

Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association
Board Meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2024
The Atlas Hotel

Keith Day Chair (Director 3B)
Arnold Balicki Past Chair (Director 9A)
Kyle Hebert (Director 1)
Wade Beck (Director 2)
Randy Stokke (Director 4)
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)
Joleen Shea (Director 7)
Leon Leuke (Director 8)
Christine Strube (Director 9A)

SCA Staff:

Grant McLellan (CEO)
Christina Betker (Policy)
Leann Clifford (Admin)

Regrets:

Levi Hull (Director 5)
Dean Moore (Director 9B)
Roger Meyers (Director 3A)
Jeff Yorga (Director, SSGA)
Garret Poletz (Director, SCFA)
Marianne Possberg (Production)
Shelby Corey (Director 6)
Kelly Williamson (Director, SSGA)
Jeff Yorga (Director, SSGA)

Keith Day called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2024-029: Lueke / Shea

“To accept the agenda as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.1 Review of the Minutes

Review of the Reports

MOTION 2024-030: Hebert / Ross

“To accept the March 27, 2024 ad May 16, 2024 minutes as amended.”

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda Reports

Chair Report

- Various meetings with LMS, SSGA, LSS and the Ministry. Had good meetings and identified several opportunities for SCA to work together.

CEO Report

- Working on marketing campaigns for SCA
- Agreement with Benchmark for the mail outs.
- Dome videos being worked on
- Attended the farm/fuel summit in Regina
- CBIC coming up, plan to attend
- Attended various Ministry meetings

Communications Committee report

- Recommendation to remove Whitney off of the feeds.
- Improve digital/video marketing
- Newsletter
- Continue to have committee meetings

Education Committee Meeting

- Setting goals for the year
- Carbon cycle, Feed, Calving
- Looking at how to move the messages forward in schools – attached to curriculum
- Dome – film proper video
- Dome going to Estevan and Weyburn this summer for Ag days and exhibitions.

Executive Meeting

- Look at LMS response to dealer rebate increase
- Check – off timelines to move forward
- Rick to remain on LSS seat for SCA – needs to be more engaged
- AITC proposal discussion
- Director Evaluations – move forward with this
- Strat plan event with Directors – move forward with this
- On boarding with Board manual
- Reviewed board meeting schedules
- LSS wants better engagement with SCA – the SCA member to the board represents properly
- Need to communicate better with our producers
- Joint meetings
- Feedback on resolutions
- Marshall services
- Had exec meetings with SSGA, LMCS, LSS – successful
- Get to the marts, get engaged.
- Brand inspections going up in the fall.

Finance Committee Meeting

- Follow CRA rates for mileage to be compliant
- Looked at the investment account and what is required to dissolve
- Discussed proa and cons of an investment cash account for the advancement of swift funds.
- Went over the director rate sheets
- AITC proposal for next year and the Education portions
- Bank fees discussion – look for a bank with less fees
- Levy refund service fee of \$10
- Ask lawyer for guidance

MOTION 2024-031: Balicki / Stokke

“To move the service charge fee to \$25 per refund.”

Motion Defeated

MOTION 2024-032: Balicki/Stokke

“Upon lawyer findings, the service charge will be set for \$10 starting for the 2023/24 levy refund year.”

Motion Carried

Policy Committee Meeting

- LPI follow up discussion regarding the use of LPI for mitigating a disaster situation such as an FMD outbreak.
- Discussion around setting a floor price right after the market crashes.
- Election Priorities – PST creep / program improvements/ irrigation/ lease lands/ value added.
- Freight insurance / section 11/12 SARA paragraph
- Name and logo – SCA is the government/advocacy/entity name – Saskbeef is the education/consumer/ public facing piece
- Trucking / red seal designation – should SK follow AB with something similar?
- LPI meeting w/ Morrow
- Predation is an issue, but how much of an issue? Start monitoring calves in and calves out
- Percentage based adjustment 1000 head/ 100 gone then a problem – 1000 head / 5 gone then a monitor
- SCIC employees are not educated enough.
- Whole Farm Insurance.
- FMD when it gets here – dealt with in the 4 - week term of your policy
- Don't want to figure out the value today, not comfortable at this point. This needs to be a continued conversation.
- Floor price right after the market crashes- 300 head min before value can be moved. The conversation is a start, thoughts brought up and on the table for further review. How to establish and by whom?
- Would like a quick payout 70-85% of the value of the loss.

Transportation

- Rainfall station information to determine the trucking costs, and its radius. Not the RMs responsibility to declare a disaster to get freight insurance and other RMs declare every year which may not be true.

Corn

- Insurance data – bushel data - not enough insured to have proper data.

MOTION 2024-033: Hebert / Ross

“To accept the Committee reports as distributed.”

Motion Carried

1.2 Financial Report

MOTION 2024-034: Hebert / Strube

“To accept the Financial report as presented.”

Motion Carried

Farm & Food Care Presentation w/ Clinton Monchuk

Presentation from Clinton regarding F&FC programming and increase ask of funds for the next years.

External Reports:

Philip Lynn- CAA

- FMD outbreaks compartmentalize so that the area is contained and trade can continue outside of the field.
- Vaccines are still a must.
- Cows and yearlings to grass?
- Bill C282 – looks like it will die a slow death. Senate is not moving it along
- Bill C 234 – carbon tax – feds are still pushing, wont die but has been revised
- Animal health and care – new code of practice is being revised as we speak.
- All animals are to be treated humanely. Keep an eye on the code of practice as left wing is creeping in and have an agenda of their own not aligned with producer.
- Increase in capital gains – 66% - CCA launched a campaign for Ag to be exempted – Should we be asking for a higher exemption amount 10 mill and can leave the % amount the same should they choose. Trying to get Ag fully exempted.
- Can you evaluate land values every few years and put the base closer to values, so the distance between the 2 numbers are not so vast. 1970s land price significantly cheaper than 2000.

Ryan Beierbach – CCA

- CAA does not have a position on the Capital gains as of yet. They are asking for a pause to gather the information.
- Avian – bio security recommendations – no cows in Canada as of yet – workers and cows in US yes. Asking to be diligent.
- Korea requirement
- CAN/MEX/US trade agreement starting the talks

CRSA

- MNP – esg reporting . CRSB submitted comments to the Standards board.
- Understand that producers have not been consulted, need this to increase.
- CCA also made comments to the CDN standards board as well. Represent packers/grocery/producers – many players to be heard.
- Global round table would like to make it a requirement to stop deforestation to be on the discussions. Did not go over well with south America, have gone back to the table for guideline review.
- Don't want to restrict landowners.

New Deputy Minister in AG – any concerns?

Kelcy Elford – SSGA

- AGM wrapped up on Tuesday
- GCI lack of information – would like a pause
- Check off raised
- Gillespie's honoured with the scroll
- 20 resolutions – 13 passed - 7 new board members

Discussion on CRSB be filled with 50 + 1 producers - so they are driving the bus and not being told what to do. How is SSGA going to drive that motion with CRSB? CRSB is a membership organization, maybe SSGA can be a member for a voice. It has a different structure than producer orgs.

Scott Gerbrandt – YYC

- Change youth delegate from 2 years to 3 years, due to the nature of learning curve . Would have more engagement at the various provincial tables.
- Looking to increase the rate of rep from \$2500 to \$5,000.
- Eliminating past president role to present and continuing
- Looking at new delegates at the same time. On boarding would be smoother. A list of candidates to be compiled
- Monthly meetings, communications, campaigns are ongoing.

New Business

Sponsorship

SODCAP Programming - \$25,000/year for 4 years

MOTION 2024-035: Day/Stokke

“ That SCA fund SODCAP programming @ \$25,000/year over 4 years.”

Motion Carried

SKCAP – 2024/2025 SKPCAP Implementation - \$23,000

MOTION 2024-035: Hebert / Strube

“That SCA fund 2024/2025 SKPCAP Implementation in the amount of \$18,000.”

Motion Carried

Discussion – advise the need to look for additional partnerships

SKPCAP – Rangeland assessment book - \$15,000

No motion put forward

VBP+ - Saskatchewan funding \$75,000

MOTION 2024-037: Shea / Balicki

“That SCA fund VBP+ SK in the amount of \$75,000.”

Motion Carried

U of S – Sci-Fi Science Camp \$2,000 for upcoming Vets

MOTION 2024-038: Strube / Shea

“That SCA fund U of S – Science Camp in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried

Board Order on Levy Collection

- Reviewed the wording on the levy change and dealer rebate fee

CBIC

- SCA is the provincial Host
- Directors are highly encouraged to participate. Leann will get you registered and hotel

Capital Gains Increase

- SCA position on the new capital gains tax

MOTION 2024-039: Ross / Balicki

“That SCA adopt the position of CCA and move letter onto your provincial reps.”

Motion Carried

- Christina to provide a form letter to send to MP’s

Round Table

- 4H beef sale – prices were good.

- Sask. Forage meeting next week.
- Sask. Pasture Tour – in August
- 3B Election –
- Gopher control is mandatory! Coordinate with other farm groups to align and ask for help, SARM, APAS, Canola growers, etc.
- Andy from VBP+ lobby to have Merk sense hub, portable scales, atv calf captures, virtual fencing added to the animal health equipment rebate on SCAP.

MOTION 2024-040: Hebert
“To adjourn.”

Motion Carried

Board Chair – Keith Day

____ Leann Clifford __ - _Recording Secretary

Date approved