

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday March 22, 2016  
Sandman Inn - Saskatoon, SK  
8:00am**

**Attendance:**

Ryan Beierbach, Vice Chair (Director, District 1)  
Paula Larson, Past Chair (Director, District 7)  
Arnold Balicki (Director, District 9A)  
Lloyd Thompson (Director, SSGA)  
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)  
Harold Martens (Director, SSGA)  
Garret Hill (Director, District 6)  
Laurie Disney (Director, District 3A)  
Dean Moore (Director, District 9B)  
Bill Jameson, Chair (Director, SCFA)  
Michael Spratt (Director, District 8)  
Chad Ross (SCFA)

**SCA Staff:**

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

**Regrets:**

Larry Grant (Director, District 3B)  
Levi Hull (Director, District 5)  
Rick Toney (Director, District 4)  
Philip Lynn (Director, District 2)

Ryan Beierbach called the meeting to order at 8.07 a.m.

**1.00 Approval of Agenda**

- Additions noted.

**MOTION 2016-30: Welter/Balicki**

**"To accept the agenda with additions noted."**

**Motion carried**

### **1.01 Review of Minutes\***

February 23, 2016

Leann reviewed the minutes.

### **MOTION 2016-31: Spratt/Martens**

**"To accept the February 23, 2016 minutes as read."**

**Motion carried**

### **1.02 Chair Report**

- Beierbach presented a written report included in package.
- Focus on environment by Federal Government was reflected in CCA's meeting in Ottawa.
- Traceability was a big point of the meeting where CFIA said CCA not being heard from, this sparked a letter from SCA.
- Talk on bilateral with Japan if TPP does not come to pass. CCA encouraged keep working on this.

### **MOTION 2016-32: Beierbach/Hill**

**"To accept the Chair report as presented."**

**Motion carried**

### **1.03 Policy Report**

- Patterson presented report.
- SBIDF, animal health & environment committee meetings completed.
- Transport regulations was a issue raised, time on board without feed & water is different than other countries.
- Election platform put together. A couple of responses back to date.
- Will send questions to Ag Debate this evening.
- Terms of reference were discussed at the Animal Health Committee. The Board chair is supposed to appoint the committee chairs. Need to discuss this, either appoint them as chair or elect them. SBIDF & Animal Health brought a "suggestion" rather than "elect" one. Ryan did appoint them.
- We can leave terms the way they are and be aware moving forward.

### **MOTION 2016-33: Disney/Martens**

**"To accept the Policy Report as presented."**

**Motion Carried**

### **Transportation Issue**

- There was a discussion on the transportation issue brought forward from CFIA in video form in regards to the number of animals that die in transport.
- CFIA needs to step up and talk about how many of each livestock this number accounts for. ie Bill says they transport half million head and only 20 head die, whereas a truck load of chickens die could be 5000 head. The numbers are out for cattle.
- Need contact with CFIA – when you talk big numbers activists know how to manipulate them .
- Do we need to send a letter to CTV asking for clarification?
- Reynold Bergen keeps close eye out for abnormalities and opportunities to improve.
- Talked about the right numbers of hours on a truck.

- Discussed the issues of off loading and the amount of stress and contamination that occurs during the process vs a long haul one shot event.

Break 8:55am

Resume 9:00am

## **1.06 External Representatives:**

**9am:**

**Mark Elford CCIA , Ryan Thompson NCFA, Pat Hayes CCA**

### **Pat Hayes CCA Report:**

- IGAC meeting –industry & Government Advisory Committee on traceability. Brings all together but nobody has any real power to make things happen. Beef industry has to be there so things do not spin out of hand.
- CFIA put out a deck on the proposed regulations. Other species are not concerned .
- CFIA wants scan in at marts, wants tags activated, put in at birth. Discussion at meeting was spirited.
- Consumers like traceability, but there is a price. CFIA says pot of gold at end of traceability rainbow, producers say the gold pot is going to break the industry.
- Executive – budget was not passed as the board members did not receive the info until the night before the meeting and therefore could not analyse fully.
- CCIA meeting – VBP discussion. Funding not there for the program. VBP plus has formed and they are looking for funding from the provinces for the program. 19K from Saskatchewan.
- YCC came to executive meeting looking for \$10,500.00. Does SCA think this a worthy organization? Pat says he is middle road.

### **Mark Elford CCIA Report:**

- CIP meeting – getting cattle removed from this round of regulations would be ideal.
- CCIA wants SCA to push against tag activation as there are numerous downfalls for this process.
- E - store allows producers to access tags at a better cost and time frame.
- Discussion on how MB & ON handle traceability.

### **Ryan Thompson NCFA Report:**

- Meeting Ottawa with MP's and staffers - biggest issue is the labour shortage.
- MOL not pushing to support agriculture in the west.
- Talking trade, TPP, real access in CETA.
- Working with Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) on aligning regulations with the US and talking funding incoming missions.
- Canadian AG HR Council Conference was last week. Every level of agriculture has challenges, especially at the processing side. Labour Minister was present but took no questions.
- CFIA regulatory review continues around feed processing and mixing.

Called ended 10:04am

**10am:**

**Guest Speaker**

### **Dean Mary Buhr – U of S College of Ag and Bioresources**

- Overview of what is going on at the College. McKinnon on nutrition and cattle management, Penner on ruminant nutrition and cattle management. Plant science's Bruce Coulman, Sr. researcher on forage all his life. Bilegetu, Strategic Research Program Chair, SCA helped lobby for. People are retiring or have retired and they are working with BCRC to get their support for replacements. Lost Jim Romo who was doing rangeland management – need to look for focused specialists.
- In WCVI, tightly working with John Campbell in herd health.
- All attention right now is focused on LFCE.
- Most important things University does is produce graduates. They are committed to ensuring a great education that includes hands on learning.
- Undergrad numbers are growing fast.
- Discussion on increased enrollment vs increased monies, which comes with increased needs for infrastructure, which then outweighs the increased money. College is doing their best to keep things at an ideal level.
- The AgBio faculty makes up 8% of the people but bring in 30-40% of the U's research funding, this is now recognized by the University.
- Would like to see Ag experience on the Board of Governors.
- Discussion on the Food Science aspect, there is work to be done. Farm and Food Care involved.
- View on owning land for LFCE – no question that the Centre needs a lot more land. U can't own it all and will definitely need partners. Community pastures? Producers? Other?
- LFCE will be looking for more funds. There will be fund raising and looking towards the funders for more monies. \$6 million needed looking for \$16 million by March 2018.

**11 am:**

### **Sarah Shymko – Agriculture in the Classroom**

- Gave a presentation on the works of Agriculture in the classroom.
- AGM April 14, 2016. Table of 8 \$400.00. SCA can buy a table and donate seats to a teacher.

### **MOTION 2016-34: Thompson/Ross**

**"That SCA buy a table at AITC AGM."**

**Motion Carried**

Lunch 11:57 am

Returned 1:15 pm

### **1.04 CEO report**

- Lee presented a report.
- Discussion on carbon emissions.
- We can't talk carbon tax without carbon credit.
- Discussion on Ag industry vs transport industry, Ag industry is a minor contributor of carbon emissions compared to the transportation industry. We need to show government that ag is improving. Research is being done – just need more.
- Discussion on Sask irrigation - Diefenbaker flow – there is already the canal at Conquest – but it does not serve Regina or Moose Jaw.

**MOTION 2016-35: Spratt/Balicki**

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

**Motion carried**

**1.05 Audit and Finance**

- Lee presented the Audit and Finance Committee report.

**MOTION 2016-36: Disney/ Martens**

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

**Motion carried**

**1.07 Committee Reports**

**a) Ag in the Classroom:**

- Conference call to clean up strategic planning. No need for an election, Balicki will be acclaimed to the board.

**MOTION 2016-37: Balicki /Welter**

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

**Motion Carried**

**b) Animal Health:**

- Had a conference call meeting. Arnold is the new chair of the committee.
- Thank you Dean for all of your hard work.
- Discussed Terms of reference and transportation issues.
- Discussion on predation, at a stand still but need an action plan for after the election.
- Discussion on SCIC staff, taking too long to get back to producer regarding predation issues. Need better trained people in the office to deal with the issues first hand. Urge producers to bring these issues forward to us as soon as they happen so they can get dealt with in the moment.

**MOTION 2016-38: Balicki/Welter**

**“To accept the Animal Health report as presented.”**

**Motion Carried**

**c) Communications:**

- Sakatch presented report .
- Western Producer proposed it will cost \$20,000.00/per issue to continue the connection magazine. Cannot quantify readership. Discussion on how to proceed and what types of communication is out there for producers- Beef business hits well beyond SSGA.

**MOTION 2016-39: Spratt/Ross**

**“That SCA not support paying extra per issue for the next three issues of the Connection.”**

**Motion Carried**

- Discussion on LSS in the process of gathering information on cattle producers in Saskatchewan.

**MOTION 2016-40: Hill/Thompson**

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

**Motion Carried**

**d) Environment**

- Martens elected as chair of the committee.
- Need a mandate of where we are supposed to go.
- Irrigation is a priority.
- Drainage, Biosecurity re: noxious weeds, etc.

**MOTION 2016-41: Martens/ Ross**

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

**Motion Carried**

**e) Executive:**

- No report.

**f) Forage Insurance:**

- Can use individual yield coverage for forage.
- Rainfall insurance for pasture and establishment insurance for new seeding, SCIC says that is cheap. There are some hidden costs involved.
- Compensation values go back 10 years where it was 1.5 bales/acre today it is 3 bales/acre, need compensation to reflect today's realities, not 10 yrs ago.
- There's a shortfall in the program regarding corn, can't insure production with SCIC. Long way to go.
- They are conflicting understandings of the programs. Need to sit down with SCIC and reconcile what they said with what producers are running into in real life.

**g) Governance:**

- No report.

**h) LSS:**

- Cattle numbers are down.
- Producer program on track.
- Brand your cattle.

**MOTION 2016-42; Martens/Welter**

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

**Motion Carried**

**i) PFRA Working Group:**

- No report

**j) Regulatory:**

- No report .

**k) Research:**

- Tried to have a committee meeting, will try again soon.
- LFCE meeting last week – funding shortfall, need more land.
- LFCE needs a fundraising chair, names put forward for this position.
- Suggestion was to investigate if SCA has the capacity to make an ongoing contribution for buying land. – Something that could be a growth investment.

**MOTION 2016-43: Spratt/Disney**

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

**Motion Carried**

**l) SBIDF:**

- Had a committee meeting and reviewed the Terms of reference.
- Working on an improved document for applicants around reporting,
- Mid May is next intake deadline.

**MOTION 2016-44: Welter/Hill**

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

**Motion Carried**

**J) Traceability Working Group:**

- No report.

**K) VBP:**

- No provincial meeting.
- Nationally, Andrea sent the question back about NCO funding VBP+ forever as government will not be there.
- NCO could likely fund it as “promotion”. There is a meeting on April 6 that Arnold will be attending.
- VBP program is to help show our beef is sustainable, if we want to keep selling our beef, it fits in the non- refundable type of use of funds. Board leans towards national funding.

**MOTION 2016-45: Balicki/ Disney**

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

**Motion Carried**

**2.00 Old Business**

**3.00 Other Business & Coming Events:**

**3.01 Cattlemen’s Connection Magazine – dealt with under Communications.**

**3.02 External representatives:**

Chad Ross CB Rep.

**MOTION 2016-46: Martens/Disney**

**“To nominate Chad Ross as CB / National Check off rep.”**

**Motion Carried**

Lloyd Thompson Ag Hall of Fame rep.

**Motion 2016-47: Hill/Welter**

**“To nominate Lloyd Thompson as Ag Hall of Fame rep.”**

**Motion Carried**

Saskatchewan Forage Council – need more information.

**3.03 Lobby Day in Ottawa:**

- Need to pick a new date .

**3.04 LFCE:**

- Dealt with under research .

**3.05 MB Beef resolution:**

- Deferred income, talked about approaching government to do this- one of the resolution MBP is dealing with.

**MOTION 2016-48: Balicki/Disney**

**“That SCA support Canada Revenue Agency allowing for deferred income similar to grain producers.”**

**Motion Carried**

- this is technically against the tax Act.

**3.06 Producer Appreciation Night:**

- Balicki attended a producer appreciation night in Garret’s district.
- Have challenges getting producers to district meetings and we want more interaction with producers.
- To let them know that SCA is their liaison between government and producers.

**Motion 2016-49: Balicki/Hill**

**“To accept the Producer Night report as presented.”**

**Motion Carried**

**3.07 CFIA:**

- Not getting it done in the food safety side.
- Lots of stories being told, careful not to point fingers.
- The effects of someone not doing their job on the cow-calf guy is the troubling thing.

**3.08 YYC funding by CCA:**



- Pat was looking for direction on \$10,500.00 funding ask from YYC to CCA. There is support on the YYC program. Tell Pat.

**In-camera Session – 4:20pm**

**8.00 Date for Next Meeting: April 19, 2016 – Conference call– 8am**

**9.00 Adjournment – 4:30pm**

**MOTION 2016-50: Hill**

**“To adjourn.”**

**Motion carried**

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Board Chair – Ryan Beierbach

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Recording Secretary – Leann Clifford

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Date approved