

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association
Board Meeting
Thursday February 23, 2017
Travelodge Regina, SK – 8am**

Ryan Beierbach, Chair (Director, District 1)
Joe Jackson (Director 2)
Laurie Disney (Director, District 3A)
Rick Toney (Director, District 4)
Levi Hull (Director, District 5)
Garret Hill (Director, District 6)
Paula Larson (Director, District 7)
Michael Spratt (Director, District 8)
Arnold Balicki (Director, District 9A)
Dean Moore (Director, District 9B)
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)
Chad Ross (SCFA)
Bill Jameson, Past Chair (Director, SCFA)
Harold Martens (Director, SSGA)
Bill Huber (SSGA)

SCA Staff:

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

Regrets:

Keith Day (Director, District 3B)
Dean Moore (Director, District 9B)

Ryan Beierbach called the meeting to order at 8:03am

1.00 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2017-016: Martens/Disney
“To accept the agenda as amended”

Motion Carried

1.01 Review of Minutes*
December 13, 2016
Lee reviewed the minutes. Changes to the attendees.

MOTION 2017-017: Spratt / Welter
“ To accept the December 13, 2016 minutes as amended.”

Motion Carried

January 13, 2017
Lee reviewed the minutes. Changes to the attendees.

MOTION 2017-018: Spratt / Hill
“To accept the January 13, 2017 minutes as amended.”

Motion Carried

January 25, 2017
Lee reviewed the minutes. Changes to the attendees.

MOTION 2017-019: Hill/Larson
“To accept January 25, 2017 minutes as amended.”

Motion Carried

1.02 Chair Report

- Beierbach read his report,
- Had a WLPIP call, follow up review with Gerry Bouma. Most of our concerns were covered.
- Went to NCBA, participated in a tri-lateral meeting with NCBA, CCA, CNOG (Mexico). It sounded very positive on trade.
- NCBC plans to get in front of Trump administration and make sure they understand the importance of free trade between the 3 countries.
- Met with different state organizations. They are interested in our marketing book and would get copies to feeders in their states.
- NAFTA was addressed.
- Overall a positive experience.
- Went to a BCRC meeting in Calgary. Went through letters of intent for the next cluster and decided which ones we would like full proposals on.
- There were a few concerns with the new Feedlot Assessment Tool and the ability of feedlots to consistently meet what is set out in it.
- It may also be very time consuming for small a feeders to comply with, possibly taking them out of the feeder sector.
- The plan is to integrate VBP and FLAT, sounds like there is some work to do before that will happen.

MOTION 2017-020: Beierbach/ Hull
“To accept the Chair report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.03 CEO Report

- Lee presented the written report.
- Operationally SCA is on solid ground for meeting obligations both external and internal.
- Looking ahead , 2 major project approvals have required some investigation of managing cash flows.
- Working towards increasing the levy has been an education.
- The Canadian Check off agency will be helping in communicating the levy increase.

- AGM was again a long session. There was a recommendation made to have the resolutions before the elections as it could be helpful in hearing from candidates in that forum before the election.
- There have been no formal steps in Next Policy Framework discussions but it is clear the government is struggling with the budget.
- Research funding is broad and big and has been on a winning streak in the past years.
- Business risk management programs have not been called upon heavily in Growing Forward 2. Some programs suffer from lack of uptake.
- The board could be called upon at short notice in the coming months to make choices and recommendations about these issues.
- Discussion on provincial inspection of processing
- Discussed levy and audits

MOTION 2017- 21: Disney/ Toney

“To accept the CEO report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.04 Financial Report

- Reviewed

MOTION 2017-22: Jameson/Jackson

“ To accept the financial report as presented.”

Motion Carried

Communications Report

- Scott talked about the strategic plan he put together to help guide his successor.
- A few points – how much funding should go to consumer vs producer communications?
- Reported on the AG day at Cornwall Centre.

MOTION 2017-23: Martens/ Huber

“That SCA acknowledge with appreciation the work Scott Sakatch has done for the industry.”

Motion Carried

Beef Production Specialist Report

- Partnering with veterinarians for meetings. Put some perimeters on funding.
- Went to a BCRC meeting for research priorities.

MOTION 2017-24: Balicki/ Welter

“To accept the beef production report as presented.”

Motion Carried

9am – Ryan Thompson, Pat Hayes, Lynn Grant

CCA Report

Pay Hayes:

- Reg Schellenberg to be appointed.
- CCA Funding – ABP wants to be able to budget for CCA the same way they do their budget is on a per head basis. The only problem is they would have to build a reserve which CCA has never done before. You have to build some flexibility for when cattle numbers go down.
- Lynn Grant pointed out that any guidance on NPF is welcome.
- Transportation regulations – CFIA will be at the animal health and care committee meeting in Ottawa. Bad feeling is that the 36 hours will make it through and that will greatly change the industry.
- Appears that industry is not all together on this. There are some that are on board as long as it is 36 hours plus 4 hours and some would like to know what they are risking.
- Korea has used up the world reserves of FMD vaccine for latest outbreak. Conversation around Canada's bank and what would we do if Canada had an outbreak.
- Does CCA have a position on the BSE Class Action? No comment.

NCFA

Ryan Thompson:

- Follow up on FMD. ACFA did an exercise on an FMD outbreak in Canada
- Ryan has been elected Chair of NCFA, may want to plan for a new SK member in 2 years time
- Any outreach with MLA's or MPs planned for the summer he offers to help out with.
- VBP+ and FLAT – concern about ability to comply.
- Is there direction from SCA board?
- BCRC – latest meeting was over letters of intent narrowing towards next beef science cluster. Guess is and hope for flat vs last one. Once it is rolled out, decisions to be made for sure.
- CCIA is moving along on hiring an epidemiologist for review of the cattle implementation plan and CFIA's epidemiology work.

Research Report

- Recommend is to keep working with ADF but stay separate.
- ABP has approached for a targeted call \$75,000, recommend is to match them. That will be in the next fiscal year. That allocates some of SCAIDF funds for 2017-18.

MOTION 2017-25: Disney/Hull

“ That SCA join a targeted research call with ABP and contribute \$75,000 in 2017-18.”

Motion Carried

Animal Welfare Report

- Report presented
- Arnold attended the animal welfare strategy meeting

MOTION 2017-26: Balicki/ Spratt

“To accept the animal welfare report as presented.”

Canada Beef Report

- Submitted by Chad Ross read by Ryder Lee
- Funding drawn for issues management drawn from reserve. CCA picked up first year. CB this past year.
- Desire is there for more information on what CB is doing from a marketing stand point.
- Is the spread between US and Canadian cut out narrowing? If so then a success.
- Something has changed that allows packers up here to pay as much or more than US plants. If we can beat that market day to day it is huge.
- Concerns are still there about separation between CB and Agency. Concern for lobbying for changes to allocations.
- Have we seen a strategic plan for the year ahead?

Old Business

- Revisited The Sask Student Leadership Conference sponsorship proposal.
- \$3000. would be a silver level – aim is not to give them \$3000 cash but require them to buy that amount of beef for a wind up supper.

MOTION 2017-27: Balicki/ Hill

“ That SCA sponsor the Saskatchewan Student Leadership Conference for \$3000 contingent on a beef wind up supper.”

Motion Carried

LUNCH BREAK 12-1pm

3.0 New Business

AGM Policy Review Resolutions

- Carbon- Marianne focus on research side of it. Aim to have legit science behind it. On policy, continue support for no C tax but if it moves to happening, work with government on how and negate impact.
- Issue: Great to get funds out on C sequestration but lumping together kind of admitting defeat.
- Make a 100% stand against the feds as province looks to be going all the way.
- Ensure noxious weeds is on research radar, not just absinthe, burdock or spurge.
- Dentition – Laycraft on it . PNWER as well.
- Theft – work with CCA on DOJ. CFIA too. Letter – to work with other provinces to strengthen it, not just criminal but CFIA powers too.
- SARM will have a resolution coming forward about theft at their AGM that they take a lead on the issue.
- Levy on direct sales.

- Land access is something Sask Wildlife Fed is interested/ aware of.
- Internet access – broadband has just been declared an essential service by federal government.

Orders Review and Renewal

- Changes to plan ok? When?
- Dealer compensation?
- If board collects and transfers funds to dealers then it is based on their remittances.

MOTION 2017-28: Hill/ Toney

“To Approve Order 06/17 to be effective as of August 1, 2017.”

Withdrawn

Moved to the next meeting

CCA Funding Model

- No drive for change, keep it the same – no problem with CCA budget.

PNWER

- Task force on NAFTA – put forth our issues. Chris will reach out to board members for input.

LMS Funding Increase

- Not outright against the idea, but want to talk more with them. Joe will do some digging.

Governance Review

- Talked about governance documents for the governance committee.
- Regarding Vision of SCA 0- discussion.

MOTION 2017-29: Welter/Disney

“Put the Vision to the board for renewal as part of the renewal of governance documents.”

Motion Carried

Discussion on how meeting unfold. Can we stream line things for efficiency of time? Confidentiality check off names, dealer names, things that need to stay in the room, support of Board positions. Not spending time on things that are for information only.

Talked about succession planning.

Good to have governance training right after new members came on board.

Emergency Response Tools

- Sask Pork has three emergency response trailers, fully equipped. Would like to have three more.
- Build one a year for three years
- Right now, no emergency response centre. After hours if you phone RCMP it gets routed to Regina.
- Info to the fire departments – good role for us
- Farm & Food Care is preparing a video to provide to RCMP for how to put down.
- Step #1 is to find out what farm & food care is proposing.
- Report back on what exists for training for RCMP, Police and Fire Departments. Involve volunteer fire departments.

Agri-Stability

- Request a reckoning with changes in GF2? Hire MNP to tell us what would be a clean ask? Back to 85%? Remove cap being allowable expenses?

MBP

- Issues pretty similar. Carbon sequestration.
- Beavers a long conversation
- Water issues
- AGM is tight by doing in afternoon, they do a meeting in the morning.

Project Reviews

MOTION 2017-30: Welter/ Spratt

“That the Investment Policy Statement to update to reflect that funds utilized to cash flow reimbursable projects be deemed to be invested in cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of calculating investment ratios in the SCA portfolio.”

Motion Carried

MOTION 2017-31: Spratt/ Hull

“ That SCA continues with the Market Development, LFCE and Satellite Imagery projects.”

Motion Carried

AgriBenchmark

MOTION 2017-32: Disney/ Jameson

“That SCA support the Agribenchmark beef supper for \$2,000.00.”

Motion Carried

NCO

- Move forward on contracts

CRSB

- Committees looking for volunteers
- Communications and Marketing
- Scientific Advisory

Premier’s Dinner

- Two reps to each meeting
- Rick and Bill in Regina – June 1
- Paula and ? in Saskatoon April 27

Holos Workshop

- March 14/15 Calgary

Hall of Fame

- Arnold is prepared to go

In Camera

Adjourned 5pm

MOTION 2017-33:Larson

“To adjourn.”



Board Chair – Ryan Beierbach

Leann Clifford

Recording Secretary – Leann Clifford

___March 23,2017_____ Date approved