

**Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association  
Board Meeting  
Thursday October 8, 2020  
Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon, SK  
8:00 am**

Arnold Balicki Chair (Director 9A),  
Rick Toney, Past Chair  
Kyle Hebert (Director 1)  
Leigh Rosengren (Director 2)  
Keith Day (Director 3B)  
Randy Stokke (Director 4)  
Levi Hull ( Director 5)  
Brent Griffin (Director 6)  
Paula Larson (Director 7)  
Brian Cole (Director 8)  
Brad Welter (Director, SCFA)  
Harold Martens (Director, SSGA)  
Kelcy Elford (Director, SSGA)  
Garret Poletz (Director, SCFA)  
Holly Thompson (YCC)

**SCA Staff:**

Ryder Lee (CEO)  
Marianne Possberg (Production)  
Leann Clifford (Executive Administrator)  
Glenn LaPointe (Marketing and Communications)

**Guest:**

Lorraine Serrhienko - SVMA

**Regrets:**

Roger Meyers (Director 3A)  
Dean Moore (Director 9B)

Arnold Balicki called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION 2020-80: Larson / Rosengren  
"To accept the Agenda as presented"**

**Motion Carried**

**1.01 Review of Minutes  
August 20,2020**

**MOTION 2020-81: Meyers / Welter**

**“To accept the August 20, 2020 minutes as presented.”**

**Motion Carried**

**1.02 Chair Report**

- Continue to attend webinars and teleconference calls in an effort to stay informed of important industry happenings and to maintain some sort of relationships with Ministry & Industry personnel.
- Had a meeting with MLA Nadine Wilson. Confident that she is well aware of industry concerns.
- Along with Brian Cole attended a meeting with MP Kelly Block.
- With Ryder attended a meeting with Minister Marit. Concerns over BRM programs. The FPT meetings have been pushed back to November.
- Participated in 9 short videos for Farm & Food Care for their library. One for Ag Month for the Ministry.

**MOTION 2020-82: Balicki / Griffin**

**‘To accept the Chair Report as presented.’**

**Motion Carried**

**1.03 CEO Report**

- COVID still a reality. With Quebec & Ontario cases ballooning any planning around national events is being pushed to virtual farther and farther out.
- SBIC has committed to going virtual.
- SCA’s AGM should do the same.
- SCA fall meetings are of concern during COVID. AgriFood Council has indicated that online is okay if we are giving proper form to allow for voting, resolutions, questions, etc. This is all achievable.
- Saskatchewan is amid a provincial election. Questions have been forwarded to each party and talking points were part of our last producer communications.
- The writ period has complicated the big federal ‘announcement’ by the Prime Minister of \$10 billion flowing from the infrastructure bank including dollars for irrigation infrastructure.
- We cannot get engagement on the issue until after the election. The federal Western Diversification department has stated that federal money should come to our province for irrigation development. This is a positive indication, but work remains.
- There is positive movement around rural internet coverage.
- The WLPPI premium program we participated in along with SCIC has provided an interaction opportunity with a few producers.
- Had a good meeting with Minister Marit just before the writ dropped.
- Hoping that something positive will come out of the Fed/Prov/Territories Ag Minister meeting in November.
- Discussion on reallocating some budget money to communications. This will come back to the board via the committee.

**MOTION 2020-83: Cole / Hull**

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

**Motion Carried**

## 1.04 Financial Report

### **MOTION 2020-84: Stokke / Welter**

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

**Motion Carried**

## 1.05 Governance

The Policy Booklet is part of this meetings materials. Background on many things.

### **New Business**

#### **SCA Farm and Food Care Representative**

- Harold’s term is up and cannot run again as the consecutive term has been fulfilled.

### **MOTION 2020-085: Day / Welter**

**“That Brian Cole be the Farm and Food Care Representative nominee for SCA.”**

**Motion Carried**

#### **Transport Regulations and Manifests**

- Reviewed need for data coming from LSS. Unrealistic as the book would be much larger, carbon copies would not work. The cost would go from \$2.50/book up to \$3.50/book. Costs \$40-\$50K per batch of books right now. 150,000 manifest pages go out annually. 10 per book. Need to figure out what is required first.
- Why change the manifests to go short distances that we do? It is to document what we do. The feed and water times are not a given even with distances.
- Move toward cattle movement traceability is coming.
- Not all cattle movement on a manifest is destined for a packer or feedlot or mart. Sometimes move from pasture to home if far enough.
- Need to consider traceability regulations that are coming.

### **MOTION 2020-086: Martens / Larsen**

**“That SCA investigate updating the SK Livestock Manifest to include movement of cattle and updated transport regulations.”**

**Motion Carried**

- Is it necessary to keep using a paper manifest? Electronic could eliminate a lot of the issues.
- LSS is working on a system of a number instead of a name attached to manifests to electronically trigger all the fill in for a producer. It is still a year away from producers being able to use it.
- Requirements will be the same paper or electronic.

#### **NFACC Chair Extension**

- Due to COVID NFACC has not found a replacement for Ryder, as his term is up. They asked that Ryder remain in position for short term.

### **MOTION 2020-087: Day/ Hull**

**“That Ryder Lee be given leave to continue with the National Farm Animal Care Council.”**

**Motion Carried**

### **Funding Request for U of S Forage Research and Utilization Chair**

#### **MOTION 2020-088: Rosengren / Griffin**

**“That SCA commit \$1,000,000. (\$1 million) to the Integrated Forage Management and Utilization Chair application to BCRC from the University of Saskatchewan.”**

**Motion Carried**

### **Fall Meeting**

- Went through presentation and improvements put forth.

### **Saskatchewan Vet Med Association – Lorraine Serrhienko**

- Vet retention
  - Discussed many of the challenges faced in retention.
  - a vet in a town can be the survival of a town.
- Role of a Vet tech in practices
  - They are under-utilized especially in rural SK. Even though professionally regulated for 30+ years. Trying to adjust their bylaws and policies to highlight what can be done.
  - Brainstorming with vets on what techs can do to manage workload.
  - Can do post-mortem sample collections for example, and many more. This would be positive for veterinary workloads.
- What about clinic ownership outside of vets?
  - The business is private. Some success stories of new vets buying into practices and taking over.
  - SVMA rules allow for flexibility in practice structure.
  - Working on practice standards, being progressive. Also working on different types of practice. So that new grads can be ambulatory, not needing bricks and mortar.
  - Clinic physical infrastructure is not a Practice.
- Pharmacies thoughts?
  - Some changes in recent years. 2 years ago, bylaws changed to allow one vet to fill another vet’s prescription, that has helped producers with flexibility. Only have the pharmacy at the vet college, falls under vet jurisdiction and pharmacies act. Offsite depots are also happening.
- How many rural practitioners do we have and what do we need to get where we want to be?
  - In province right now we have approx. 700 -750 practicing vets including cities. That is licensed holders. Not all are in practice
  - 138 practices in SK, about half are rural
  - WVCM will graduate 78 this year, 80/per year intake.
- Retention of students?
  - New grad vets registered with SVMA is usually 20 – 25. 15-20 pass away/retire/move/per year so the numbers stay flat.
- Deficit on Vets?
  - Advertising has people who have given up. Likely 100 holes to fill.
- How many techs graduate per year and demand?
  - Multi schools on techs. Sask. Polytech grads 20 -26 / year. Pull in Lakeland and Olds 2 to 3 students per year and promoting online vet tech schools.

- Female dominated in tech side, family challenges, short 50 to 100 techs as well, could be closer to 200.
- Seeing more pets, backyard flocks so we need more vets/techs.
- How has UCVM addressed vet shortage in AB?
  - It has not. ABVMA has 550 practices, over 2000 vets, still not keeping up. UCVM up to 50 students enrolled per year.
- Expanding the list for Techs. Techs cannot do a few things including surgery, vets sign off on things but can teamwork it better.
- SCA Role?
  - Need help pushing government for retention programs to get people to stay in rural SK.
  - Thinks preceptorship is going to pay some dividends. Early yet as one crop done being three years in.
  - In the 50's there were Veterinary Service Districts. Act is dissolved but some of those setups still exist. There are RM's that cannot get a vet into its facility.
  - A practice could work with another business – ie) CO-OP

#### **Fall Meetings in Person**

- Revisiting having them in person due to COVID rise. Should do virtually?

#### **MOTION 2020-089: Hebert / Day**

**“That SCA fall meetings move to virtual instead of in person for 2020.”**

**Motion Carried**

#### **CCA Policy and Regional Programs**

Reviewed – CCA now supports feds participating regionally. Pertains to Ontario's ask for their RMIP.

#### **SSGA**

- AGM coming up Oct 14 at 1:30. All invited to sign up and attend.
- SARPAL funding renewed.

#### **External Call**

##### **Mike Spratt – BCRC**

- Have gone through LOIs for upcoming research projects at the subcommittee level then to full council with the supported ones. Good projects coming in.
- Mentioned to him that SCA board supported committing to the U of S application of forage chair. Hopeful to see it succeed as it has been a long-time goal and would be positive for the province. Hoping to have a sit-down meeting in January or February, due to COVID doubtful.

##### **Chad Ross – NCOA**

- AGM was a few weeks ago, the Executive was elected, Chad included as Chair for another year. Jeff Smith VP, Kirk Jackson – Finance, Mike Kennedy – Marketing Chair, Coral Manastersky – Vice Chair.
- Continue to oversee levy collections. Over the last five years have found their stride of collecting instead of governance and structure. Rewarding to move forward.
- Moving forward with Farm Products Council. Great relationship and they use the cattle model to show others the way.

- Marketing structure is working as intended. Independent of Agency Board but in their oversight. Reports are that it is working well.
- Working on: communications and training. How things work and training how to collect has been very important.
- Last summer a training was done virtually, went very well for a decent cost.
- Work continues with ON to get them to increase their check off.
- Inspections will continue. Will work with provinces to enhance check off. To get larger feedlots collecting and to showing value.

#### **Lynn Grant – CCA**

- Not much has happened since semiannual meeting.
- Calling in to touch base to see if there was anything to weigh in on.
- Talked about resolutions passed at summer meeting. Looks for guidance from the board about role of government conversations of the future.

#### **Ryan Beierbach – BCRC**

- Met by Zoom in mid -September. New executive, Ryan has passed his max years. Matt Bowman is the new chair. Craig Lehr is vice chair, Fred Lozeman is finance chair.
- Some spending has been deferred due to COVID. Using science cluster dollars first as they do not defer.
- Beef Advisors – went through industry goals to end of comment period. Moving to finalize. Did before CRSB AGM. Goals were announced for all three areas. Ryan is still on a task force to work on the next set of goals.
- CRSB's consumer focused ad campaign went well. Talked about how beef can do a good job environmentally.
- Demand for certified sustainable beef is growing. Outstrips available product. Producer sign up is also growing.
- CRSB webinars are coming up regarding mental health.

#### **Harold Martens – LSS**

- Working with LSS members to handle the sale of cattle.
- On target with reorganizing of managers. Likely have 6 or 7 managers but they will shift around according to volume of cattle.
- Things are improving with the RCMP.
- Working with the marketers about credit check for more than one-person marketing cattle, a disclaimer. LSS are facilitators in that discussion.
- Dealer regulations – floated for a long time. Should someone make this happen? LSS could facilitate.

#### **Harold Martens – Farm & Food Care**

- Board meeting is 2 and 3 of November.
- As of January, annual meeting we need a new appointment.
- Thanks to Harold for his six years representing SCA on the F&FC board.

#### **SK Hall of Fame – Rick Toney**

- No report

**Saskatchewan Forage Council – Brent Griffin**

- AGM last month
- Next meeting – October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**PCAP – Brent Griffin**

- Virtual meeting – November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**SODCAP – Keith Day**

- AGM Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. In person and virtual. It went very well
- Three new board positions filled – Indigenous, youth and community.

**YCC – Holly Thompson**

- Board had its first meeting.
- Strong advocates for 2030 goals and cow calf cost of production network.
- Met virtually on Sept 18 with Lianne Rood.
- Sept 28<sup>th</sup> with Minister Bibeau.

**VBP+ - Holly Thompson**

- Started the position in September. Assistant coordinator for 60% of Erika's position.
- Providing support around day to day operations.
- Erika to cover finances and board contact.
- 15 new operations certified in September, nine more waiting. Hoping in near future to be doing events and producer facing in-person. Online training still holds challenges for producers.
- Audits are not virtual, if the producer is okay with in person they can.
- Arnold – National management committee – housecleaning. Calls are going to be every quarter. Two face to face meeting per year, or as needed. Struck down five policies they did not have authority to put into place or would have created liability, for example VBP+ certifies the farm not the animals.

**AITC – Arnold Balicki**

- Virtual AGM on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Certified Sustainable Beef out of JBS?
  - They are certified but their chain of custody has not been put in place, so they are not able to sell that brand. They have their end piece of the chain in place so far. IE) Cargill uses BIXS to manage chain of custody.

**SCFA – Garret Poletz**

- Discussing Feedlot School at the next meeting.

**Letters in Review**

- Kelly Block mentioned to “CC” shadow ministers with anything going to Fed Ministers to help hold them to account.
- AgriFood Council – Council answers to the same Minister that partnered with SCA on the program.

**Calendar Synchronized**

- Many virtual meetings
- Arnold will not go to NCBA meetings. Rick or Keith?

**Policy Review**

- Went through several potential areas for future consideration.

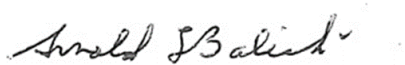
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**Adjourn 3:09pm**

**MOTION 2020-90: Cole**

**“To adjourn.”**

**Motion Carried**



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Board Chair – Arnold Balicki

\_\_\_\_Leann Clifford\_\_\_\_ - \_Recording Secretary

Date approved