



Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association  
Serving the Saskatchewan Cattle Industry Since 1913

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**Resolution #1**

**WHEREAS** large land purchases have raised concerns in the agricultural community;  
and

**WHEREAS** entities such as pension funds, life insurance companies, ENGO's, brokerage  
and mortgage companies are purchasing agricultural land in Saskatchewan.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA recommends to the Government of Saskatchewan that  
institutional investors and non Canadian entities be restricted from purchasing  
agricultural land in Saskatchewan as was originally intended under *The Farm Land  
Security Act*.

***Defeated***

**Resolution #2**

**WHEREAS** there has been an increase in the elk and moose population in southwest  
Saskatchewan.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment to  
increase the number of tags issued.

***Carried***

**Resolution #3**

**WHEREAS** it is currently proposed to investigate a mandatory per head levy for the  
purpose of establishing a producer funded BSE testing fund.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA be opposed to establishing such a levy.

***Carried***

**Resolution #4**

**WHEREAS** the Greater Sage Grouse emergency protection order causes undue financial  
hardship for landowners and land managers in the day to day operation of their  
businesses.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan to review or change the Species at Risk Act to be less onerous on landowners and land managers.

***Carried***

#### **Resolution #5**

**WHEREAS** COSEWIC has recently recommended that the Plains Bison be classified as a "threatened" species within Canada under the Species at Risk Act, and have argued pursuant to this status designation that very few "pure" bison which are not contaminated with cattle genes, exist in Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the designation of bison as "threatened" will have a significant adverse impact upon the profitability of bison farming and that industries ability to market bison meat and other products, both domestically and internationally.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada opposing the designation of the Plains Bison as a "threatened" species under Canada's Species at Risk Act.

***Carried***

#### **Resolution #6**

**WHEREAS** public funds are being forwarded to the Nature Conservancy of Canada from the federal and provincial governments.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments to cease financial support to the Nature Conservancy of Canada and other ENGO's for the purpose of purchasing agricultural lands.

***Carried***

#### **Resolution #7**

**WHEREAS** conservation easements held in perpetuity devalue property and do not recognize future considerations.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments to revise The Conservation Easements Act to make conservation easements no longer than twenty five years.

***Carried***

#### **Resolution #8**

**WHEREAS** the Verified Beef Program (VBP) and other programs educate producers about best management practices for caring for livestock; and

**WHEREAS** producers have demonstrated a long history of responsible drug use for treating livestock; and

**WHEREAS** producers need to have veterinary drugs on hand for emergency situations.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the CVMA, SVMA, Health Canada (veterinary drug directorate) to protect producers right to store and administer over the counter and prescription veterinary drugs.

***Carried***

#### **Resolution #9**

**WHEREAS** Saskatchewan is not currently meeting our required BSE testing numbers.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to allow provincially inspected abattoirs to be a source of BSE testing samples.

***Carried***

#### **Resolution #10**

**WHEREAS** the Species at Risk Act (SARA) identifies lands necessary for the survival or recovery of species at risk as critical habitat; and

**WHEREAS** ranchers who provide such habitat need to be ensured they are protected from court actions or onerous rules which could adversely affect their operations; and

**WHEREAS** management agreements can be drafted which will result in the provision of such habitat.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby any Government Minister's necessary to have these management agreements recognized as providing effective protection under SARA.

***Carried***

#### **Resolution #11**

**WHEREAS** the recently transitioned PFRA community pastures are subject to different terms and conditions than regular crownland grazing leases.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to have the transitioned PFRA pastures be offered the same contract terms and conditions as all other provincial agricultural crown grazing leases.

***Carried***

#### **Resolution #12**

**WHEREAS** Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) requires livestock producers to pay their WLPPI premiums at the time of policy purchase; and

**WHEREAS** SCIC doesn't require grain producers to pay their crop insurance premium until the fall.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to have livestock producers be treated the same as grain producers.

***Carried***

### **Resolution #13**

**WHEREAS** unapproved agricultural drainage negatively impacts downstream landowners and infrastructure.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to disqualify producers found to be illegally draining from government business risk management programs.

***Carried***

### **Resolution #14**

**WHEREAS** the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) presents a significant market access opportunity for Canadian beef exports and failure to be involved would mean losing position to competing beef exporter nations.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA work with CCA to lobby the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan to actively pursue the successful negotiation of the TPP.

***Carried***

### **Resolution #15**

**WHEREAS** the range of feral wild boars has been rapidly expanding across Saskatchewan; and

**WHEREAS** there are not currently any effective control measures in place; and

**WHEREAS** wild boars are currently protected under the *The Stray Animal Act* and can not be hunted during any wild game seasons.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the wild boar be removed from the jurisdiction of *The Stray Animal Act* and placed under *The Wildlife Act* so that Saskatchewan can be declared a wild boar eradication zone.

***Carried***

### **Resolution #16**

**WHEREAS** premises identification is integral to the traceability system; and

**WHEREAS** producer participation has been low to date.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to make premises identification mandatory in Saskatchewan.

***Defeated***

### **Resolution #17**

**WHEREAS** cattle and beef from Canada and the USA are comingled; and

**WHEREAS** Canadian cattle producers are expected to compete in the North American market.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby CFIA to harmonize the registration of animal health products and livestock feeds with USDA so what is approved for use in the USA can freely cross the border.

***Carried***

### **Resolution #18**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA membership approves the proposed amendments to the SSGA constitutional bylaws as presented.

***Carried***

### **Resolution #19**

**WHEREAS** crown leases are public lands and maybe subject to countervail.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that wherever possible crown leases should be sold immediately at open public tender.

***Defeated***

### **Resolution #20**

**WHEREAS** it has been SSGA board policy to invest ninety three percent of all life membership revenue.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that fifty percent all future life membership revenue be invested and the remaining fifty percent of revenue be directed towards annual operation expenses.

***Carried***

### **Resolution #21**

**WHEREAS** predation control is a constant problem in Saskatchewan; and

**WHEREAS** compensation from the SCIC Predation Program for injured animals is not adequate.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to revise the SCIC Predation Program to compensate producers for animals injured as a result of predation at current market value.

***Carried***

### **Resolution #22**

**WHEREAS** CFIA is proposing new traceability regulations that do not follow the Cattle Implementation Plan (CIP) which was agreed to by all industry players in 2011.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA forward their disapproval of the proposed traceability regulation changes to the CFIA.

***Carried***

### **Resolution #23**

**WHEREAS** the provincial government has recently frozen land purchases by pension plans and institutional investors; and

**WHEREAS** the SSGA has always supported the freedom to be enterprising; and

**WHEREAS** the current SSGA policy is to support legislation to allow any Canadian citizen to own property in Saskatchewan.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA continue to support unrestricted right of all Canadian citizens to own Saskatchewan farm land including pension plans and institutional investors that are wholly owned by Canadians and supported by private funding from Canadian sources.

***Defeated***

### **Resolution #24**

**WHEREAS** SSGA annual membership fees have not been increased since 1997; and

**WHEREAS** operating expenses continue to increase due to inflation.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA proportionally increase all active memberships fees by fifty percent effective immediately.

***Carried***