nebraska Feeders Guide will be useful.
- Good meetings and sessions. Would be of value for Canada Beef to attend the check off reporting sessions.
- CJ Katz proposal for promotional event. Looking at beef as main protein along with her spice messaging to be sure it supports Canadian Beef in general and nit just artisanal or other small scale stories.
- LCFE is moving closer, Kathy Larson is interm director. They are looking for \$500,000.00 for machinery.

MOTION 2018-016: Hill / Beierbach
“To accept the CEO report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.05 Financial Report

- Reviewed

MOTION 2018-017 Balicki / Jackson
“To accept the financial report as presented.”

Motion Carried

Old Business

Taxation

- Income deferral. Federal government have now allowed income deferral for grain sales.
- Fluctuations in cattle income, it can be a good tool. Would help in farm transitions too.
- Have policy investigate as long as now losing inventory adjustment along with a change. This would fix the waiting for the drought deferral. Advantage grain guys have.

New Business

A - Research Funding Requests

- Eric Lamb – Monitoring of Forage recovery following the October 2017 Burstall fires.

MOTION 2018-018: Day / Hill

“To approve the funding of the project - Monitoring of forage recovery following the October 2017 Burstall fires – in the amount of @21,505 over 3 years – y1-9085/ y2-6210/ y3-6210 – with the additions of monitoring of unburned areas for comparison, with temperature, moisture and wind recordings and with grazing pressure introduced through the recovery period.”

Motion Carried

- Application for Support of a Forage Agronomy Researcher

MOTION 2018-019: Welter / Jackson

“That SCA support the funding – Support of a Forage Agronomy Researcher at WBDC to improve the performance of forages on the Canadian Prairies – in the amount of \$15,000 for 1 year.”

Motion Carried

B- Vet / Client patient Relationship

- Motion for AGM that SCA represent the “client” in any changes in veterinary client patient relationship in Saskatchewan.
- Record keeping is important.
- Large animal vets are represented at SVMA Professional Conduct Committee.
- Vet availability is not always at the level needed to be on sight and deliver care.
- SVMA is looking at changes to allow for prescriptions to be filled by others.
- Pharmacy “opportunities” faces lots of training and carrying inventory hurtles.
- Supply of large animal veterinarians, is that something SVMA works on?
- Can SCA work with WCVM to help with internships on large animal clinics?
- What would help induce more veterinarians entering large animal practices?

C- Board Contacts

- Updated everyone and reviewed

D- Committees

- Discussions about extra resources. Animal Health & Care – Vets? Ask SVMA to appoint one?
- Governance – Brad Wildeman
- Communications – Adrienne Ivey.
- Traceability Working Group – Reg Schellenberg and Mark Elford and Pat Hayes.

E- Allocations

- If we change this year under the privilege, can we adjust for this and next year?
- Chad recommends to stay status quo.

F- Guests Wendy Wilkins and Judy Currie join the meeting via conference call.

- Wendy is disease surveillance vet and epidemiologist with Saskatchewan Agriculture.
- Judy Currie is registrar with SVMA. Was small animal practitioner in Saskatoon and was in CFIA inspection for about 9 years.
- Currently working on a new bylaw for SVMA that would allow vets to fill scripts from other vets as is currently allowed in AB. Could take to another vet that is willing. Already have a pharmacy at the vet college in Saskatoon "so it already works." If they move forward with this bylaw, a clinic could email a scrip to another clinic for filling. Would need to keep record, ensure the scrip is from a licensed veterinarian.
- What about Maple Creek and Medicine Hat? This would be up to Alberta Vet Med Association, and to SVMA to decide if they recognize scrips from out of province veterinarians.
- Preceptorship program aims? Hope to keep some of WCVMSK students within the province. Know there are many single and even multi vet practices looking for sustainability. Aim is for third year students to go work with vets in those practices, see how good it can be and induce some to stay in when they graduate the following year. Only offered to SK pool students. Specifically to practices who are either in need or have been looking a long time. Also looking at the places they are going is with a vet that can give good mentorship and practice experience while they are there.
- Hoping to find funding from others than SVMA and the vet. Hoping for donations from producers in those areas. RMs who want a vet clinic in their areas / SCA / Drug companies. They want to be able to pay the student \$10,000 for the work over the student split into thirds/ practice/SVMA and outside sources. If this is successful, they are looking to grow to 20 student pool from SK- not planning to use for small animals.

G- AGM Review

- Conference Great one of the best, venue good one stop.
- Shorter AGM was appreciated.
- Final night banquet numbers were down/ reception was a good kickoff. Have to think about consumer spending – don't need extra nights for extra costs.
- Delta? parking at the casino?

LUNCH

H – CCA AGM

- Take a look at the items in the board notes.
- Talked background.

I – Young Cattlemen's Annual Membership

MOTION 2018-020 Martens / Beierbach

“That SCA support the YCC for 2018 in the amount of \$2,500.”

Motion Carried

Ask if they can go somewhere else other than Denver? What about Cattlemen’s College at NCBA?

External Calls

Pat Hayes, Reg Schellenberg, Les Johnson

Reg / Pat– CCA AGM is coming up. Animal care & health committee meeting is morning of March 21, extended an invite.

Jill Harvie, Brady Stadnicki and John Masswohl met with Minister MacAulay about traceability and tag retention. Jill is trying to coordinate an opportunity for Reg, Pat, Dennis to meet with top end CFIA about intentions around Cattle Implementation Plan.

Plan is to take Mark Lawrence with them to help outline the issues with doing a snapshot of traceability 3 years from now without a baseline now to measure against. This is a bit of a new angle of just cost, his report compared CIP and the presumption of the regulations and poked holes in both. Brought the Minister up to speed as well.

Talked to the Minister regarding holes in CIP, including if load lot movement, taking manifests, how do they move into the Canadian Livestock Traceability System. The cost is estimated at \$1 million in salary costs plus some software upgrades to CLTS. Made the point to the Minister that there needs to be someone besides tag buyers paying for things.

Passed resolution about gaining information about lost or stolen cattle. Eric Aubin responded that the genesis of the issue is that brand inspectors are not recognized as an investigative body under the Privacy Act.

RCMP can already get that information, CCIA pulls it as soon as the request is made, when the federal government clears the RCMP to accept the information CCIA gives it to them immediately.

Brand inspectors would need to whittle it down to a hierarchy that does not let just anyone call CCIA to get that information.

Most lost animals are solved easily by calling CCIA and they all the owner of that tag. The desire to short circuit it and allow the communications to go straight across makes it more difficult.

CCIA bylaws say there is a 12 year sunset clause for directors - Some members want it to stay the same. Need for renewal remains.

Budget for CCA seen before March AGM?

53 cent charge per head marketed will be the amount charged for CCA’s budget and it will stay flat as it has been for five years. Pat voiced support for 55 because 53 will be very slow reserve building amount. Other provinces said they could not sell more than that. This will be a five - year period.

Executive – last year Pat was appointed and Reg was elected. Reg is willing to stand again.

Les Johnson: CRSB participation

Thanked the board for allowing him to represent on the verification committee. Both the verification and indicator committees have met their commitment and have been disbanded.

Talked about Monica about the volunteers they are looking for. Committee would resolve complaints / appeals / conflicts around requirements and implementation. Deal with problems that would arise out of the program. Two- year term. 11 members on the committee from the CRSB registered members. Room

for 3 producer reps. They have 2 memberships willing to fill 2 spots. So one spot is open. Review into the program in three years, likely expecting a couple of terms.

Duane Thompson: Co-chair of CCA Environment Committee.

Oak Lake Marsh meeting with ENGOs sounded like they would all put together a generic beef industry endorsement. When they went back to their own boards it was not so simple as all that.

Larry Thomas is filling Fawn's position on a contract while she is on a six-month sabbatical.

Kathy Larson Needs to have full support to get the job done at the LFCE.

Chad Ross – Canada Beef:

Approved the budget the past couple of days. Approx.\$500,000. With an estimated 1.4 million slippage.

Due to the separation between marketing and agency there will be some added costs (financial staff).

Cash flow too. At points in time the agency will be \$300,000. In the negative. In the past that has come from marketing. Now to show separation, either will have to get an operating loan or other facility.

Canada Beef will still cover the negative but Agency will pay interest. Piggy backing on offices and staff will no longer happen. Canada Beef will charge for space, copy machines, admin assistant for meetings, ect.

Melinda and Tayla are only 2 employees of the agency. Will add some costs to share a book keeper, interest on operating loan.

Canada Beef – Francis has been building bridges with Tom and Dennis. Business plan rolled out to Marketing Committee. Francis has shown good creativity with available budget.

Issues Management – not receiving any Agency money any more. Will be receiving allocation.

BCRC – Met day before SBIC – business meeting. Service agreements, bylaws and budget. Little on tech transfer and research. McAllister work on antimicrobial resistance looks very promising for our industry.

MOTION 2018-021: Spratt / Hill

“To accept Canada Beef report as presented.”

Motion Carried

Old Business continued..

J – CRSB Framework Committee

- Harold has agreed to be on this committee.

K – Resolution Protocol

- How do they get addressed?
- Next board meeting, go through AGM resolutions and decide either to delegate to committee or decide on how to proceed.

L – Ag in the Classroom

- Arnold's term is up in April with the AGM, If SCA wants to continue to have representation action is needed.
- An election will happen at the AGM – this is the first time so not sure of the protocol.

M - VBP+

- Arnold presented his report.

MOTION 2018-022: Balicki / Day

“That SCA provide funding to Verified Beef Production + for the SK Renewals Coordinator position and all related costs in the amount of \$18,700 + GST.”

Motion Carried

N – Rural Crime

- Regarding items in the news, SARM has been front and centre on this issue.
- If Federal government is going to form a committee, it needs rural Canada on board.
- Concern over voicing support for the process vs making sure rural Canada is represented.

O - Outstanding Young Farmer for 2018

- Deadline today.
- Good time to look for 2019.
- Communications committee to take that on. Idea is to find a nominee for 2019.

P – Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation Meeting

- Lots of great speakers and discussion.
- Chronic wasting – we will be getting someone on that board.
- Lots of talk about Crown Land bought with hunting license funds. They are looking for graziers. They will be looking to us to eventually get people grazing the lands. SWF is managing. They will fence and want grazing, maybe lease. That land is called Occupied Crown Land and the rules on hunting access is still up in the air.
- There were motions that none of the land be grazed. They were not supported except by the movers. There were several that recognized the need to work with ranchers
- Hunting access SWF wants to work with us.
- They will be reaching out on CWD, access to land, grazing.
- Ministry of Environment has developed a Game Management Plan, Chris is looking through and putting before the Regulatory Working Group. They want more feedback from people on the land. Talking to landowners has to be part of it.
- TIPS line board has an opening. Not in mandate.
- Paul James researches disturbance on land. He may come forward with proposals.

MOTION 2018 – 023: Hill / Day

“To accept Hill’s report as presented.”

Motion Carried

Letters

Calendar

LSS items

- Harold – BCRC had a webinar on branding yesterday. Hot branding creates loss on hides. Wonder if LSS would be interested in working to reduce the places for brands to just shoulders and hips.
- MB did support having livestock inspection. Passed 45 to 42.

Next Meeting May 18, 2017 – Conference Call

In Camera

Adjourned 3:38

MOTION 2018-024: Toney

“To adjourn.”

Board Chair – Rick Toney

Recording Secretary – Leann Clifford

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