

Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association

Board Meeting - Research

Thursday April 18, 2019

Conference Call 8am

Rick Toney, Chair (District 4)
Kyle Hebert (District 1)
Roger Meyers (District 3A)
Keith Day (District 3B)
Levi Hull (District 5)
Paula Larson (District 7)
Michael Spratt (District 8)
Arnold Balicki (District 9A)
Dean Moore (District 9B)
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)
Harold Martens (Director, SSGA)
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)
Ryan Beierbach, Past Chair
Kelcy Elford (Director, SSGA)

SCA Staff:

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

Regrets:

Scott Greiner (District 2)
Brent Griffin (District 6)

Rick Toney called the meeting to order at 8:06 am.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2019-042: Welter/Larson
"To accept the Agenda as amended"

Motion Carried

1.01 Review of Minutes **March 14, 2019**

MOTION 2019-043: Martens / Beierbach
"To accept the March 14, 2019 minutes as amended."

Motion Carried

1.02 Chair Report

- Attended CCA AGM, attended foreign trade meeting – China remains a priority for CCA.
- Swine fever is a huge concern in China and with them having half the world supply and very little control on movement it will be hard to control. The thought was that it will hit North America in a year. This could create a huge shortage of protein, that would create an opening for chicken and beef.
- Was asked to contact SWF. Ryder and Rick had a conference call speaking on the new trespass laws. They wanted more consultations and a longer phase in period. It was an interesting conversation and kind of went against their Respect program that they have had in place for over 30 years.
- Invitation from NDP - Yens Pederson -attended a round table on Agriculture and the Environment, was poorly attended by Ag leaders from the SW. The room was filled with party faithful's. Was given lots of room to speak on the issues of the producers.
- Received a call that APSS told brand inspection to mind their own business about stolen cattle in their seized cattle. Need to confirm the aspects of this story.
- Transition pastures raising questions about fences and who covers them if they are burned.
- Producer in Maple Creek had an ergot issue and looking for advice. Do we have a "steps to go through" list in the office? Ex) ergot – give them advice on where to go and who to talk to. They come to us looking for advice. Should we develop something?
- Cattlemen called they want to do an interview with him on Vet Client Patient Relationship. Looking for advice.

MOTION 2019-044: Toney / Day

"To accept the Chair Report as presented."

Motion Carried

LMS and marketers.

- Feeders did meet with them and had discussion. Welter did not know before that call why driving for the "whole industry?" It would be around \$800,000 - \$1,000,000. Had conversation. They are not willing to let this drop. SCFA told them they are not interested and not going to drive it to SCA.
- Have been involved in their beginning, then stepped back, and then denied their requests twice.
- Labour relations board is pushing on LSS too. Hard hats, etc. Separate the commercial aspect of cattle movement. Heartland was fined for not having ear plugs in loud areas.
- Each sector should have their own safety protocols.
- LSS is monitoring what went on with the inquiry from the producer about APSS selling their cattle as part of the seized lot.

MOTION 2019-045: Toney / Spratt

"To accept the report as presented."

Motion Carried

1.03 CEO Report

- The last CCA as held after the last board meeting, frustration was high over the transportation regulation. Some things to note:
 - VBP+ training needs to grow. It will be driven by packers as BQA certified equivalency. Good to hear national working on that recognition,
 - Going to see spin off of CRSB and VBP+ from CCA to box the liabilities that come with making promises about products. Lots of uncertainty there as programs evolve. Arnold is

engaged in this. I think moving forward a VBP+ training session should be at all events like Ag in Motion. SBIC, others. Things that are fluid include costs of training, audits, insurance, who manages data, etc.

- Policy positions taken on lab proteins and regulations of manufactures protein. See the whole list on your packages. Positions are in there that apply to a few current topics.
 - Public and Stakeholder engagement group is up and running. We will see some of their activity in Saskatchewan with some media training in coming weeks. Aim to build a squad that is ready to handle issues with short notice and proximity to cities to be able to host camera crews,
 - They are working with a group called Post Beyond to help take messaging beyond the usual ag “choir”
 - A cautionary tale from other provinces where the SPCA is not funded by government but is in charge of enforcement. That makes them do things to keep funds coming in by donation that aren’t always the best things for stakeholders such as the industries they enforce over.
- The SCA MLA spring reception was well attended by MLA’s - including ministers and Premier Moe. I would encourage fuller board participation in the future.
 - Still on the search for John McKinnon’s successor, feel that we are getting closer to a good candidate with strong potential.
 - Participated in the Ag in the Classroom’s Canadian Ag Literacy month. AITC provides some information to help engage the students, but the most engaging is your story and answering their questions. I strongly recommend participating in the future.
 - Participate in long session on business management illustrated the circle we keep chasing around whole farm programs. If the policy base we have is not going to change then tweaking the program is not going to yield much, similarly with continued same sized funding there is little change. I believe we have more ground to gain and are gaining it with working on forage insurance and price insurance.
 - Development continues to be a conversation. Wonder if there is merit to reaching out to RMs and publishing a list on our website or Saskatchewan Ag’s of the ones like Harold’s that are “open for development”.
 - We are looking to election time and fall meetings. Anyone thinking of vacating their position please let Rick or Ryder know. WE can help with succession work.

MOTION 2019-046: Hebert / Moore

“To accept the CEO report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.04 Financial Report

MOTION 2019-047: Welter / Hebert

“To accept the Financial Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.05 Governance

Board of Director succession planning is essential to good governance, as it sets the stage for board engagement and performance, not to mention effective leadership.

Old Business

LFCE & Land

- Discussion if it is SCA's mandate to own land competing with producers. Original ideas were this way of contributing to the LFCE to keep some control over the use outside of the University and maintained the asset for producers rather than sending cash to the University that becomes theirs and any asset they purchase with it also stays in their control. Motion to change the preference should be the form.

Livestock Loan Guarantees Update

- Exploration continues on forming a new entity out of the old ones.

Sask. Jobs Grant

- If you are the employer, you can not apply to the Sask. Jobs Grant.

MOTION 2016-048: Hebert / Ross

"That SCA lobby that farmers and ranchers be eligible for Canada /Saskatchewan Jobs Grant."

Motion Carried

Trespass & Sask. Wildlife Fed.

- Rick and Ryder talked to Sask. Wildlife CEO, regarding concern on the new trespass act if it goes thru. Hunters will be too restricted as they will not find the information to gain access.
- Government has their Tec Challenge out and closes shortly. Want to be ready for hunting session this fall.
- Think Sask. Wildlife will proclaim that legislation is not ready need more time. SCA will be ready to say "yes" it is ready, let's get it done. Sask. Wildlife wants a phase in period.
- Hunters can find the landowner information, just have to be compliant. Asking for permission is good relationships.

New Business

Membership to NCFA

- Discussion – good to go Budgeted.

LLS ILIA Conference Sponsorship

- Garth Woods to the conference for brand services.
- Harold attends.
- Chad will be attending as a panelist at the conference.
- Only coming to Sask. every 15 years, should not miss out.
- Important that LSS is informed with the most up to date information.

MOTION 2019-049: Welter / Ross

"That SCA sponsor the LLS ILIA Conference in the amount of \$1,200."

Motion Carried

YCC Membership Contribution

- \$2625.00 ask
- Holly Thompson is our rep.
- Board would support having YCC at our board meetings. Need to have protocol in place, confidentiality, governance, etc. Maybe more conference calls.

MOTION 2019-050: Ross / Welter

“That YCC rep be invited to the board meetings as observers to help build understanding including being brought into code of conduct and confidentiality.”

Motion Carried

BCRC

- Steve Pylot’s spot is up.

CCA Meeting Report from Lynn Grant

- Sent out previously by email.
- National files updated – good to aware of.

CCA Resolutions

- In the package. Good to be aware of and up to date.

SCFA Letter

- Chad presented the letter.
- Asking SCA to represent SCFA. Do not want the head tax placed by the RMs.
- Christina looking into the issues.
- Need to look into all commodities. Grains to chickens, Feedlots to farmyards.
- Need is to be competitive in approval process and taxation.
- AB’s aim is similar to be better, but not all the way to commercial.
- Should not view ILO as negative but as a conversation.
- There are 3 RMs that have hired a traffic bylaw officer. Swift Current, Webb and Sask Landing RMs.
- The 3 RMs not making friends with their residents or neighboring RMs. Prairie Sky Region initiative is not appreciated. Starting to see turnover in council because of it.
- Farmers who haul in the municipality have to get a permit. Commercial truckers have to buy a permit.

Farm to Fork recap and Survey

- Tom reviewed.

PNWER

- Paula to attend Tuesday/Wednesday
- Rick / Ryan?

CBIC Attendees

- Agency AGM -Sask gets 8 votes. Likely to be a half day. Things have been quiet. Will be a vote for marketing committee at large and wholesale retail as well as producers.

SBIC 2020

- If Shannon moves away there is support for SCA administering the show. – Positive support for this.

Communications Report

- Arnold presented.
- Attended the Agri-Ed presentation Prince Albert at the request of Sheri Grant. The experience was interesting and found there needs to be more work done for a more positive experience.
- Work together with Ministry of Ag to build an up to date display unit.
- Attended the 25th anniversary of AITC.

VBP+ Report

- Arnold presented.
- Had a call with the Ministry to speak of the proposed funding ang and the projected budget. It was determined that VBP+ would l=not be coming to SCA for a funding top up until such time as they have something written in stone from the Ministry - June ?

AITC Report

- AGM was held and well attended. Financially stable and looking for more and continual sponsorship.
- 25th Anniversary was well attended. Penny McCall brought greetings on behalf of Minister Marit.
- Dairy Coop has been a continual support from day 1.

MOTION 2019-051: Balicki / Moore

“To move the Communications Report, The VBP+ Report and the AITC report as presented.”

Motion Carried

AgriEd

- Need to be more inclusive of SSGA in development

Went through the Events Calendar.

Adjourn 11:07am

MOTION 2019-052: Toney

“To adjourn.”

Motion Carried

Board Chair – Rick Toney

____Leann Clifford_____
Recording Secretary – Leann Clifford

_____ Date approved