

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association
Board Meeting
Tuesday May 17, 2016 – 8:00am
Sandman Inn – Regina,Sk**

Attendance:

Ryan Beierbach, Chair (Director, District 1)
Paula Larson (Director, District 7)
Arnold Balicki (Director, District 9A)
Lloyd Thompson (Director, SSGA)
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)
Harold Martens (Director, SSGA)
Bill Jameson, Past Chair (Director, SCFA)
Garret Hill (Director, District 6)
Larry Grant (Director, District 3B)
Levi Hull (Director, District 5)
Rick Toney (Director, District 4)
Chad Ross (SCFA)

SCA Staff:

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

Regrets:

Philip Lynn (Director, District 2)
Dean Moore (Director, District 9B)
Michael Spratt (Director, District 8)
Laurie Disney (Director, District 3A)

Ryan Beierbach called the meeting to order at 8.10 a.m.

1.00 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2016-63: Welter/Hull

“To accept the agenda as amended”

Motion carried

1.01 Review of Minutes*

April 17, 2016

Leann reviewed the minutes.

MOTION 2016-64: Jameson/Larson

“To accept the April 16,2016 minutes as read.”

Motion carried

1.02 Chair Report

- Beierbach read his report,
- Attended the standing committee on international trade hearing in support of the TPP.
- Participated in the CRSB meeting in Winnipeg.
- Had a few phone interviews regarding Earls announcement.
- Called in for the provincial government's meeting on their decision to repeal the horned cattle act.

MOTION 2016-65: Beierbach/Martens

"To accept the Chair report as presented."

Motion carried

1.03 Policy Report

- No report at this time
- Christina to send out notes

1.04 CEO Report

- Lee presented the written report.
- Discussed the repeal of the Horned Cattle Purchase Act by the provincial government.
- Growing Forward 3 consultations are going to begin soon. Should be an interesting discussion with the new Federal Government.
- Social license continues to be an obsession with many government and industry players.

Motion 2016 – 66: Hill/Martens

"To accept the CEO report as presented."

Motion Carried

Discussion:

- Horns - What is SCA position? Make a motion and table it for review? Have on district meetings for review? So we have guidance from producers?

1.06 External Represent – 9am – 9:47 am

Nothing new to report within the BCRC at this time – Planning moving ahead with the National research Workshop and the BCRC meeting in June.

Jack Hextall:

- NCO – Melinda continues to work with provinces and Adrienne Waller. Drafting up a draft master agreement for agreements then work on regulations and needs. Forum packages are out. Draft revisions for the bylaws are at FPCC for their review, then, will be sent to us for comment.
- Marketing – lots of talk about Earls
- Minister Stewart was at Canadian Beef Centre of Excellence on Thursday – clear there is a need for increased funds.
- CB needs to have more of a social presence. There needs to be more of a presence within their own country, to educate the home front so the Earls scare does not happen. Funding at home is limited.

Duane Thompson:

- CCA is new to him.
- Had one trip to Ottawa for the AGM.
- Is thankful for the support and looking forward to a working future.

Mark Elford:

- Technical meeting with CFIA in Calgary. Called due to the wide rift between industry and the Agency on regulations due to come down soon.
- Discussion was held regarding the differences. There was movement on the part of CFIA. Reps are cautiously optimistic, thought there was a deal in 2011.
- Ag Canada is an ally now. The time showing David Cox and Andrea Johnson how it works in SW SK was valuable in building this relationship.
- Mark was to go to Calgary to deal with CATS plan to withdraw. There has been a delay.
- Discussion on the Strueby's rustling case.

1.05 Audit and Finance

- Lee presented the Audit and Finance Committee report.

MOTION 2016-67: Balicki/Hill

"To accept the Financial Report as presented."

Motion Carried

1.07 Committee Reports

a) Ag in the Classroom:

- No report

b) Animal Health:

- Chris has gone back to CFIA on numbers in transport. Waiting on that.
- Vets are far away, will not come out for A BSE test, losing a lot of money for doing the test.

c) Communications:

- Rider game - June 11.
- Radio coming along.
- High School cooking competitions coming to Regina.
- Scott to reach out this summer to local restaurants to discuss cross – promotion ideas.
- Promotional opportunity at Farm & Food Care Chef's stage for Taste of Saskatchewan Jul 12-17.
- SCA you tube channel
- Last issue of Connection in June. Moving forward with contacting producers for their email info.
- SSGA had proposed before the Connection – a four page spread - this could maybe be revisited. Ryder and Ryan to follow up with a meeting.

MOTION 2016-68: Hull/Welter

"To accept the Communications Report as presented."

Motion Carried

d) Environment

- Environment committee met after the CRSB meeting
- CRSB on the side that we need to get our verification tools up and running sooner than later. This needs to be a focus
- CRSB is a good vehicle, but the description of verification needs to come from a third party, not industry according to McD's. VBP fits but others will vie for that opportunity.
- Drainage - new regulations have three stages. Municipalities need to understand their responsibilities in drainage control

MOTION 2016-69: Martens/Toney

"To accept the Environment report as presented."

Motion Carried

11:30 Janice Bruynooghe – Saskatchewan Forage Network

- Spoke about SBIDF's sponsorship of Master students.
- Identified a gap in the industry – forage and forage research held the gaps, as there is a lack of dialogue between different parts of the sector. Need to do a better job of identifying priorities and getting the most out of limited funds.
- Lost researches in the forage research area to do the work.
- The Network was the answer – it is about finding a model for collaboration and cooperation.
- 2 components – Money from industry combined for grad student funding – still a big win – 43k / year – small amount but good impact.
- Some from ADF and some with cluster.
- Two fronts – recognition from ADF – ADF would always say forage is not putting money up. This allows users of forage to be together to answer the call.
- Second front – is the type of projects being funded. One is PayChung's research that builds on McKinnon's research on utilization. Our grad student on the project is training the next generation of researchers. 25k from SCA goes towards the 43k.
- Current structure – Industry funds went directly to masters students. ADF funded the operations part of the network. Indications are that government is very hesitant to come back and fund again.
- Janice's question – Based upon all of this, do you see value in the network?
- If yes – how should it continue forward?
- Janice see the model as an incredible opportunity. Looking at GF3 and the next Cluster. We need the pressure to be there on capacity for forage and livestock or we will loose ground.
- The LFCE work is not done, by working together and being there to make sure the forage and cow/calf piece is done right – is helping.
- The transition from WBDS is another piece on forage where industry is needed.
- Research chairs are a long road that cannot afford letting up.
- The sustainability focus is huge, Forage is a no-brainer link for the whole industry, but researchers are needed to prove this out.
- This conversation is happening with reps around the network table. We were the first stop.
- Aaron Ivey is the chair/ Mike is the rep / Levi has been involved/ Ryan S was an asset.

LUNCH – 12:05

1:10 Tom Harrison – SODCAP

- Report on SBIDF funding.
- Prepaid payments out before the results were in. hopefully monitoring was involved for successes.
- Looking for more funds for future.
- They have a balance of \$4300.00 of unused SBIDF funds and have asked if they could retain for the future projects. Discussion on SBIDF funding protocol.

MOTION 2016-70: Martens/Grant

“That SODCAP be allowed to spend the remaining funds pending showing how they plan to use it for the Results Based Species at Risk Project.”

Motion Carried

Resume the Water Conversation before guests.

- One can file a complaint with the Water Security Agency and they give the person 30 days to cover a trench – this should be 24 hrs.
- Investigate whether they have the power to do that, vs their choice – ie) narrow their window to 2 4 hrs from 30 days.
- Levi went to the Sask Watershed Conference
- Doug Johnson out of MJW would be a good guy to talk to us on this “Regulatory Working Group.”

e) Executive:

- No report.

f) Forage Insurance:

- No report

g) Governance & Resolutions:

- No report

h) LSS:

- Went over the LSS proposal regarding check off collection.
- Board not comfortable with the proposal, office to put together some options.

i) PFRA Working Group:

- Went through the asks of CPPAS
- Comes back to access needs to be controlled to have Biosecurity. If the provincial government is going to allow access then the burden of cost for noxious weed control is the government liability.

MOTION 2016-71: Toney/Grant

“That SCA support the provincial government being responsible for liability on transition public pastures regarding noxious weeds, invasive species and hazards arising to or by anyone authorized by government to be on that land.”

Motion Carried

j) Regulatory:

- No report.

k) Research:

- Had a conference call
- Funding economic projects. GF2 has some funds left but the timeline is March 2018. Therefore a short time to get project completed. Only economic projects requested.
- Call for proposals have been sent out with a decision made end of July.
- Working with Karin, Reynold & Janice regarding reviewing process.

l) SBIDF:

- Will be reviewed in June meeting

m) Traceability Working Group:

- No report

n) VBP

- Had a transitional committee conference yesterday. Came to agreement on the VBP logo being revamped and two taglines one for consumer, one for the producer.
- Rollout for VBP plus – June 15 ish
- CRSB wants to do the scoring – very controversial
- Arnold had agreed to be audited with all the modules
- What is the thought of moving VBP from BCRC to a division of CCA ?
- Of the \$225K requested they are at 160K. BC & MB meet this week.
- Roll out June 1 – Arnold thinks Ryder & Ryan should be there to support

MOTION 2016-72: Balicki/Hill

“To accept the report as presented.”

Motion Carried

2.00 Old Business

- Ryan Sommerfeld’s replacement – ask DuaneTompson

3.00 New Business

- Lobby Day in Ottawa – trade / traceability/downturn in markets
- Feeder export unload requirements. Facilities are not good/ not good for the animals.

MOTION 2016-73: Jameson/Toney

“That SCA lobby to have feeder unload requirements at the US border removed.”

Motion Carried

- U of S Chancellor Nominations

MOTION 2016-74: Toney/Balicki

“That SCA approach Grant Devine regarding nomination for Chancellor of U of S.”

Motion Carried

- Marketing Seminars – Timing was not the greatest due to the election, March would have been better. Had 25 people attend.

- National Cattle Feeders Association

MOTION 2016 – 75; Ross/Toney

“ That SCA pay NCFA’s membership fees for 2016.”

Motion Carried

- YCC Budget

MOTION 2016-76: Ross/Hull

“That SCA support the YCC budget of \$3500.00.”

Motion Carried

- LSS Invite – will show us how the manifest system will work. Bill and Brad to have rep names to the office for registration.
- Man/Sask Golf Tournament - Yorkton area – July 7th at the YorkLake golf course, \$125 registration fee. Live auction. Darren Talon from Roblin Vet Services to attend. Proceeds to be split between MBP and SCA – Possible scholarship at SBIC? Youth?

In-camera Session

8.00 Date for Next Meeting: July 26 – Regina Travelodge

9.00 Adjournment – 4:35pm

MOTION 2016-77: Beierbach

“To adjourn.”

Motion carried



Board Chair – Ryan Beierbach

Recording Secretary – Leann Clifford

Date approved