



40th Annual General Meeting

Zoom Call

1:00PM, Tuesday January 26, 2021

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – Chad Ross (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:06PM.

2. Approval of Agenda
▪ No additions.

Motion: Duane Thompson/Greg Thompson **moved** approval of the agenda as presented.
Carried.

3. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting (January 29, 2020) – copies circulated
▪ The minutes from the last Annual General Meeting for the Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association held on January 29, 2020 were reviewed.
▪ No errors or omissions were noted.

Motion: Brad Welter/Garret Poletz **moved** adoption of the minutes from the January 29, 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association as circulated.
Carried.

4. Explanation of the Nominations and Resolution Process
▪ Greg Thompson explained the nominations and resolutions process.
▪ Greg reported that three board terms are up including: Brad Welter, Jordan Kowal and Steven Pylot.

5. First call for Nominations
▪ Greg called for nominations from the floor. The first call for nominations resulted in the following:
○ Brad Welter/Kevin Antworth nominated Steven Pylot
○ Brad Welter/Kevin Antworth nominated Jordan Kowal
○ Tyler Smith/Ryan Thompson nominated Brad Welter

6. First call for Resolutions
▪ Greg Thompson made the first call for resolutions.

7. President's Report
▪ Chad Ross provided a brief report on SCFA activities and issues we have been following over the past year.
▪ Chad remarked that 2020 was a year that could not have been predicted! Year started with optimism around demand predictions, but along came COVID which put

the brakes on that. The SCFA has been more active than we have been in years due to our participation in government and industry meetings, policy direction and member outreach to try and help steer the industry through this difficult time.

- Chad thanked the SK Minister of Ag – David Marit and his staff for all their work and their open-door policy during this past year. Their help getting programs such as the Set-aside, Price Insurance and BRM improvements is greatly appreciated. Chad also thanked the conservative caucus for meeting with SCFA board and staff this past summer to listen to our concerns.
- As we look into 2021 Chad remarked that he sees good times ahead. Strong domestic and export demand for beef is a bright spot right now.
- Chad mentioned that this will be his last term as chair of SCFA and wanted to thank a few people. He commended the provincial associations for their collaboration – Bill Huber and Chad MacPherson from the SSGA, Ryder Lee and Arnold Balicki from the SCA, as well as provincial government staff for being a pleasure to work with. Chad also thanked the board and staff of the SCFA.

8. Second Call for Nominations

- Greg made the second call for nominations.

9. Second Call for Resolutions

- Greg made the second call for resolutions.

10. Financial Review

- Finance Chair, Ryan Thompson provided an overview of the MNP reviewed financial statements for the Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
- Discussion followed with Ryan answering questions pertaining to the financial statements.

Motion: Ryan Thompson/Garret Poletz **moved** to accept the Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association 2019-2020 financial statements as circulated. Carried.

Motion: Ryan Thompson/Will Lowe **moved** to appoint MNP as auditor for the Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Carried.

- Ryan introduced Sean MacKenzie from National Bank Financial who provided a brief update on the SCFA's portfolio as well as comments on the year ahead in markets.

11. SCA Report

- Brad Welter provided a report on SCA activities from the past year.
- Brad commented that again – the SCA staff has been wonderful to work with. They are a great group who bring the skills necessary to represent SK beef producers in a wide variety of venues.
- Financially – checkoff revenue \$5.3M vs \$5.7 from 2019; total revenue \$5.5M vs \$6.0 in 2019. Expenses – CCA assessment \$700K and \$44 legal assessment; \$2.9M national checkoff; levy refunds up slightly \$52K vs \$44 in 2019; research projects \$680K. Leverage funds \$1.00 from SCA = \$9.00 from other sources (ADF and others). Long list of research projects funded available in SCA annual report.

- COVID related happenings – set aside program, and contribution of funds to assist producers with WLPIP premiums.
- Other lobby efforts – irrigation announcement, flood issues in meadow Lake area, Agristability enhancements, transportation regs and working with LSS on solution for documentation.
- Projects – rural vet preceptorship program continues – 6 students. Support for VBP+ program, animal health emergency planning, tools available in draft producer handbook at this time.
- Communications have increased over the last year – messaging on TV and Radio; Glen LaPointe is the “new” communications person and has lots of new ideas coming.

12. NCFA Report

- Will Lowe (current NCFA rep for SK) provided a report on the National Cattle Feeders Association (NCFA) activities over the past year.
- Full report attached

13. Canadian Beef Checkoff Agency Report

- Chad Ross provided comments about the work of Canada Beef Checkoff Agency
- Full report attached

14. Feedlot School Update

- Leanne Thompson provided an update on WCFMS.
- WCFMS Committee consists of SCFA (Steve Pylot), U of S (Gabriel Ribeiro), WCVM (Nathan Erickson) and SMA (Natasha Wilkie). The School will be presented as a series of webinar series February 9, 16 and 23. Registration has been great – 125 to date and sponsorship has also been good. We are on track to make a modest profit.
- Our virtual tours are fabulous – Leanne showed a preview video of the tours. We may look at including virtual tours at the school even when we are back to in person meetings!
- Everyone was encouraged to look at the agenda and consider registering.

15. Final call for Nominations/Election

- Greg made the final call for nominations.
- The final call for nominations resulted in the following:
 - Phil Lynn/Tyler Smith nominated Garret Poletz
- Greg asked the nominees if they would let their names stand. Brad, Jordan and Garret agreed to let their names stand and Steven declined.

Motion: Pat Hayes/Brad Welter **moved** that nominations cease. Carried.

- Greg reported that three names had been put forward for the three board positions: Brad Welter, Jordan Kowal and Garrett Poletz. These individuals were acclaimed, with no need for an election.
- Greg thanked Steven Pylot for his years of service to the board.

16. Final Call for Resolutions/Resolutions

- Greg made the final call for resolutions.

Motion: Kevin Antworth/Ryan Thompson **moved** that resolutions cease. Carried.

Presentation of Resolutions

Resolution #1:

Be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association work with CCA and CCIA to push CFIA to recognize and allow the marrying of ultra-high frequency (UHF) and low frequency (LF) identification tags.

Moved by Phil Lynn/Pat Hayes. Carried

Resolution #2:

Whereas the Federal Minister of Agriculture has committed to changes to the AgriStability program,

Be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association work through the SCA to lobby the Provincial government to commit to these changes as well.

Moved by Pat Hayes/Brad Welter. Carried

17. Other Business

- none

18. Meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM. Greg Thompson **moved** adjournment.

SCFA President