

Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association
Board Meeting
October 12, 2023
Zoom Call – 8am

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)
Leon Leuke (Director 8)
Christine Strube (Director 9A)
Dean Moore (Director 9B)
Garret Poletz (Director, SCFA)
Chad Ross (Director, SCFA)
Jeff Yorga (Director, SSGA)
Scott Gerbrandt – (YCC)
Julie Mortenson (CYC CBA)

SCA Staff:

Grant McLellan (CEO)
Glenn LaPointe (Comms)
Christina Betker (Policy)
Marianne Possberg (Production)

Regrets:

Keith Day Chair (Director 3B)
Kelly Williamson (Director, SSGA)
Joleen Shea (Director 7)
Shelby Corey (Director 6)
Leann Clifford (Admin)

Chad Ross called the meeting to order at 8:00 am Quorum reached at 8:16am

1.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2023-065: Stokke / Strube

“To accept the agenda as amended.”

Motion Carried

1.01 Review of Minutes

August 31, 2023, Minutes

MOTION 2023-065: Stokke / Moore

“To accept the August 31, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.02 Chair Report

- Went through the report.
- Calls with CFIA regarding TB cases
- MP bus tour to Greiner Place – Indian Head. Highly recommend participation
- Attended District 4 meeting.
- Attended Irrigation Field day near Broderick.
- SODCAP AGM – Living labs update
- Attended the final plenary session for WSA, water management policy.

MOTION 2023-067: Lueke / Strube

“To accept the Chair Report as presented.”

Motion Carried

1.03 CEO Report

- Went through written report.
- Held two of the district meetings – Weyburn (2) and Eastend (4)
- Weekly calls regarding the AgriREcovery payment SCA has been lobbying for. This program needs to be announced soon.
- Attended the annual Deputy Minister evening hosted by Sask Chamber. Was able to speak regarding the issues our industry is facing.
- Discussion and presentation on our provincial priorities to the Sask Trade office in Mexico. Highlighted were a number of challenges and opportunities for Saskatchewan producers in the North American Market, as well as risks and concerns with South American livestock moving north.
- Attended a meeting with Ministry of Ag regional offices.
- Attended a webinar on the potential applications of AI in the ag/food production system, which was interesting.
- Meetings with APAS and Ducks Unlimited on a number of topics that are of concern for producers.
- Had a test run with the dome and working with AITC at the Ag Experience in Saskatoon.

MOTION 2023-068: Lueke/ Stokke

“To accept the CEO report as represented.”

Motion Carried

1.04 Financial Report

- Deferred to next month as Leann was on holidays.

External Reports

YCC – Julie Mortenson

- Onboarding new members
- helping provide information to young producers about how to access programs
- make new programs more accessible.

CCA – Duane Thompson

- In Ottawa last week. Discussed AgriRecovery and the need to move the approval ASAP. AgriRecovery is a huge focus of CCA.
- Not a lot of changes on the Environment file.
- Guardians of the Grasslands the game has been released.

- Looking at change of governance, looking at adding a member at large.
- Going back to the term executive, and changing titles to executive, officers and board writ in large. The changes should give better opportunity for members to elect the representative.
- Continued fisheries and oceans, refusing to take part from industry.
- Duane's term is up SCA needs to replace.
- Comments regarding capital gains, they have a \$12 million death tax exemption for anyone. Should we lobby on this at the national.

CCA – Lynn Grant

- Nothing new since semi-annual on domestic ag policy.

Agricultural Hall of Fame – Rick Toney

- No new meeting yet

LSS – Rick Toney

- Was not able to attend the last meeting due to injury
- ND Stockman's' has digital brand inspection up and running, is LSS aware/ familiar.

National Cattle Feeders – Will Lowe

- Lobby days at Nov 6 – 8.
- Still working against bill 282 (protection of supply management from trade negotiations),
- Working against CPTPP ratification unless UK removes exemptions for Canadian Beef.
- Working to move the bill forward to exempt carbon tax and livestock.
- Working on the Barlow private bill regarding trespassing on farm land (ILO in particular).
- Alberta had some discussion again on mandatory boxed beef price reporting.
- Enforcement of ELD's hasn't really begun, but soon.
- Government in US has a large subsidy to increase feedlots, grant for feedlots over 1000 head. Support for feedlots in US is 3:1 compared to Canada.

BCRC – Roger Meyers

- Date for next meeting in MonTues following Agribition, set up sub-committees.

Check-Off – Chad Ross

- CEO has now been announced.

PCAP – Kelly Williamson

- Meeting in Moose Jaw next week, will be finalizing the 5 year plan review and renewal.

SODCAP – Keith Day

- Held a number of events around the province, another event is coming up, held by PCAP and SODCAP – Dec 6 & 7 in Swift Current. Discussion will be conservation activities.

North Dakota Stockman's Association AGM – Chad Ross

- Attended the AGM they have 3000+ members, representing 800k cattle/they have 10 employees.
- Pro-check off, opposed to MCOOL, support NCBA.
- Check off in North Dakota is collected by the ND Beef Commission. \$2/head, 0.50 to National check off.
- NCBA is a service provider of the check off.

- Cannot use it for policy, membership pays their policy
- \$1.50 goes to the state, mostly to promotion / marketing.
- Only 8% goes to research.
- Lobbying against OFF Act (trying to remodel or get rid of check off on commodities, trying to make it illegal for organizations to collect check off).
- Farn bill has expired, though it is set to be renewed.
- NSDA does not support government ad hoc payments, and opposed to any government sponsored set aside programs.
- Have a fully functioning digital brand inspection
- Lobbying to keep the \$12m death tax exemption,
- They have a huge problem with employment, for every 100 jobs, they have 17 people to fill them.
- BRM programs in the US are all managed by brokers, this results in very high uptake.
- Weaned calf insurance recently introduced, need to look more into it.

New Business

District Meetings

- Went through the slides.
- Should have a year in review video – not fancy , but a slideshow of meetings and events, etc.

Action Item : Under the direction of the board - The SCA Executive Committee complete a strategic plan review to be brought back to the full board for review in the New Year.

Farm & Food Care Nomination

MOTION 2023-068: Stokke / Strube

“That SCA’s nominated rep to the Farm & Food care board be Shelby Corey.”

Motion Carried

Provincial Budget Submission

- Need to deal with PST creep, no consistency.
- Need to ensure we focus on irrigation expansion not just for the large projects.
- Tax incentives for owning livestock raised in Saskatchewan, regardless of whether or not folks live in SK.
- US just announced a weaned calf insurance program, SCA should look into this.

Old Business

TB Update

- Process takes too long, why are there not RFID tags read at the outset for all of these animals. As association we should be concerned about this. What pressure is SCA applying to CFIA?

RoundTable

- Weyburn district meeting, may have been held too early as the weather was good.
- Would like to see the research results on the website and more accessibility to the results.
- Frustration with OFCAP funding.

- Frustrated with AgriRecovery payment announcements too late
- South West area does not want to have October meetings, but September didn't bring any more people out.
- OFCAP money was hard to find, went into the wrong hands or duplicated existing efforts, too many groups, so much money being wasted on administration, should recommend to the Feds that money should go into the overall SCAP envelope instead of to one off orgs.
- Vet training in AB is permitted for pre-checking, why not Sask?
- Sask. is watching AB to see ow this all goes, if it works then Sask. will adopt.
- If you are allowed to preg. check your own cows can you sell as a preg.-checked without a vet? SVMA says you can not legally diagnose pregnancy, if you try to market as preg checked could be charged.
- Producers/ public need to be aware of tick borne illness. Medical Association are reluctant to diagnose and can be difficult to get treatment.
- Frustrated with CFGA and OFCAP funding.
- Leary about buying anything through herd dispersal, challenges around verification of preg-testing.
- Preparing for district meetings.
- Cattle theft update – everything is well now, rustlers caught. Crime in the area is very high right now, area has been identified as a hotspot.
- RCMP continue to be short staffed, lots of challenges with response times.
- Province is well aware of the crime issues, they are bringing in a marshal service, under staffing is real. Justice system is not working for rural people.
- CFGA funding is an issue again. Disagrees with he suggestion that certain funding should be done by government, thinks it was better when more local groups delivered projects.
- Projects should also be allowed to have private investment added to government dollars for conservation projects.
- Would like to hove our lobby on virtual meetings open quite early. Concerns around lab grown meat
- Crime is a huge issue.
- Bulls going missing in central Sask.
- Conditions are still dry, there are outstanding concerns about feed availability.
- Beef Tech Breakfast Thursday Am – Agribition week
- RCAF programs receiving funding from groups like PETA, Humane societies – need to cautious about whim is funding things.

Calendar Overview

In Camera

Adjourn

MOTION 2023-069: Hull

12:34pm

“To adjourn.”

Motion Carried

Board Chair – Keith Day

____Leann Clifford__ - _Recording Secretary

Date approved