



Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association
Serving the Saskatchewan Cattle Industry Since 1913

2015 SEMI ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday January 22, 2015
Queensbury Centre
Regina, Saskatchewan

Resolution #1

WHEREAS it is critical to the future of the beef industry to engage and attract young producers.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA establish a new \$25 junior membership for producers under the age of twenty five years old.

Carried

Resolution #2

WHEREAS there are currently limited incentives to become a Verified Beef Program (VBP) audited producer; and

WHEREAS there are significant funding inequities between Saskatchewan and other VBP programs in western Canada.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to create a second level of food safety funding for VBP audited producers.

Carried

Resolution #3

WHEREAS landowners that voluntarily participate in species at risk stewardship programs maybe exposing themselves to future liability.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to recognize and implement Safe Harbour Agreements under *The Species at Risk Act* to protect landowners participating in voluntary stewardship programs from all future liabilities.

Carried

Resolution #4

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 lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to review the provincial farmland ownership policy regarding the capability of entities to circumvent the intent of the Act.

Tabled

Resolution #5

WHEREAS there is increasing pressure on the agricultural sector from outside special interest groups.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to explore the development of right to farm legislation.

Carried

Resolution #6

WHEREAS the University of Saskatchewan is currently selling or generating revenue from agricultural assets.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the University of Saskatchewan to invest any current or future revenue generated from these assets back into agricultural research.

Carried

Resolution #7

WHEREAS investment in intellectual and physical research infrastructure and capacity is critical to the future of the beef cattle industry; and

WHEREAS the Livestock & Forage Steering Committee report has recommended the creation of a Livestock & Forage Centre of Excellence at the University of Saskatchewan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA support the concept of developing a Livestock & Forage Centre of Excellence at the University of Saskatchewan.

Carried

Resolution #8

WHEREAS underground pipelines, flow lines and power lines pose a safety risk.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to have all pipelines, flow lines and power lines be registered with Sask 1st Call.

Carried

Resolution #9

WHEREAS *The Surface Rights Compensation and Acquisition Act* is currently under review; and

WHEREAS pipelines and flow lines create ongoing limitations on a landowners ability to develop and utilize their property.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to require resource companies to pay annual rent for pipelines and flow lines.

Carried

Resolution #10

WHEREAS the Grower Own Use Program (GROU) allows for eligible United States versions of Canadian registered products to be imported into Canada at US pricing; and

WHEREAS inoculating sainfoin seed is a recommended best management practice; and

WHEREAS sainfoin inoculant is not currently available for sale in Canada.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to have sainfoin inoculant added as an eligible GROU listed product.

Carried