

Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association

Board Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2024

8 am

The Atlas – Regina, SK

Conference zoom call in numbers - HYPERLINK "tel:+12042727920" [+1 204 272 7920](tel:+12042727920)

Meeting ID: 861-9517-1615

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Keith Day Chair (Director 3B)
Arnold Balicki Past Chair (Director 9A)
Kyle Hebert (Director 1)
Wade Beck (Director 2)
Roger Meyers (Director 3A)
Randy Stokke (Director 4)
Levi Hull (Director 5)
Shelby Corey (Director 6)- virtual
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)
Joleen Shea (Director 7)
Leon Leuke (Director 8)
Christine Strube (Director 9A)- virtual
Garret Poletz (Director, SCFA)
Kelly Williamson (Director, SSGA) - virtual
Judson Christopherson – YCC
Cyle Stewart – incoming Director 4

SCA Staff:

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

Regrets:

Dean Moore (Director 9B)
Kelcy Elford (Director SSGA)

Introductions and Welcome to

Cyle Stewart
Judson Christopherson

8:05 Keith called meeting to order

Approval of Agenda

Motion 2024-066– Lueke / Ross

“To accept the agenda as amended.”

Motion

Carried

Declaration to the Assembly of possible Conflict of Interest

Review of Minutes - November 13, 2024 – pages 1-7

Motion 2024-067: Shea/Hebert

“To accept the minutes as presented.”

Motion

Carried

Discussion:

Fall meeting dismal

Put AGM up in areas

BCRC reps – Roger and Michael to remain – need an additional – recommendation Tara Malhern

Davidson to move forward

NCFA discussion regarding CBIC involvement

Chair Report

Agribition

Attended roundtable meetings with Federal Ag Minister, breakfast with Mexican delegation regarding trade, Ministry meetings, Premiers reception, Ag Tech breakfast, SCA reception.

Motion 2024-068: Day / Meyers

“To accept the Chair report as presented.”

Motion

Carried

Discussion:

Mexican delegation finds it hard to gain a visa to attend Agribition. Due to US pressures last year on immigration movement.

Bring this up with the CCA reps.

CEO Report

Agribition update

Motion 2024-069: Hull / Hebert

“To accept the CEO report as presented.”

Motion

Carried

1.04 Financial Report

Motion 2024-070: Stokke / Poletz

“To accept the Financial Report as presented.”

Motion

Carried

Discussion

Noted that remittance numbers are significantly down, due to postal strike? due to numbers in cattle sales? Watch going forward.

External Call – 8:30am

Ryan Beierbach – CCA

Directors meeting next week in Calgary

Movement on Korea moving the 90 day limit

US trade side – CCA paying for a study on the 25% tariff implications – what that looks like for CDN

Trade deal with Indonesia – sounds like a good deal – tariffs relaxed 5% on beef to 0 – Australia sends a lot of beef there. Indonesia like CDN beef

C282 supply management bill – a huge concern – Us relations strained. Hold up in Senate/ throw it out.

BCRC

Drawing down their reserves on research to the benefit to producers.

ON to increase check off

BCRC would like half of that increase. NCO to get a large portion as well to be in align.

VBP+ - in a better financial situation

Tracey Herbert has moved from BCRC to VBP+

CRSB

Looking for ways to increase revenue so they can provide a producer incentive as does Cargill –

They are only doing it for another year.

How can CRSB take it over and make it sustainable.

CRSB gets \$30k on market beef sales, 3 cents/pound – would like to remove that cap so revenue is increased and can provide incentives to producers to be certified.

Need to provide assurances that this is going back to producers then mart will be on board to remove the cap.

Increase membership fees by 10% in 2025.

Will Lowe – NCFA

Got back from lobbying on the hill.

C282 – amendments made while there

A lot more time meeting with Senators in the past year.

35 dollar threshold?

Hard to gather immigrant workers in Canada now.

Many employees coming into feedlot are Mexican peoples. Alberta feedlot built housing for their workers, made stable. This should not be penalized under the no immigrant brush.

On the hill before the US election - Agriculture US ambassador at the meeting and there are still many questions.

Push on changing AgriStability, cost share on price insurance.

Brought in ON to NFCA and has been beneficial at the table when speaking to the feds. Good representation.

Red tape with CFIA is second to none -

Pat Hayes -CCIA

SRM issue keep it top of mind – officers in CCA to work on it

To get Livestock marts in AB, SK, BC, MB – on board to get manifests to move information forward to

MB getting on board to be inspected – good on the trace file

New scanners for trace on the last trial – will be a huge benefit to cow/calf producers

Finances of CCIA – assets 17mil+ - includes - 3 mil of tags in warehouse

Had free ship out of warehouse – a way to return \$ back to producers

April last meeting – need new SCA rep- need to have that name in February meeting. Pat willing to take a meeting with that new delegate for info.

Name change put forward to change CCIA from a BC producer. The costs are too great for this ask. SCA to put a position forward for a yay or nay.

Philip Lynn

Karla Hicks – report submitted

Lynn Grant – CCA Environment

Larry appeared before the parliamentary committee regarding water course definition.

Dept fisheries and ocean overreach.

Feb 13/14 grassland conservation initiative forum – 2 half day meetings to be held. (50/60 people) an invite to SCA to send 1 person.

Any reports from Ocean and fisheries regarding sampling dugouts on private lands without permissions? – no not currently, have not heard.

Rick Toney – SK Hall of Fame

SK Hall of Fame inductees will be announced in Spring

LSS

New scanner to be brought forward to the LSS table and get more information

Increase in brand inspection fees. Funds are decreased and at the \$600K threshold.

Raise to \$1.00, would like SCAs support on this request. Recommends discussion with SK Cattlefeeders.

VBP+

Mandatory program? What are the ramifications? We have that in place, financial institutions can take that paperwork to the bank.

Support industry programs, they are costly and need to be profitable for producers.

Quality assurance programs don't always work when product is scarce. Will get product wherever/whenever and bypass the programs.

Quebec feed cattle have to be certified by 2025 – a provincial mandate

BC =SPCA audits are exempt when VBP+ verified.(spot checks)

It's the third parties that are recognizing the VBP+ program.

The program is not that onerous, the long term benefits puts Canada on the forefront of the beef safety in the world.

The big gap is the backgrounds. Every finishing lot is certified, why not backgrounders? Buying from lots?

Would rather do it voluntarily then being forced.

Other Countries are noticing our safe beef.

Need to be written in the contracts that this will benefit producers. Not bypassed.

Beneficial to world exports and they buy more Canadian product – this becomes beneficial to the producer.

CRSB is trying to figure out the data on this amount and how that is beneficial to producers

SK VBP+

Had a finance meeting

AGM Jan 28th 5pm during SBIC

National meeting before agribition

Have seen a big uptake in the Prairie provinces and the Atlantic.

Bringing in auditors from other provinces

PCAP

No additional info

2026 is the year of the pastoral and rangelands

Have a calendar highlighting different events each month.

CCYC – Judson

Learning a bit more of beef cattle production across the country

Looking to make the seat time to 3 years from 2 year position

Don't have an Atlantic rep

Media training coming up in the new year

Voice on the vet shortage with CCA / SCA – hard to get into large animal school. Screening process the challenge?

SVMA table

Every seat is taken at the University.

Government is using their powers to get people educated.

Loan forgiveness program to remain in Prince Albert, this is paying off and recognized.

NCO

Meeting coming up next week

Board change over great

Will be in SBIC at LMS meeting to talk mechanism collection

Korea/ Japan trip – wanted to know about our production practices – VBP+ was a good topic.

Food safety and environmental practices very important to them

9:30 am Andrea Brockelbank – BCRC

Who is BCRC overview

Are we communicating properly amongst ourselves? Reduce duplication

Working with provinces is important.

Committee Reports

Education Report – page 14

Motion 2024 – 071: Shea / Lueke

“That SCA contract a representative during the summer break to work with SCA to continue to build up SCA beef education portfolio.”

Motion

Carried

Discussion

Remember age specific programming

How do cows get the different colours? Kyle – sister for asking how that would work

Megan Nicholas?

Policy Report – Christina Update

Discussion

Committee went through the motions and pulled and discussed policy motions.

To be put together and go through again.

Accountability on actions that have been done and where it is going

Agribition Report

Discussion

Went over the pros and cons of Agribition.

2.00 New Business

Donation to the Gladmar school library in memory of Rachal Thompson

Motion 2024-72: Hebert / Balicki

“That SCA and SBIC fund \$3500 each for the memorial of the reading corner at Gladmar school.”

Motion

Carried

Sponsorship

S-001 – SPCAP - \$22,000 – 2025-2026 SK PCAP Implementation

MOTION 2024-073: Hebert / Stokke

“That SCA sponsor SK PCAP - 2025-2026 SK PCAP Implementation in the amount of \$15,000.”

Motion

Carried

S-002 – Sask. Variety Performance - \$18,000 over 3 years/\$6,000 per year– Quality Testing for Annual Forage Varieties

MOTION 2024-074: Hebert / Poletz

“That SCA will not fund the Sask. Variety Performance project as stated.”

Motion Carried

There is nothing that you get that isn't tested already?
duplication

S-003 – Sask. Vet Medical Assoc. - \$24,000/year over 3 years = \$72,000

MOTION 2024- 075: Balicki / Shea

“That SCA fund Sask. Vet Medical Associations - 2025, 2026, 2027 SVMA Veterinary Summer Student Programs in the amount of \$24,000 per over for 3 years (2025-2027).”

Motion

Carried

S-004 – Sask. Cattle Feeders Assoc.- \$30,000 – 2025 Western Feedlot School

MOTION 2024-076: Ross / Poletz

“That SCA fund Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Assoc – 2025 Western Canada Feedlot Management School in the amount of \$30,000.”

Motion

Carried

S-005 – Farm & Food Care - \$35,000 – Increasing Public Confidence in Beef & Cattle Prod

MOTION 2024-077: Balicki / Lueke

“That SCA fund Farm& Food Care Saskatchewan – Increasing Public Confidence in Beef & Cattle Production in the amount of \$35,000 for the 2025 year.”

Motion

Carried

S-006 – Western Crop Innovations - \$50,000 – Forage & Cattle Research Network co-sponsor/
AB Beef – page 26 – 28

MOTION 2024-078: Ross/ Leuke

“That SCA decline this.”

Motion

Carried

Meeting with Minister McCauley – Chad

C282 – discussion – not on side – has dairy in his neck if the woods

Genetic development important

Export 25% US

Thanks for SKCAP funding to Canada Beef 1.5mil to talk trade

Labour disruption discussion

Deputy minister was there.

Shawn Wilson new Canadian Beef breeds chair.

Meeting with Ag Ministry – Keith

Good convos on:

Wildlife management / predation.

Crop insurance, irrigation, water security.

Asked they start doing things – following through.

Drainage should be ministry responsibility not the producer/ landowners.

Crown land lease fees – freeze coming off in Jan – no more than a 20% increase for 2025 – hoping for the freeze to be for another year.

Proposed Changes to The Agricultural Operations Regulations – page 29 – 30

Seasonal confinement

Well separation 30-100m

Christina to bring more information to the board table in February.

ILO - Comments bad before January 20th - Christina

Direction to Randy before he attends Wildlife A.C meeting in January

Should be able to work with the landowner it effects

Why do they keep issuing licences in areas that are effects with chronic wasting.

Up tags in high pop areas and lower in areas deficient.

Are the numbers accurate? Who is monitoring?

Are Elk herds moving TB into the cattle herds.

Producer tags – give more tags to people in rural areas then urban areas that don't know the herd or where they are.

Special permits for geese for locals. Need to more birds out – getting into the feed and creating a disease risk (feces) Localized control is required.

Outfitting regs need a looking over.

Would like to know how many tags are issued in a zone and how many were filled?
Conservation Officers to be more focused on wildlife and less on policing.

Research

R-001 – Impact of micronutrient supplementation on response to vaccination in feeder calves
\$193,116 – 15% = 29,000

MOTION 2024-079: Hebert/Meyers

“That SCA fund the project titled - Impact of micronutrient supplementation on response to vaccination in feeder calves in the amount of \$29,000.”

Motion

Carried

R-002 – Field screening test to differentiate risks of Anthrax and expedite diagnostic investigation of sudden deaths in livestock. \$204,400 - 15% = \$31,000

MOTION 2024-080: Hebert / Meyers

“That SCA fund the project titled - Field screening test to differentiate risks of Anthrax and expedite diagnostic investigation of sudden deaths in livestock in the amount of \$31,000.”

Motion

Carried

R-003 – Advancing climate change resilience in alfalfa to enhance the profitability and sustainability to beef and dairy production. \$230,900 – 15% = \$34,650

MOTION 2024-081: Hebert/Meyers

“That SCA fund the project titled - Advancing climate change resilience in alfalfa to enhance the profitability and sustainability to beef and dairy production in the amount of \$34,650.”

Motion

Carried

R-004 – Screening and field evaluation of intermediate wheatgrass pre-release germplasm with enhanced tolerance to salinity. \$117,500 – 25% = \$29,375

MOTION 2024-082: Hebert.Meyers

“That SCA fund the project titled - Screening and field evaluation of intermediate wheatgrass pre-release germplasm with enhanced tolerance to salinity in the amount of \$29,375.”

Motion

Carried

R-005 – Closing litter gaps in Saskatchewan rangeland reference data. $\$26,992 - 15\% = \$4,050$

MOTION 2024-083: Meyers/Hebert

“That SCA fund the project titled – Closing litter gaps in Saskatchewan rangeland reference data in the amount of \$4,050.”

Motion

Carried

R-006 – Characterization of behaviour and physiological traits related to chronicity and recovery of feedlot cattle with induced BRD. $\$64,800 - 15\% = \$9,750$

MOTION 2024-084: Meyers/Hebert

“That SCA fund the project titled - Characterization of behaviour and physiological traits related to chronicity and recovery of feedlot cattle with induced BRD in the amount of \$9,750.”

Motion

Carried

Adopt Projects

AD-001 – Early seeding saline tolerant forages with a drone – Sask Forage Council - $\$13,702.50 - 25\% = \$3,500$

MOTION 2024-085: Hebert/Meyers

“That SCA fund the adopt project titled - Early seeding saline tolerant forages with a

drone, in the amount of \$3,500.”

Motion

Carried

AD-002 – Commercial replacement heifer selection using genomic testing – Eagle Lake Grazing Corp - \$13,200 – 50% - \$6,600

MOTION 2024-086: Hebert / Meyers

“That SCA fund the adopt project titled - Commercial replacement heifer selection using genomic testing in the amount of \$6,600.”

Motion

Carried

Conflict declared, reclused herself /Shea in conflict abstains from the vote

AD-003 - Control of Woody regrowth along fence lines via UAV application of herbicide
Contingent on Mariannes additional findings.

MOTION 2024-087: Meyers / Hebert

“That SCA fund the adopt project titled - Control of Woody regrowth along fence lines via UAV application of herbicide in the amount of \$2,125.”

Motion

Carried

TB Update

3.00 Old Business

SJHL dates

Jan 4 – Humboldt – Leon

Feb 21 – Weyburn – Wade

Jan 17 – Yorkton – Levi

Feb 27 – Notre Dame - Staff

Jan 25 – Estevan – Chad

March 4 – Melville – Levi

Feb 2 – Kindersley – Joleen

March 9 – Melfort – Leon

CCIA Rep – due February meeting

BCRC rep to replace Ryan Beierbach

Cattle being held with DOT training transport – meetings are set up with Ministers

Letters

NCFA re/CBIC

4.00 Board Round Table

ITS YEAR End for taxation – Please all invoices/expenses ect in by months end – TY

Vaccine prices have gone up, some not easy to get

Belton Johnson – best rink burger – Wawota vs Milestone have a voting _ “Kraft Hockeyville idea”

Why does Agribition not use the PA system to announce items? CWA needs to do better.

Drainage policy – needs consistency between areas

Regarding LSS increased inspections on bred heifer & purebred sales – are they being recorded out/ paperwork and administration @ Agribition. Was a bit on confusion.

MOTION 2024-088: Leuke/ Hebert

To go in camera with staff

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To go in camera

Motion 2024-090: Hebert

“ To adjourn.”

4:10pm

Calendar Sync

January 2025

February 2025

Feb 13 – Regina Board Meeting

March 2025

11-13 SARM Convention – Saskatoon

April 17- Saskatoon - Board Meeting

June 12 – Regina - Board Meeting

August 8 – Saskatoon - Board Meeting

October 9 – Regina - Board Meeting

December 12 – Saskatoon - Board Meeting

Committee Meetings to be held at the discretion of the committee chair at a min of 4 times per year and held in between the above Board Meetings.

6.00 Adjournment

Motion 2024-090: Hebert

“ To adjourn.”

4:10pm

Board Chair – Keith Day

Leann Clifford – recording Administrator – February 13, 2025