

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association
Board Meeting
Thursday, February 09, 2023
The Atlas Hotel, Regina, SK – 8am**

Keith Day Chair (Director 3B)
Arnold Balicki Past Chair (Director 9A)
Kyle Hebert (Director 1)
Wade Beck (Director 2)
Randy Stokke (Director 4) - virtual
Levi Hull (Director 5)
Joleen Shea (Director 7)
Leon Leuke (Director 8)
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)
Jeff Yorga (Director, SSGA) – virtual
Julie Mortenson (CYC CBA)

SCA Staff:

Grant McLellan (CEO)
Leann Clifford (Administrator)
Christina Betker (Policy)
Marianne Possberg (Production)

Regrets:

Roger Meyers (Director 3A)
Shelby Corey (Director 6)
Dean Moore (Director 9B)
Garret Poletz (Director, SCFA)
Kelly Williamson (Director, SSGA)
Glenn LaPointe (Communications)

Keith Day called the meeting to order at 8:02 am
Introductions

1.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2023-009: Lueke / Shea
“To accept the agenda as presented”

Motion Carried

1.01 Review of Minutes
December 15, 2022 Minutes

MOTION 2023-010: Hull / Hebert
“To accept the December 15, 2022, minutes as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.02 Chair Report

- Went through the report.
- Thank you to the Board and Staff.
- Meeting with SVMA
- Attended a final consultation meeting with government officials regarding the new SCAP program that takes effect on April 1.

MOTION 2023-011: Balicki / Day

‘To accept the Chair Report as presented.’

Motion Carried

Past Chair Report

- Attended the SVMA meeting.
- A workforce study completed in 2020 and found 50% of practices are looking to hire vets. Some action items include – define scope of workforce shortages thru SVMA examining number of vet advertised positions & examine RVT vacancies.
Increase the number of vet professionals thru determining number of vets needed in Saskatchewan & explore total seat expansion at the WCVM.
- Advanced Ed is working with WCVM to examine residency requirements.
- SCA inquired about livestock & companion animal streaming programs.
- Determine the number of RVT’s needed in Sask & explore total seat expansion of Sask Polytech
- Support Foreign Trained Graduates: loan forgiveness programs etc.
- CVMA is currently lobbying government to change immigration requirements for RTG to be exempt from labour market impact assessments.
- IS the above something that SAC can consider as an issue to raise from an industry perspective?
- MOA to follow u p with SARM to garner support in discussing opportunities for RM support
- Sask Polytech to expand communications of an online training opportunity more broadly thru AITC, rural media publications & industry associations.
- Attended NCBA – see CEO report
- VBP+ - have resigned as chair – the following are taking positions – Carla Hicks – Chair / Jordan Kowal – Vice Chair / Rick Oaks – Treasures / Teresa Walker – Secretary / Joleen Shea to fill SCA seat on the board.
- VBP+ is working with LMS to looking onto installing “ticket tapes” at some livestock auction yards in an effort to get the message out.

MOTION 2023-012: Balicki / Day

“To accept the Past Chair report as represented.”

Motion Carried

1.03 CEO Report

- SBIC was well attended.
- SCA AGM – we continue to be in a strong position.
- Attended meetings with SARM and SSGA on coordinating our lobby efforts to both the federal and provincial governments, and aligning on issues of mutual interest, particularly about disaster relief programs and irrigation expansion. Future meetings are planned to continue the communications.
- Meeting held with Carla Beck & Trent Wotherspoon to discuss priorities of the livestock community were discussed. Issues were pointed out where the NDP could support the

government, particularly around rural crime and the newly announced Saskatchewan Marshalls program. Discussed major concerns with Bill C-21 and welcomed to keep the dialogue on going.

- Attended NCBA with Past-Chair Arnold Balicki.
- Many conversations with our American counterparts regarding the future of the beef industry.
- Similar challenges are around competition in the packing sectors, facing headwinds with increased environmental regulations, increased costs related to inputs, etc.
- Eye opening – they are much further behind in terms of traceability, which is a serious concern to producers when the topic of diseases and pathogens such as FMD comes up.
- Attended a trilateral meeting with US/Canada/Mexico, and disease was a top priority in that discussion.
- An interesting point made by the deputy agriculture secretary for the Biden administration was that agriculture and cattle producers, in particular, were good for the environment and were some of the lowest carbon intensity protein producers in the world.
- Attended many sessions with a priority placed on sustainability, profitability and communications and marketing.
- Met with a number of State organizations as well as the Canadian consulate offices, and commitment to continue conversations as well as potentially attending or hosting joint meetings or sending producers to events where we can continue to build these relationships.
- Had a meeting with GAARS regarding cost of production insurance for the livestock sector, and they have committed to coming back to us in April with more information.
- Final consultations with the province regarding SCAP programs.
- We continue to move towards a stronger partnership with AITC to assist with the dome, which is important with the recent retirement of Sherri Grant and the conclusion of the AgriEd program.
- Many Thanks to Sherri for her efforts over the past years.

MOTION 2023-013: Beck / Shea

“To accept the CEO report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.04 Financial Report

- Reviewed the balance sheet and profit/loss.
- Discussion on trends of check-off revenues, budgeting, collecting check off, CBCA hiring a communication and compliance member.

MOTION 2023-014: Hebert / Lueke

“To accept the Financial Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

New Business

Nomination to the LSS Board

- Rick Toney to remain SCA’s representative on the LSS board.

Director Committee Update

Board Appointees:

- Ensure policies on per diems are upheld.
- External reps to be invited to board meetings - more frequent in person events.
- Written and / or verbal reports are mandatory.

Chairs of Committees

- Committees should commit to at least 1 goal, or key objective.
- Establish a regular meeting schedule. Bring back to March meeting.

CCA Submission to Ca Review

- Re-assert our position, provide feedback.
- Reach out via zoom to discuss SCA board concerns with CCA positions.
- Communications is key.

Canadian Beef Check Off Agency Business Plan

- Chad and Julie presented the CBCA business plan.

Sponsorships

S23-01 -SKPCAP Action Plan - \$18,000 – 23/24 SKCAP Implementation Plan

MOTION 2023-015: Lueke/Hebert

“That SCA fund the Sask. Prairie Conservation Action Plan – 2023 – 2024 SKCAP Implementation Plan in the amount of \$18,000.”

Motion Carried

S23-02 – 2023 SVMA Veterinary Preceptorship - \$21,000

MOTION 2023-016:Hull / Hebert

“That SCA fund the 2023 SVMA Veterinary Preceptorship in the amount of \$21,000.”

Motion Carried

- Reach out to SaskMilk, SaskPork, Small Ruminants, see if they will partner to cost share.

S23-04 – Ag in the Classroom 2023 Programs

MOTION 2023-017: Hebert / Ross

“That SCA fund the Ag In the Classroom 2023 Programs in the amount of \$50,000.”

Motion Carried

S23-05 – Farm and Food Care – 2023 Building Public Trust in Saskatchewan Beef -\$35,000.

MOTIONS 2023-018: Balicki / Shea

“That SCA fund the Farm & Food Care – 2023 Building Public Trust in Saskatchewan Beef in the amount of \$35,000.”

Motion Carried

E23-03 – SKCAP Action plan / Rangeland Health assessment updates working group – Rewriting & editing the Grassland Health Assessment for Saskatchewan - \$8,000.

MOTION 2023-019: Yorga / Shea

“That SCA fund the SKCAP Action Plan Rangeland Health Assessment Updates working group – rewriting & editing the Grassland Health Assessment for Saskatchewan in the amount of \$8,000. Funding is contingent on final product.”

Motion Carried

E24-06 – Sask Variety Performance Group - \$6,000

MOTION 2023-020: Ross / Hebert

“To deny funding.”

Motion Carried

SVMA Vet Shortages

- Day met with SVMA, Sara Allin
- SCA could lobby for regulatory changes to scope of practice, but perhaps SVMA would be willing to voluntarily amend without government forcing it.
- Some vets are consolidating drug sales, which means fewer revenue tools for smaller vets.
- There are some classes available to producers’ to do preg-checking and ultrasound.
- Direct Government Policy and Programs to come back with action plan for veterinary shortage lobbying priorities. Arnold may be requested to participate.

Ducks Unlimited Grazing Policy

- Ducks has leases with producers. One in particular, DU wants to limit producers grazing to a period between July 15 – Aug 30.
- Duane Thompson is going to have a discussion with CCA about developing a grazing standard for all NGOs working through conservation easements,
- Should they have some producers on their board? How?

Gun Control & CCA Response

- Should SCA have a position that all SCA appointees bring forward a position of opposition to Bill C-21 and the Carbon tax.
- Discussion around how to ensure effective representation at the CCA table. Board Direction has already been given regarding board appointee expectations.

Old Business

2023 Meeting Schedule

- Went through the proposed dates.
- Discussion regarding expectations for in-person meetings. All meetings are scheduled to be in-person with a hybrid option with the office owl program.
- Should all meetings be in Regina? Discussion tabled till March.

SARM Meeting

- Open communications, good discussions, continued effort on issues of mutual concerns.

Prairie Dog Problems

- Southwest corner hit hard.
- Work with Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation?

Carla Beck & Trent Wotherspoon Meeting

- Pointed out the concerns of SCA and enforced that NDP work on supporting Government around rural crime and the Sask. Marshall program.
- Discussed bill C-21.

NCBA Update

- In previous updates

SBIC Update

- Successful – nice to have an in person event – people were ready for it.
- Getting the book work done and ready for next year.

Ranching Rural Women

- Well attended.
- A good event to participate in.

MBP AGM Update

- Same issues as Saskatchewan - predation, rural theft, vet shortages
- Looking for cost of production insurance, LPI updates
- Their refunds are high 180K for 158 applicants.

SCAP Update

- Went through some of the highlights.
- Roll out is April 1, 2023

RoundTable

- Leon Lueke is doing an information meeting on March 2 in Humboldt at the Bella Vista Inn
- Continue working closer with our partners.
- Need to have good data to push back against organic producers saying their product is better for the environment.
- Need a District 9A director.
- Farm and Ranch Management Forum in moving online due to low in person registration.
- Canada Beef QR codes on beef products in grocery stores
- Close to a partnership with Superstore/Loblaws.
- Beef and Forage Research Forum – March 2 – let Leann know if you are going so we can get rooms booked.

- The work with Canadian Grasslands initiative is moving ahead well.
- Stock Growers had a resolution that they lobby the Lending agencies / advance payment program delivery agents to recognize LPI as a backstop.

Calendar Overview

In Camera

Adjourn

MOTION 2023-021

“To adjourn.”

Motion Carried

Board Chair – Keith Day

____Leann Clifford____ - _Recording Secretary

Date approved