

# **SASKATCHEWAN STOCK GROWERS ASSOCIATION**



## **Policy Book**

### **Resolution 02-2000SA**

**WHEREAS** the Income Tax Act currently allows sales of Canadian Wheat Board grains; and

**WHEREAS** Customs and Revenue Canada has recently announced its intention to disallow tax deferred sales through Auction Marts and dealers;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association, along with the Canadian Cattlemen's Association lobby the Government of Canada to allow tax deferred sales of livestock.

### **Resolution 03-2000SA**

**WHEREAS** the issue of the unjust education tax being placed on agriculture land; and

**WHEREAS** a coalition group of six farm organizations, one being the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association, have been negotiating this issue with the Saskatchewan Government in good faith; and

**WHEREAS** our proposal to freeze 1999 tax levels and then a fifteen percent reduction on Education tax on agricultural land for each year for ten years on a declining balance; and

**WHEREAS** if by the spring sitting of the provincial legislature the government does not support this proposal;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association would throw its support behind the Tax Revolt Movement that has been started.

### **Resolution 04-2000SA**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association reiterate its policy for the continued special treatment of farm labour, including labour involved in intensive livestock operations under current legislation.

### **Resolution 01-2000AGM**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA support the efforts of the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan to pursue investigating steps necessary to raise the amount deducted in the Horned Cattle Trust Fund from \$2.00 to \$10.00 per head.

### **Resolution 02-2000AGM**

**WHEREAS** the provincial government has announced in the March 2000 budget a regressing/Permanent Cover Program; and

**WHEREAS** the SSGA membership feels that any government funding targeted to the grass industry be spent on research, extension and education;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA petition the government to adequately fund research, extension and education before considering any form of grass acreage payment.

### **Resolution 03-2000AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Grazing & Pasture Technology (GAPT) Program has been very successful in promoting good grass management and the proactive approach of GAPT in riparian management, etc. has been beneficial to agriculture in Saskatchewan.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA, in cooperation with the other organizations/agencies involved in GAPT seek funding for the continuation of GAPT beyond March 2001.

### **Resolution 01-2001SA**

**WHEREAS** the newly formed general farm organization Agriculture Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is being funded by a tax of ½ mil (or \$0.10 per acre) of the assessed value of farm land in a rural municipality that supports this organization; and

**WHEREAS** the impact of general farm organizations have traditionally been weakened by the need for unanimous support of their membership with divergent and oftentimes conflicting views; and

**WHEREAS** the SSGA believes that commodity based farm organizations have a more focused mandate and hence a greater impact on government policy;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association opposes the funding of any general farm organization by a mandatory land tax.

### **Resolution 02-2001SA**

**WHEREAS** municipal assessment based on market value has and will continue to bring an unfair burden and financial hardship on agricultural taxpayers and especially grasslands; and

**WHEREAS** SSGA and other groups have bargained in good faith with SAMA and ministers and officials involved with these issues; and

**WHEREAS** there is a need to further the public's awareness of the hardship and burden imposed by reassessment;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA Board of Directors orchestrate a media campaign to reactivate this issue before the public.

#### **Resolution 02-2001AGM**

**WHEREAS** the new method of assessment has caused shifting of grants paid to school boards; and

**WHEREAS** in reassessment years the amount of grants can change drastically thereby increasing the tax burden on property;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the provincial government pay all costs of education and remove education taxes from all property in the province.

#### **Resolution 03-2001AGM**

**WHEREAS** the province of Saskatchewan has been on central standard time; and

**WHEREAS** a change in time would directly affect the efficiency of our operations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the provincial government to remain on central standard time.

#### **Resolution 04-2001AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada requires extensive and expensive testing and safety trials prior to any ingredient being approved for sale in livestock feed; and

**WHEREAS** there is a great need for effective agents to mitigate bloat when grazing certain legumes, especially alfalfa; and

**WHEREAS** such additives have been shown to be effective in other countries, namely New Zealand; and

**WHEREAS** individual producers may import such ingredients at great cost in time and money from New Zealand for on-farm use;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA approach the Canadian Cattlemen's Association to expedite the procedure for importation and commercialization of such ingredients in Canada.

**Resolution 05-2001AGM**

**WHEREAS** Johne's disease is a production limiting disease of cattle, bison and deer and indications are that Johne's disease is increasing in prevalence in Saskatchewan commercial and purebred beef herds and dairy herds;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the SSGA support the development of a voluntary herd certification program for Johne's disease in addition to producer awareness of the problem of production limiting diseases.

**Resolution 01-2002SA**

**WHEREAS** water is an important component in the sustainability of livestock in Saskatchewan; and

**WHEREAS** drought impacts severely on the water availability for many livestock producers;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association request the Saskatchewan Government secure funding of a minimum of \$5 million annually for long term agriculture water development.

**Resolution 02-2002SA**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association encourage the Saskatchewan Government to make any necessary changes to farm land ownership legislation to allow any Canadian citizen to own property in Saskatchewan.

**Resolution 03-2002SA**

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Cattle Identification Program is not yet fully implemented;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the CCIA tags continue to be used for animal health traceback purposes only.

**Resolution 01-2002AGM**

**WHEREAS** clauses 12 & 13 of the Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food standard lease form are excessively intrusive and all encompassing; and

**WHEREAS** any lease contract should exhibit a degree of mutual trust and respect;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association request that the Minister of Agriculture review the standard lease with the intent of re-writing the lease to express amore balanced approach to protect the privacy of leaseholders.

#### **Resolution 02-2002AGM**

**WHEREAS** SaskPower Corporation is a Crown Corporation in the Province of Saskatchewan and is the public's corporation; and

**WHEREAS** it is known fact that SaskPower Corporation has invested surplus profits in ventures outside our borders; and

**WHEREAS** it is also known that rural Saskatchewan is in need of meaningful incentives to expand various enterprises, such as feedlots, hog barns and other value added activities; and

**WHEREAS** the initial cost to access power and/or gas, especially three-phase power, is very costly and is an immediate financial burden on an emerging enterprise;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) lobby the provincial government and the Minister responsible for Crown Corporations to develop a program that would provide a mechanism to amortize the cost of power hook ups over a period of 5-10 years administered in the form of a low interest loan program in order that SaskPower may recover the associated administrative costs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the SSGA encourage other like-minded organizations to lobby in support of such a program.

#### **Resolution 04-2002AGM**

**WHEREAS** producers are required to purchase tags for use under the Canadian Cattle Identification Program;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that producers be able to access the information collected on these animals using the tags for a reasonable cost; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this be implemented in the CCIA's future mandate.

### **Resolution 05-2002AGM**

**WHEREAS** the change to market value assessments in 1997 drastically altered assessed values; and

**WHEREAS** those changes resulted in a dramatically increased tax burden on property; and

**WHEREAS** the manual used by the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) does not take into account many variable that affect grazing land, such as productivity or restrictions on use;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Provincial Government to return to pre-1997 rules in regards to land assessments.

### **Resolution 06-2002AGM**

**WHEREAS** ethanol production is positive for adding value to grain crops; and

**WHEREAS** ethanol production could be a large revenue source for the provincial government; and

**WHEREAS** ethanol production combined with a feedlot could positively benefit both the province of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan feeding industry;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that ethanol production be pursued following the model of eight 20million litre plants throughout the province, each combined with a feedlot.

### **Resolution 07-2002AGM**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association ask the Canadian Cattlemen's Association to investigate the benefits of increasing the national check-off by \$1.00 in order to market our product.

### **Resolution 08-2002AGM**

**WHEREAS** the provincial sales tax on production purchases is an unfair tax on product;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the government of Saskatchewan remove the PST from all non-personal consumption items.

### **Resolution 01-2003SA**

**WHEREAS** there has been an increase in the incidence of Johne's disease in the province of Saskatchewan in the past number of years; and

Given the nature of the disease and as there is an increasing number of breeding herds being transported and wintered in locations where herds are intermingled in somewhat crowded conditions; and

Given the numbers of community, cooperative and PFRA pastures where herds are also intermingled;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association support the Canadian Animal Health Coalition on their strategy of developing Canada's National Johne's Disease Control Program.

### **Resolution 02-2003SA**

**WHEREAS** recent developments in relation to leased Crown Lands threaten existing and future leaseholders rights, namely the priority to renew traditionally upheld by Saskatchewan Agriculture; and

**WHEREAS** leaseholders have held their agreements with the government in good faith and have practiced responsible land stewardship; and

**WHEREAS** lost grazing rights cause to further erode already declining land bases forcing leaseholders to seek alternative grazing sources, reduce herd size or terminate operations; and

**WHEREAS** producers require the security of long term tenure;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association lobby the Provincial Government to honour the renewal policy and continue to grant long term leases/lease renewals.

### **Resolution 01-2003AGM**

**WHEREAS** livestock producers are vulnerable to auction marts and/or livestock dealer's inability to pay for delivered animals;



**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA investigate the possibility of setting up a producer assurance policy to cover the livestock producer's loss.

### **Resolution 03-2003AGM**

**WHEREAS** the transmission of the disease Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy is directly linked to meat and bone meal;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the CCA and CFIA to provide a scientific assessment of the risks and benefits of further use of rendered beef products in poultry and pork feeds and pet foods.

### **Resolution 01-2004SA**

**WHEREAS** the current Livestock Dealer Bonding regulations do not adequately protect producers from defaults;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA recommend to the Livestock Inspection Services Advisory board that:

- a) The minimum bond for a livestock dealer's license be increased to \$100,000.00 from \$25,000.00
- b) Be it resolved that applicants show proof of a line of credit sufficient to conduct business and meet requirements of paying producers within the required three day period. Dealers that have had their bond forfeited or license cancelled or suspended be ineligible to act as a Dealer or an Agent of a dealer for a minimum of two years unless full restitution has been made.
- c) And be it resolved that a standard be established related to a minimum credit rating that must be achieved before a Dealer's license can be approved.

### **Resolution 02-2004SA**

**WHEREAS** as cattle producers contribute both to the Horned Cattle Trust Fund and also the Cattle Marketing Deductions Fund; and

**WHEREAS** as the SSPCA Investigative Services Committee receives financial contributions from these check-off dollars;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA request that all funds dispersed to Investigative Services Committee through the Cattle Marketing Deductions Fund and Horned

Cattle Trust Fund be restricted specifically for the use required for the humane handling, feeding and appropriate care of all classes of bovine cattle and calves only.

### **Resolution 01-2004AGM**

**WHEREAS** the current assessment values for non-arable land fail to reflect the true productivity of the land compared to the 1965 system; and

**WHEREAS** under the 1965 system, a large difference in assessed values indicated the differences in productivity of different lands; and

**WHEREAS** the 2001 assessment is based on limited numbers of pasture sales in each different carrying capacity which removes the true differences in productive values of various pasture types; and

**WHEREAS** all agriculture land in the province, both arable and non-arable, will have a common mill rate applied by each individual RM;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that for the 2005 reassessment, SAMA adopt a method of assessing non-arable land which is similar to arable land assessment and uses a single provincial market index for the entire province.

### **Resolution 02-2004AGM**

**WHEREAS** Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association is an organization that has traditionally supported free open markets;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association remains an organization that advocates little or no direct government assistance in the form of subsidies other than during times of severe disaster.

### **Resolution 01-2004-M**

**WHEREAS** BSE has been experienced in the United Kingdom; and

**WHEREAS** there is a lot of expertise in the U.K. in dealing with the BSE crisis;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Canadian Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors investigate the opportunity to invite U.K. BSE experts to come to Canada to share their knowledge.

### **Resolution 02-2004-M**

**WHEREAS** the Cattle Market in its current state is dysfunctional because of BSE, and can not fix itself; and

**WHEREAS** it is abundantly clear that to solve the problem a new approach has to be taken; and

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Cattlemen Association has developed a contingency plan;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association encourages the Canadian Cattlemen Association to include the goal of Canadian producer owned packing plants in those contingency plans.

### **Resolution 03-2004-M**

**WHEREAS** the Federal and Provincial Governments designed the CAIS program, and encouraged producers to join; and

**WHEREAS** the Saskatchewan government has announced they will not live up to their full commitment; and

**WHEREAS** this action by the Provincial Government is wrong and unacceptable;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association lobby the Provincial Government to honor their full commitment to the CAIS program.

### **Resolution 07-2004-M**

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Cattlemen Association has presented contingency plans.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association support these plans as well as;

- A form of cash injection, for another business year.
- Lobby support of government policy.
- That Canadian Cattlemen ban hormone use, and determine if the CAIS program will work and lobby the government to make it functional.

### **Resolution 08-2004-M**

**WHEREAS** we must test a certain number of cattle to meet OIE obligations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association and Canadian Cattlemen Association petition the federal government for a compensation program that will acquire the necessary numbers.

### **Resolution 09-2004-M**

**WHEREAS** Canada is a small nation, with huge trading interests;

**WHEREAS** we do have a NAFTA with US;

**WHEREAS** our friendly and diplomatic approach to NCBA and USDA, has cost Canadian producers thousands of dollars;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Canadian Cattlemen Association extensively debate, at the board level the idea of launching a Chapter 11 NAFTA challenge, against US illegal closure of American border to Canadian cattle.

### **Resolution 10-2004-M**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers take steps to reinstate the Beef Industry Committee.

### **Resolution 01-2005SA**

**WHEREAS** the Environment is a high priority with the Federal and Provincial Governments and the public in general; and

**WHEREAS** the Oil Industry in North America is a major polluter in North America; and

**WHEREAS** one of the major causes of pollution in the Oil Industry is oil leaking from the wellhead of oil being brought to the surface with pump jacks; and

**WHEREAS** there are proven methods to eliminate this problem with equipment that is on the market at this time; and

**WHEREAS** landowners in the oil producing areas have a concern to have this problem addressed and brought to a halt; and

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Government has been working on putting policy in place for 30 years to deal with the oil industry and as of yet there is nothing in place;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby Environment Canada, Saskatchewan Environment, Saskatchewan Energy and Mines to put policy in place requiring the oil industry to take steps to prevent contamination from wellhead leaks on all oil wells. Producing wells to prevent further contamination and new wells to prevent contamination from starting.

### **Resolution 02-2005AGM**

**WHEREAS** oil and gas exploration and development is rapidly increasing in Saskatchewan; and

**WHEREAS** Saskatchewan leaseholders are the Stewards of the leaseland;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Saskatchewan Government to allow the occupants of leaseland to negotiate with the oil companies for fair payment for the severance and nuisance.

### **Resolution 03-2005AGM**

**WHEREAS** one of the ACRE crown land sub committee recommendations is to open the Provincial land act, and;

**WHEREAS** the SSGA feels that this move could jeopardize the lessee's right of access, their long term tenure and the ability to transfer leases that we presently hold;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby both the ACRE committee and the Provincial Government, not to open the Provincial Land Act.

### **Resolution 04-2005AGM**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA again is in favor of Government having policy that allows money invested in feedlots, packing plants, or similar industry that would help to enhance rural Saskatchewan and Canada, to be put into a tax shelter.

### **Resolution 05-2005AGM**

**WHEREAS** COSEWIC and the Nature's Conservancy of Canada have recently advocated that Plains Bison be classified as a "threatened" species within Canada under the Endangered Species protection legislation, 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 SSGA Zone 4 believe this to be patently untrue; and

**WHEREAS** 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; and

**WHEREAS** this designation recommended by COSEWIC, and the Nature Conservancy of Canada, promised to further devastate a troubled bison industry in particular, and troubled rural economy in general;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA Zone 4 recommend the Provincial SSGA support the Saskatchewan Bison Association and it's partners in opposing the designation of Plains Bison (Bison, bison) as a "threatened" species under Canada's Endangered Species Protection Act.

#### **Resolution 06-2005AGM**

**WHEREAS** the USDA will likely implement country of origin labeling by year-end 2006;

**WHEREAS** there appears to be some inequities regarding the labeling of agricultural products here in Canada;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the CCA, Province of Saskatchewan and the Government of Canada to review the laws and regulations pertinent to the labeling of food products exported from Canada as the country of origin. With the following emphasis: products which are 100% Canadian grown would be clearly labeled "Product of Canada," if there is any doubt that all or a portion of any food products destined for export is sourced from a country other than Canada then the package/box/container should be clearly labeled "Processed in Canada."

#### **Resolution 07-2005AGM**

**WHEREAS** on March 7, 2005, Judge Cebull of Montana allowed an injunction to be passed to keep the American border closed to live cattle from Canada; and

**WHEREAS** R-CALF of America has applied for an injunction to the same said judge to stop boxed beef from being imported from Canada;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby CFIA, CCA and the federal government to allow cattle to be tested for BSE for the purpose of marketing.

#### **Resolution 08-2005AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and others have proposed rescinding the own-use provision of Health of Canada regulations that allow SSGA members and others to import generic drugs, pesticides and herbicides;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA and CCA strongly lobby the federal government to maintain the current rules regarding own-use importation.

**Resolution 09-2005AGM**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA ask CBEF to trial test export markets with OTM BSE tested product and this be done as soon as possible and that SSGA, CBEF and CCA expedite this market trial.

**Resolution 02-2006SA**

**WHEREAS** feral wild boars have become a problem in over 45 rural municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** improperly managed feral wild boars are very destructive to private property, the Saskatchewan agriculture industry and the environment;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the provincial government to make Saskatchewan a wild boar management zone. Any wild boar outside it's home property be considered fair game and can be disposed of.

**Resolution 03-2006SA**

**WHEREAS** SWF may be considering seeking changes to rules regarding use of ATV's for hunting in Saskatchewan;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA be involved in any changes to Saskatchewan hunting regarding vehicle use by hunters.

**Resolution 04-2006SA**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA and CCA continue to be involved in developing reasonable and economically viable cattle management practices such as loading densities and transportation times for trucking cattle.

**Resolution 05-2006SA**

**WHEREAS** cattle identification has proven its worth for the cattle industry and beef industries; and

**WHEREAS** many cattle have bar code tags which identify the herd of origin which may be different from the current owner; and

**WHEREAS** if the CCIA quits reading bar code tags, several years of valuable information will be lost;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Canadian beef industry continue to read bar code tags and use the information gathered for as long as there are cattle with bar code tags being marketed.

#### **Resolution 06-2006SA**

**WHEREAS** the Saskatchewan Stock Growers (SSGA) has long advocated the removal of education tax on property;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA support Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) and the Tax Action Group in their endeavors to reduce education taxes on agriculture property.

#### **Resolution 07-2006SA**

SSGA supports CCIA in maintaining their policy of voluntary age verification.

#### **Resolution 01-2006AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Canadian beef cattle industry is highly dependant upon export sales;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby both the provincial and federal governments to empower Canada's WTO negotiators with a mandate to achieve substantial improvements in global market access for Canadian beef exports.

#### **Resolution 02-2006AGM**

**WHEREAS** Saskatchewan cattle industry supports the principal of animal traceability and the need for such programs to be national in scope;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby both federal and provincial governments to insure the Canadian Livestock Identification Agency (CLIA) and any proposed provincial traceability initiatives do not unnecessarily duplicate the efforts and initiatives already undertaken by the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA)



### **Resolution 03-2006AGM**

**WHEREAS** USA restrictions on Canadian imports of breeding cattle, over thirty month cattle and over thirty months beef are currently costing the Canadian cattle industry in excess of 1.2 million dollars per day;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Canadian government put high priority on full restoration of access to USA for all classes of Canadian cattle and beef.

### **Resolution 04-2006AGM**

**WHEREAS** certain RM's are considering taxing rate payers to fund capital business interest or other ventures which are outside of RM's functions and as SSGA's supports individual investment in any business;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby SARM to take a position to not tax rate payers to fund businesses.

### **RESOLUTION 01-2007SA**

**WHEREAS** the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association feels their cattle ID system at the present time is intact;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** we request a Cost/Risk/Benefit Analysis be completed.

BEFORE; further consideration will be given for the endorsement of the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) draft proposal, on animal movement and tracking.

### **Resolution 02-2007AGM**

Because the CCIA tagging system is industry driven and mandatory, it could be a valuable tool for producers. Information could be anonymously returned to producers that would allow them to improve their cow herds and/or management practices. That information could include health problems and carcass data.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA work with the CCIA to set up a system to return information to primary producers.

### **Resolution 03-2007AGM**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that after cost analysis is in, Zone 4 request SSGA call on the CFIA and CCIA to have industry wide meetings with producers prior to

implementation of any or all facets of the proposed trackability and traceability legislation.

**Resolution 04-2007AGM**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government to take steps to deal with the gopher epidemic.

**Resolution 06-2007AGM**

**WHEREAS** there is a lack of livestock inspection at most points in Manitoba, it seriously affects the security of Sask. cattle and other livestock;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Provincial Government to work with the Manitoba Government to address this issue.

**Resolution 07-2007AGM**

**WHEREAS** the beef industry needs to speak with one voice in its lobby efforts; and

**WHEREAS** it needs to represent all sectors of the industry; and

**WHEREAS** it needs to represent all geographic areas of the province; and

**WHEREAS** it needs to have access to its own funding for those purposes;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA support the development and participation in a taskforce to investigate and develop options to be considered in the development of a Sask. Beef Industry single voice group.

**Resolution 01-2008SA**

**WHEREAS** last February some processed feed was deemed as contaminated by the CFIA;

**WHEREAS** the cattle that were fed this contaminated feed were placed under quarantine by the CFIA. Later the animals in question were deemed as safe for human consumption, but had to stay in Canada, as export of these animals would violate foreign trade agreements;

**WHEREAS** the above restrictions severely reduced the value of these animals. Furthermore, many of the animals were not intended for slaughter, as some were replacement animals and higher valued stock;

**WHEREAS** the hassle and cost associated with a quarantine kill made finding someone willing to process these cattle a challenge;

**WHEREAS** the CFIA has the power to restrict movement and issue quarantines, but when there is no ordered kill, there is no framework for compensation;

**WHEREAS** losses incurred were a dual responsibility because of contaminated feed and quarantine;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA ask the CCA to lobby for Federal funding to be made available to producers immediately after the CFIA issues quarantines or movement restrictions or any other order that restricts a producer's livelihood when the situation has occurred at no fault of his own. Government shall be responsible for time and money involved in recouping damages.

#### **Resolution 02-2008SA**

**WHEREAS** wildlife management practices are even more important to the agriculture sector of the provincial economy; and

**WHEREAS** management of most wildlife habitat is in the hands of agriculture producers with little or no economic benefit;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the SSGA lobby the Provincial government to establish a task force to review how the sale of hunting rights by land owners has been utilized by other agencies in other jurisdictions. This said task force should assess the potential that would accrue to land owners from this management approach, understand the impact this approach would have on habitat maintenance and address the concerns resident hunters have regarding their rights and opportunities to harvest game.

#### **Resolution 04-2008SA**

**WHEREAS** many areas in southwest Saskatchewan are going into the fourth year of drought with a shortage of feed stocks, and a severe lack of water, as well as an ongoing problem with gophers;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the board of directors of SSGA lobby all levels of government to implement programs which will alleviate these problems in the near and long term.

### **Resolution 06-2008SA**

**WHEREAS** the beef cattle industry needs to speak with one voice in its vision of policy; and

**WHEREAS** it needs to represent all sectors of the industry and all geographic areas of the province; and

**WHEREAS** it needs access to interim funding for these purposes;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA continues to support the formation of a Saskatchewan beef industry umbrella group under the Agri-Food Act with the objective of bringing a final proposal to the June 2008 annual meeting.

### **Resolution 07-2008SA**

**WHEREAS** the SSGA has served the Stock Grower members of Saskatchewan for the past 95 years under its current structure with success and distinction;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that any proposed change to the structure and mandate of the SSGA vis-à-vis, the umbrella group be made only after the general membership has been consulted and give the opportunity to examine, discuss and vote on such proposal.

### **Resolution 01-2008AGM**

**WHEREAS** the most effective industry representation possible is desired by all cattle producers;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA support the formation of an umbrella group know as the "Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association" under the Agri-Food Act."

### **Resolution 02-2008AGM**

**WHEREAS** the mission statement of the SSGA states that it is to serve, protect, and advance the interests of the beef industry. The vision statement is the **Business of Beef – Freedom in Strength**; and

**WHEREAS** the beef industry has struggled through some extremely difficult circumstances such as closed borders, trade barriers, costly and cumbersome regulations; and whereas the current market crisis has added a severe impact on every sector of the beef industry;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA, and specifically the entire board of directors, be genuinely committed to represent all sectors of the beef industry and all geographic areas of the province to the best of their ability and set aside personal and territorial differences. This will be essential to ensure the survival of our industry and our association.

#### **Resolution 04-2008AGM**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the provincial Minister of Agriculture to endorse a program which provides monetary parity with the new Alberta Farm Recovery Program II.

#### **Resolution 06-2008AGM**

**WHEREAS** Alberta has introduced a program (Alberta Meat & Livestock Strategy) that has serious implications for all Canadian producers as well as possible national trade implications;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA Board of Directors draft an appropriate response to the Alberta government; and also that the SSGA request our provincial government to express the provincial industry's concerns to the Alberta government.

#### **Resolution 01-2009SA**

**WHEREAS** the cattle industry relies heavily on grass and forages and whereas over the last 10-15 years the resources allocated to grass and forage research has declined dramatically.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby both provincial and federal governments to reinvest adequate resources in grass and forage research.

#### **Resolution 01-2009AGM**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that any motion to remove the SSGA President from his or her position shall require a 15-day advance notice to each and every member of the Board of Directors. Upon proper notification to the Board of Directors, the motion shall also require a two-third-majority vote to be carried.

#### **Resolution 03-2009AGM**

**WHEREAS** the crownland purchase program provides a 10% discount of the initial purchase price on year one of the program;

**WHEREAS** the cattle industry is going through some challenging times;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Ministry of Agriculture to request that the 10% discount be extended for the length of the five year term.

#### **Resolution 04-2009AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Saskatchewan government's intention is to open and modernize the Saskatchewan Lands Act;

**WHEREAS** the Saskatchewan government desires to work closely with the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Land Use Committee during this initiative;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association work closely with the Saskatchewan government through the analysis review and modernization of the Provincial Lands Act.

#### **Resolution 05-2009AGM**

**WHEREAS** resolutions passed at the Zone meetings could be outdated if not acted on in a timely manner;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that all resolutions that passed at the zone meetings be taken to the next scheduled board of directors meeting for consideration.

#### **Resolution 07-2009AGM**

**WHEREAS** the SSGA is a voluntary membership organization representing the cattle industry; and

**WHEREAS** one directive set out in the articles of incorporation is to work with like minded organizations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the board of directors work only with said organizations when the issues involved support the principles of the SSGA.

#### **Resolution 09-2009AGM**

**WHEREAS** since 1980 a number of environmental studies have been conducted on the Great Sand Hills and whereas the latest study cost the tax payers 3.2 million

dollars and whereas the ranching industry has been in the Great Sand Hills for over 100 years.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan government should not impose any further restrictions or regulations on the ranching way of life.

### **Resolution 11-2009AGM**

**WHEREAS** the 2009 hunting season includes Sunday hunting; and

**WHEREAS** the landowners have had the responsibility and inconvenience of accommodating the hunting community by allowing access; and

**WHEREAS** this decision was made with absolutely no consultation of landowners;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Environment to discontinue Sunday hunting in 2010.

### **Resolution 12-2009AGM**

**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** Tordon 22K, a widely used product due to the increasing presence of noxious weeds and its effectiveness in their control of Leafy Spurge, Scentsless Chamomile, Field Bindweed, etc. is currently a listed GROU program approved product; and

**WHEREAS** consideration of Tordon 22K as a GROU listed product is imperative due to the necessity of the product in noxious weed control, and the large price discrepancy (\$42.10 CDN/L versus \$19.48 US/L) is a major concern to producers and Weed Management Authorities in controlling noxious weeds.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Federal government to have Tordon 22K added as an eligible GROU listed product.

### **Resolution 13-2009AGM**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the provincial Minister of Agriculture to endorse a new program that develops and retains young agriculture producers in Saskatchewan with financial and business assistance.

### **Resolution 14-2009AGM**

**WHEREAS** Canada's Specified Risk Material (SRM) long list on over 30 months cattle has put our packers at a cost disadvantage to US packers and Whereas Canada needs to maintain "controlled risk" status at OIE;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA ask the government of Canada to get a ruling from OIE on the need for the long list of SRM removal on OTM cattle in maintaining our "controlled risk" status.

### **Resolution 15-2009AGM**

**WHEREAS** the SSGA likes to take care of its membership;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that we run the super issue as a trial for the new magazine.

### **Resolution 01-2010SA**

**WHEREAS** the additional cost of custom agricultural operators being mandated to use clear diesel in their equipment makes Saskatchewan livestock producers at a competitive disadvantage.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government of Saskatchewan allow custom agricultural operators to use purple diesel in their equipment.

### **Resolution 02-2010SA**

**WHEREAS** large tracts of range in Saskatchewan are being threatened by the noxious and invasive weed Leafy Spurge. Saskatchewan residents stand to lose a large natural resource, namely our native ranges. A common pathway for the transportation of seed is wildlife;

**WHEREAS** grazing ranges provide important environmental function in the whole ecosystem of Saskatchewan;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the provincial and federal governments to jointly fund the battle against this invasive weed with producers.



### **Resolution 03-2010SA**

**WHEREAS** Canadian cattlemen have spent millions of dollars each year on cattle identification;

**WHEREAS** identification is the first pillar in the National Traceability initiative and producers will also participate by populating the premise identification database at CCIA;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments to fully fund the third pillar of traceability which is the movement of animals.

### **Resolution 04-2010SA**

**WHEREAS** the SCA has been promoted as the administrative body to oversee the provincial check off levy and to act as a facilitator/liaison to and from government, the policies put forward by the SSGA & SCFA and the elected district representatives (at large);

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA recognize the SCA based on the following 2 principals.

- 1) The SCA is the administrative body which oversees the provincial check off levy in a responsible and dutiful manner.
- 2) The governance of the SCA must be transparent and based on sound democratic principals.

### **Resolution 01-2010AGM**

**WHEREAS** the current Surface Rights Act is outdated; and

**WHEREAS** mineral and resource exploration is increasing in Saskatchewan;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the provincial government to modernize the Surface Rights Act and establish an independent regulatory body.

### **Resolution 02-2010AGM**

**WHEREAS** conservation easements are being placed on a portion of former Wildlife Habitat Protection land that is eligible for sale under the Crown Land Sale program; and

**WHEREAS** conservation easements permanently decrease the sale value of the land;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that we lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to recognize the decreased value in the sale price of applicable land.

### **Resolution 03-2010AGM**

**WHEREAS** Agri-Recovery was developed as a natural disaster safety net; and

**WHEREAS** there are currently no established parameters to trigger the program;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that clear parameters be established to trigger Agri-Recovery implementation.

### **Resolution 04-2010AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Canada-Saskatchewan Pasture Recovery Initiative (CSPRI) is in response to drought conditions for 2008, 2009 and early 2010 but only in designated areas; and

**WHEREAS** the southwest had serious drought for the past six consecutive years; and

**WHEREAS** this prolonged drought has had a devastating effect on pastures in the southwest; and

**WHEREAS** both the federal and provincial governments have recognized drought as a disaster;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the CSPRI be extended to include those RMs in the southwest.

### **Resolution 05-2010AGM**

**WHEREAS** water is the life blood of our farms and ranches and we live in a semi-arid climate. Water is the most valuable resource.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that it is uneconomical to deliver potable water. We must petition the provincial government to allow pipeline systems to be constructed for the purpose of supplying water for industrial agriculture and domestic use allowing recipients to treat their own water to potable standards.

### **Resolution 06-2010AGM**

**IN LIGHT** of the Federal government's strategy and commitment to marketing, research, innovation and support of the Beef Science Research Cluster.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the federal government for full funding of phase 2 of the Beef Science Research Cluster.

### **Resolution 07-2010AGM**

**WHEREAS** Saskatchewan cattle producers are at a disadvantage to USA and Alberta producers in not having functional access to forward risk pricing management tools (futures market in USA and cattle price and basis insurance) in Alberta.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** SSGA support the development and implementation of an actuarially sound effective and affordable National Cattle Price insurance program for fed cattle, feeder cattle and calves.

### **Resolution 09-2010AGM**

**WHEREAS** cattle with horns cause significant damage to carcasses of beef cattle; and

**WHEREAS** the Horned Cattle Trust Fund is a penalty against horns that has been at \$2 per animal since 1938.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the SK government to raise the deduction from \$2 to \$10 over a four year period.

### **Resolution 10-2010AGM**

**WHEREAS** Saskatchewan's cattle producers are dedicated stewards of the province's grasslands and are interested in the conservation of the natural environment resource; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that ecological goods and services or 'EG&S' are the benefits arising from the ecological functions of healthy ecosystems.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association:

- Supports the development a specific EG&S strategy for Canada that includes policies, programs and mechanisms for conserving natural capital on both private and public lands.
- Supports a sound Canadian EG&S policy that recognizes the role of land managers in the production of EG&S and recognizes that such a policy is one component of a sustainable landscape approach that will retain our natural capital and the goods and services it produces.
- Supports programs that offer appropriate compensation to landowners who provide ecological goods and services that result in increased economic and environmental value for the Canadian public.

### **Resolution 12-2010AGM**

**WHEREAS** the 2010 Strategic Plan will provide direction for the future of SSGA;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2010 Strategic Plan be adopted as presented and any required constitutional changes as a result of the plan will be brought to the membership at next year's Annual General Meeting.

### **Resolution 01-2011SA**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Provincial Government for the discontinuation of any wild boar farms.

### **Resolution 02-2011SA**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby for increased provincial funding for the eradication of feral wild boar.

### **Resolution 04-2011SA**

**WHEREAS** the livestock industry is worth millions of dollars to the Saskatchewan economy annually; and

**WHEREAS** a potential disease outbreak could severely impact the livestock industry.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Provincial Government to develop a provincial livestock biosecurity program in partnership with SSGA & WCVM to educate producers on biosecurity best management practices.

### **Resolution 05-2011SA**

**WHEREAS** Premise Identification is a fundamental component in the management of animal disease outbreaks; and

**WHEREAS** the Alberta government has offered their premise ID system to Saskatchewan.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Saskatchewan government to move forward with implementation of premise ID in Saskatchewan.

### **Resolution 01-2011AGM**

**WHEREAS** currently when land is leased by a mineral company for mineral extraction that the land is valued at agricultural values.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Surface Rights Arbitration Board that when mineral companies lease land to develop mineral resource facilities on a site that the land be valued as commercial property.

### **Resolution 02-2011AGM**

**WHEREAS** bonds do not provide adequate protection against non-payment to Saskatchewan livestock producers.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan in addition to bonds, to develop a Livestock Patrons Assurance Fund (LPAF) similar to Alberta's LPAF.

### **Resolution 03-2011AGM**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to hold Saskatchewan Surface Rights Arbitration Board Hearings in the Rural Municipality office where the land is located.

### **Resolution 04-2011AGM**

**WHEREAS** Bovine Virus Diarrhea (BVD) is a production limiting disease in beef cattle.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to develop a BVD awareness strategy.

### **Resolution 06-2011AGM**

**WHEREAS** the stockmen of Canada have paid their share of traceability in that they have paid for tags and have been applying these tags for eleven or twelve years. This cost has been born by the stockmen and if the people of Canada want a rigorous traceability system, that the people of Canada should pay.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to fully fund the initiative of traceability beyond the farm gate.

### **Resolution 10-2011AGM**

**WHEREAS** national animal traceability requires premise identification; and

**WHEREAS** premise identification will vary from province to province;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA adopts the position that Saskatchewan's premise identification will be the legal land description of their primary premises or operation.

### **Resolution 12-2011AGM**

**WHEREAS** CCIA collects information on animal movement and origin.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that CCIA work with industry to provide BVD information back to cow/calf producers.

### **Resolution 01-2012SA**

**WHEREAS** investment in beef, feed and forage research has been shown to have significant economic and production benefits to the livestock industry.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the provincial and federal governments to increase funding towards beef, feed and forage research.

### **Resolution 02-2012SA**

**WHEREAS** the Canada-European Union (EU) Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement presents the most significant opportunity in a generation to create new market access for Canadian beef exports.

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

### **Resolution 03-2012SA**

**WHEREAS** the proposed implementation of the Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) announcement will greatly benefit Canadian livestock producers by reducing costs and streamlining trade with the United States.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to fully implement RCC action plan in a timely fashion.

### **Resolution 04-2012SA**

**WHEREAS** irrigation increases the productivity of agriculture land; and

**WHEREAS** Saskatchewan has existing potential for irrigation expansion;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments to expand irrigation infrastructure in Saskatchewan.

### **Resolution 05-2012SA**

**WHEREAS** Johne's disease is a production limiting disease in cattle.

**WHEREAS** the impact of the pathogen that causes Johne's disease on human health is unknown.

**WHEREAS** all other Canadian provinces have implemented some form of Johne's disease programming.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA would support the creation and implementation of a cattle industry led Johne's disease program which focuses on producer education and Johne's testing support.

#### **Resolution 06-2012SA**

**WHEREAS** the Codex Alimentarius Commission's role in setting science based international standards is critical to enforcing World Trade Organization requirements that plant and animal health measures be based on scientific risk assessments.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to work with like minded countries to ensure that CODEX standards remain science based.

#### **Resolution 07-2012SA**

**WHEREAS** a recent Saskatchewan Worker's Compensation (WCB) report recommended compulsory participation in WCB for agricultural producers.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to have agricultural producers be exempt from compulsory participation in WCB.

#### **Resolution 01-2012AGM**

**WHEREAS** cattle theft and related fraud is an ongoing concern and threat to the Saskatchewan cattle industry; and

**WHEREAS** there is currently no dedicated livestock theft investigation unit in Saskatchewan.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA work with SARM & SCA to lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and the RCMP to actively pursue the creation of a dedicated livestock theft investigator position for the province of Saskatchewan through existing RCMP per capita levies paid by Rural Municipalities.

#### **Resolution 02-2012AGM**

**WHEREAS** the ability to grow feed on southwest irrigation projects is a valuable part of livestock producers long term viability.



**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA meet with the provincial and federal governments to discuss the importance of irrigation land in the southwest.

### **Resolution 03-2012AGM**

**WHEREAS** the federal code of practices is being reviewed and the SSGA have many concerns to do with increased restrictions that may challenge the cattle industry competitiveness.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA work together with the federal department of Agriculture & CCA to ensure that a balanced approach be applied to the code of practice.

### **Resolution 04-2012AGM**

**WHEREAS** the federal government has been discussing ending operations of the community pastures branch; and

**WHEREAS** many cattle producers are patrons of the community pasture program.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby on behalf of producers to see that any changes in management of the PFRA pasture system be passed on to provincial or patron management.

### **Resolution 06-2012AGM**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA support the Federal Government to have an orderly, fair and equitable transfer of AESB pastures to the province of Saskatchewan for the purpose of private ownership or lease. Priority should be given for agricultural land use and current land users should be given the first chance to purchase or lease. All necessary precautions should be taken to ensure the land is maintained at an acceptable standard for wildlife habitat and environmental sustainability.

### **Resolution 07-2012AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Barn Swallow has been added by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) to the threatened species list.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Federal Government to remove the Barn Swallow from the threatened list.

### **Resolution 08-2012AGM**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the government of Saskatchewan to work with CCIA on a process to share information on animal identification to support livestock theft or fraud investigations.

### **Resolution 01-2013SA**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA along with CCA lobby governments to return the ethanol industry to an open market footing by sunseting any mandates, incentives or tariffs on imports.

### **Resolution 03-2013SA**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA endorse the Canadian Cattlemen's Association ecosystem services principles as outlined in the EG&S Task Force draft policy paper.

### **Resolution 04-2013SA**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to work cooperatively with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture to ensure a smooth and successful transition of the federal community pastures.

### **Resolution 05-2013SA**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA endorse the strategic direction that the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture is taking on the development of Growing Forward 2 non-business risk management programming.

### **Resolution 06-2013SA**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the government of Saskatchewan to increase the compensation to crown land lessees to more fairly reflect the time and nuisance that occurs from dealing with oil and gas activities on their lease lands.

### **Resolution 02-2013AGM**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that any money gained from the sale of PFRA pastures be invested in the beef sector.

### **Resolution 03-2013AGM**

**WHEREAS** there is a movement to implement a recycling program for twine, net wrap and silage bags funded through a levy charged to producers at point of sale.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA does not approve of having a levy charged on twine, net wrap and silage plastic until the plastic products can be collected from producers in the condition it is in when it is removed from feed stuffs and recycled in a cost effective manner.

### **Resolution 04-2013AGM**

**WHEREAS** the SK livestock inspection service is currently under review; and

**WHEREAS** there is a need to implement administrative and operational efficiencies to deliver a cost effective inspection service.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA support the development of a new industry led private organization to direct the SK livestock inspection and work towards a Western Canadian Livestock Inspection service.

### **Resolution 05-2013AGM**

**WHEREAS** there is an acute shortage of labour in Saskatchewan.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the provincial and federal governments to maintain and simplify the application process for the Temporary Foreign Workers program.

### **Resolution 06-2013AGM**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA support the SK Ministry of Agriculture's transition plan for the former AESB Community Pastures.

### **Resolution 07-2013AGM**

**WHEREAS** changes need to be made to the SK Crop Insurance Forage Program.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that producers be offered a forage insurance program that relates to the carrying capacity of their own individual operations that is flexible enough in times of crop loss that will guarantee feed costs that reflect a producers individual area.

### **Resolution 08-2013AGM**

**WHEREAS** the SK Surface Rights Acquisition & Compensation Act is currently under review.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA be well represented as a stakeholder when issues regarding surface rights arbitration and compensation on crown and patented lands are reviewed.

### **Resolution 09-2013AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Lands Act is going to be updated; and

**WHEREAS** the current policy of thirty-three year leases benefits both the environment and livestock production while providing stability to individual producers operations.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that thirty-three year renewable leases continue to be offered.

### **Resolution 10-2013AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Lands Act is going to be updated; and

**WHEREAS** current provisions in the Lands Act gives lessee control of access.

**WHEREAS** threats such as biosecurity and liability are becoming more prominent.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that lessee have the right to control access on lease land be included within the Provincial Lands Act.

### **Resolution 01-2014SA**

**WHEREAS** conservation easements are a permanent encumbrance being placed on ecologically sensitive crown lease land as a condition of sale; and

**WHEREAS** conservation easements permanently decrease the sale value of land;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to recognize the decreased value in the sale price of applicable land.

### **Resolution 02-2014SA**

**WHEREAS** there appears to be many inequities and imbalances with the current surface lease compensation process for crown lease land.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA support the establishment of a surface lease compensation review process for crown lease land.

### **Resolution 03-2014SA**

**WHEREAS** recent food safety recalls have hurt the public perception of beef; and

**WHEREAS** consumers need to be confident of a safe food supply; and

**WHEREAS** irradiation is a safe and effective way to help ensure food safety and could be as important to meat as pasteurization is to milk; and

**WHEREAS** irradiation is already used on a number of food products sold in Canada.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA support efforts to gain Health Canada approval of irradiation as a food safety intervention for trim and ground beef.

### **Resolution 04-2014SA**

**WHEREAS** as some non reversionary lands are critical to the continued viability of transitioning federal community pastures.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the government of Canada for an exemption from treasury board policy regarding the disposal of surplus assets directly pertaining to non reversionary land.

### **Resolution 06-2014SA**

**WHEREAS** the SK beef industry recognizes the value of forage research.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA support the ongoing continuation of the SK Forage Network to coordinate research priorities. So as to enhance a collaborative approach to research for all forage and livestock industry stakeholders.

### **Resolution 07-2014SA**

**WHEREAS** predation continues to have an economic impact on Saskatchewan cattle producers; and

**WHEREAS** producers have difficulty getting a timely response from a limited number of control officers.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the provincial government to increase funding to the SCIC predation program to improve the timeliness and availability of predator control officers in the province.

### **Resolution 01-2014AGM**

**WHEREAS** the *Provincial Lands Act* is going to be updated.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the provincial government to recognize the value within provincial government crown grazing leases and provide ability for producers and lenders to utilize this value for security purposes.

### **Resolution 02-2014AGM**

**WHEREAS** the federal government has issued an emergency order and recovery plan to save the Greater Sage Grouse; and

**WHEREAS** the ranching community is bearing the brunt of the cost and labour of implementation; and

**WHEREAS** there has been little or no consultation directly with ranchers; and

**WHEREAS** there is no method addressing West Nile Virus or predators or other causes of decline.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Federal Minister of Environment to delay the emergency order until there has been meaningful consultation with the ranching community.

### **Resolution 03-2014AGM**

**WHEREAS** our government has moved to protect the Greater Sage Grouse; and

**WHEREAS** their policies will cause undue financial stress on ranchers.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to fairly compensate producers for their financial hardship.

### **Resolution 04-2014AGM**

**WHEREAS** the provincial government has given hunters the right to access the former PFRA lands without permission after November 1<sup>st</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** biosecurity for noxious and invasive weeds or animal diseases are readily spread by various means of transportation; and

**WHEREAS** fire is a major issue.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the provincial government to modify the regulations to allow management of the former PFRA pastures to control access by any means other than by on foot.

#### **Resolution 05-2014AGM**

**WHEREAS** the government is not in favor of ad hoc programs to cover drought and flood; and

**WHEREAS** the government continues to enhance Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation programs for grain and pulse growers to manage risk.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments to enhance existing SCIC forage insurance programs to provide better risk management coverage for forage crops from incidents of drought and flood.

#### **Resolution 06-2014AGM**

**WHEREAS** SSGA life membership fees have been \$1,000 for the past twenty years.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA life membership fees be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

#### **Resolution 07-2014AGM**

**WHEREAS** the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) allows for financial compensation in support of voluntary conservation agreements; and

**WHEREAS** current government policy involving SARA makes species at risk and their required habitat a liability to landowners and land managers.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments to enable the sections of the SARA act that support voluntary conservation agreements that are fully compensated and recognized by the act.

#### **Resolution 08-2014AGM**

**WHEREAS** the *Animal Pedigree Act* provides credibility for Canadian genetics in domestic and international markets; and

**WHEREAS** repealing the *Animal Pedigree Act* could negatively impact purebred cattle producers ability to export genetics to international markets.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to retain the *Animal Pedigree Act*.

#### **Resolution 09-2014AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) recently switched to a centralized import number distribution centre; and

**WHEREAS** livestock importers have been experiencing significant delays while trying to obtain import numbers, which is impeding commerce and creating additional expenses in the importation process.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the CFIA to streamline the import permit application process allowing importers to obtain permit numbers in a timely fashion, similar to pre-existing turnaround times.

#### **Resolution 10-2014AGM**

**WHEREAS** there is a resurgence in cattle rustling.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA host a reward fund with rewards up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons stealing livestock from a SSGA member.

#### **Resolution 11-2014AGM**

**WHEREAS** there is an acute shortage in Saskatchewan for agriculture labour, particularly year round permanent labour with skills needed for livestock production; and

**WHEREAS** there is also an acute shortage of labour for meat processing in Alberta, where Saskatchewan cattle producers rely on value added operations to send their cattle; and

**WHEREAS** the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) has been successful in the past in supplementing labour in the agriculture and meat processing sectors as a last resort when employers have been unable to find enough Canadians to fill vacancies; and

**WHEREAS** there has been abuse of the TFWP in other sectors and the Federal Government is expected to make significant changes to the program.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA support the Government's efforts to reform the TFWP so that employers may not routinely replace Canadians, but at the same time maintain a viable foreign worker program and immigration system



designed to alleviate chronic and legitimate labour shortages as exist in the livestock and meat processing sector.

### **Resolution 12-2014AGM**

**WHEREAS** leafy spurge is a difficult weed to control and causes added expense and labour to farms and ranches.

**WHEREAS** leafy spurge is appearing along provincial highways and right of ways.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the SK Ministry of Highways to take the necessary steps to eradicate leafy spurge on their right of ways and ditches.

### **Resolution 1-2015SA**

**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.

### **Resolution 02-2015SA**

**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.

### **Resolution 03-2015SA**

**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.

### **Resolution 05-2015SA**

**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.

### **Resolution 06-2015SA**

**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.

### **Resolution 07-2015SA**

**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.

### **Resolution 08-2015SA**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Call.

### **Resolution 09-2015SA**

**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.

#### **Resolution 10-2015SA**

**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.

#### **Resolution 02-2015AGM**

**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.

#### **Resolution 03-2015AGM**

**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.

#### **Resolution 04-2015AGM**

**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.

### **Resolution 05-2015AGM**

**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.

### **Resolution 06-2015AGM**

**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.

### **Resolution 07-2015AGM**

**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.

### **Resolution 08-2015AGM**

**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.

#### **Resolution 9-2015AGM**

**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.

#### **Resolution 10-2015AGM**

**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.

#### **Resolution 11-2015AGM**

**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.

#### **Resolution 12-2015AGM**

**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.

#### **Resolution 13-2015AGM**

**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.

#### **Resolution 14-2015AGM**

**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.

#### **Resolution 15-2015AGM**

**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.

#### **Resolution 16-2015AGM**

**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.

### **Resolution 17-2015AGM**

**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.

### **Resolution 18-2015AGM**

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

### **Resolution 20-2015AGM**

**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.

### **Resolution 21-2015AGM**

**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.

### **Resolution 22-2015AGM**

**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.

### **Resolution 24-2015AGM**

**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.

### **Resolution 1-2016SA**

**WHEREAS** grazing is an environmentally sustainable management practice for grasslands; and

**WHEREAS** cattle production is a valuable part of the SK economy; and

**WHEREAS** SK Parks is currently idling grasslands that are not being used for recreational purposes and grazing is prohibited.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of SK to allow grazing on SK Parks property outside of provincial park boundaries.

### **Resolution 2-2016SA**

**WHEREAS** cougars are currently listed as a non-native protected species in SK; and

**WHEREAS** there is now an established cougar population in SK based on increasing incidences of cougar sightings and confirmed cases of livestock predation.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of SK to list the cougar as a naturally occurring native species in SK.

### **Resolution 3-2016SA**

**WHEREAS** the Western Livestock Price Insurance Program (WLPIP) has proven to be an effective risk management tool for livestock producers; and

**WHEREAS** WLPIP is a pilot program under Growing Forward 2 that ends on March 31, 2018.



**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government's of Canada & SK to make WLPIP a permanent program.

#### **Resolution 5-2016SA**

**WHEREAS** the Saskatchewan and Canadian Beef cattle industry requires functional access to a labour force that is interested in working in all sectors of our industry.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments to develop and adopt policies that enable all sectors of the beef industry including processing plants to access and fill their labour requirements.

#### **Resolution 6-2016SA**

**WHEREAS** the Saskatchewan cattle industry relies heavily on our ability to access world markets to sell our product.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA petition the federal government to sign the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement without delay.

#### **Resolution 1-2016AGM**

**WHEREAS** fire poses a considerable risk to grass; and

**WHEREAS** fire insurance for grass isn't currently commercially available.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan & SCIC to offer fire insurance coverage for grass.

#### **Resolution 2-2016AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture supports irrigation development in the province, and it is important to maintain older existing flood irrigation projects in the southwest; and

**WHEREAS** six projects in southwest SK comprising of over 20,000 acres are being divested by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in March 2017.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA encourage Saskatchewan Agriculture irrigation branch to recognize the importance of these flood irrigated projects and work with irrigators to encourage their continuation producing livestock feed in southwest Saskatchewan.

### **Resolution 3-2016AGM**

**WHEREAS** there are habituated (tame) cougars in southwest Saskatchewan that are hanging around farm and ranch yards much more often than they should be.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to have a licensed cougar hunting season in SK and to allow the use of dogs if they wish to.

### **Resolution 4-2016AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Quill Lakes watershed has experienced extensive flooding in recent years; and

**WHEREAS** producers are still required to pay taxes & lease fees on agricultural land under water where producers have no ability to generate any production.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan, SAMA & SARM to review their taxation and fee assessments policies for agriculture land taken out of production by large scale flooding.

### **Resolution 5-2016AGM**

**WHEREAS** the objective of a modern, efficient beef industry should be the production of beef carcasses that combine high quality and high yield.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Canadian beef industry leadership adopt and hasten the full deployment of the E+V technology as the official determinant of the beef carcass grade and yield system and that the yield be estimated as a percentage yield on each carcass and that the industry be encouraged to more fully recognize in the pricing system the impact of differing yield percentages on the value of beef carcasses.

### **Resolution 6-2016AGM**

**WHEREAS** there is currently limited information on the carbon sequestration benefits of grasslands.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the CCA, BCRC, and other potential parties about the opportunity that grasslands and cattle grazing have with carbon sequestration and the need for additional research to define its value.

### **Resolution 7-2016AGM**

**WHEREAS** *The Provincial Lands Act* of Saskatchewan is to be opened for revision; and

**WHEREAS** the regulations in *The Provincial Lands Act* are critical for management of practices and transition of crown lands for future generations.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA continue to be part of the consultation process for developing the formulation of the regulations contained in the Act.

#### **Resolution 8-2016AGM**

**WHEREAS** the provincial auditor is planning to review the provincial fuel tax exemption.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to retain the fuel tax exemption.

#### **Resolution 1-2017SA**

**WHEREAS** the internet is an essential tool for cattle producers for buying, selling, marketing, age verifying, recording, registering cattle, and more; and

**WHEREAS** access to high speed internet in rural locations across Saskatchewan is substandard and inconsistent.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to develop a long-term, effective solution to provide reliable high-speed internet service to rural areas.

#### **Resolution 2-2017SA**

**WHEREAS** it is becoming increasingly more difficult for young families who wish to acquire ranching properties in Saskatchewan; and

**WHEREAS** the economic atmosphere has undergone some major changes in the last four to five decades making it onerous for young aspiring ranch families to acquire capital; and

**WHEREAS** a joint venture is a financial vehicle which could somewhat level the playing field. Joint ventures are an agreement by which two or more parties share the risk of transition or rollover of property and assets. Both Buyer and Seller assume some degree of risk going forward with such an agreement.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA encourage the Government of SK to investigate and pursue the use of binding, legal, transparent Joint Ventures as a tool in the transfer of land and livestock assets from seller to buyer.

### **Resolution 3-2017SA**

**WHEREAS** Canadian grasslands and agricultural lands are a significant carbon sink; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada is planning to implement a national carbon tax.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to recognize the carbon sequestration capability of grasslands and agricultural lands and fairly compensate landowners for these benefits and farming practices.

### **Resolution 4-2017SA**

**WHEREAS** the implementation of a national carbon tax will increase production costs and put the Canadian Beef industry at competitive disadvantage to other beef exporting nations.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to reverse its decision to implement a price on carbon by 2018 until adequate research and consultation have been completed.

### **Resolution 5-2017SA**

**WHEREAS** soil organic carbon is a precursor of soil productivity in both annual cropland and grasslands.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby both the federal and provincial governments to conduct research into methods of increasing soil organic carbon.

### **Resolution 6-2017SA**

**WHEREAS** each and every agricultural production unit has its own unique set of circumstances and constraints and every agricultural decision maker needs to be free to make decisions based on his/her unique circumstances without outside coercion.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA, as a representative of cattle producers, engage the federal and provincial governments to keep cross compliance to minimum to reduce the risk of unduly influencing producer's management decisions.

### **Resolution 7-2017SA**

**WHEREAS** invasive weeds are difficult to control and cause added expense and labour to farms and ranches.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of SK to provide adequate funding to all transitioned former PFRA pastures to implement weed management plans to limit the further spread of invasive weeds.

### **Resolution 8-2017SA**

**WHEREAS** AgriStability coverage levels and margins were reduced under Growing Forward 2; and

**WHEREAS** producer participation has been decreasing due to reduced coverage levels.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Governments of SK and Canada to restore AgriStability coverage levels and margins to previous levels for the Next Policy Framework.

### **Resolution 1-2017AGM**

**WHEREAS** there have been recent public requests for the Federal and Provincial Governments to stop the transfer of the remaining AAFC pastures in SW Saskatchewan and to provide protection of the grasslands habitat through the creation of National Park or National Wildlife Area (NWA); and

**WHEREAS** National Parks and NWA currently have no policy on livestock grazing and do not allow any long-term grazing agreements.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Federal and Provincial Governments to continue the transfer of the former AAFC pastures as written in the existing agreements.

### **Resolution 2-2017AGM**

**WHEREAS** SK Parks is proposing to conduct a prescribed burn on 320 acres of native grassland on the Matador Prairie Protected Area prior to a chemical application; and

**WHEREAS** SSGA has offered to provide funding and expertise in finding a solution that works for local producers, SK Parks, native grasslands and species at risk.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan in opposition to the proposed prescribed burn management plan.

### **Resolution 3-2017AGM**

**WHEREAS** Bovine Tuberculosis has been identified; and

**WHEREAS** the impact costs of quarantines are huge for producers.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the SK Ministry of Environment to cooperate with random testing of elk and deer for TB.

### **Resolution 4-2017AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Saskatchewan Pastures Program (SPP) will be phased out over the next few years; and

**WHEREAS** grazing disturbance is critically important to maintaining range health.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SPP patrons be given the first opportunity to lease or purchase the SPP pastures.

### **Resolution 6-2017AGM**

**WHEREAS** the SK Pasture Program (SPP) is winding down; and

**WHEREAS** some of these of pastures have ongoing issues with noxious weeds; and

**WHEREAS** in the Ministry of Agriculture has been responsible for controlling noxious weeds on SPP lands.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of SK to include programming in the Next Policy Framework to assist with controlling noxious weeds.

### **Resolution 7-2017AGM**

**WHEREAS** the competition for land in Saskatchewan is competitive free market; and

**WHEREAS** there are private environmental conservation organizations that receive federal and provincial funding to purchase agricultural lands in Saskatchewan.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that environmental conservation groups that receive government funding not be allowed to purchase agricultural lands.

### **Resolution 8-2017AGM**

**WHEREAS** targeted grazing isn't currently an eligible expense for noxious weed control under Growing Forward 2; and

**WHEREAS** targeted grazing is a valuable tool as part of a integrated noxious weed control.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and SARM to include targeted grazing as an eligible expense in the Next Policy Framework.

### **Resolution 9-2017AGM**

**WHEREAS** the transport of soil and aggregate materials from areas contaminated with invasive weeds results in the further spread of invasive species to unaffected areas; and

**WHEREAS** equipment used to load and transport soil and aggregate materials is not always cleaned and inspected.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to require outside contractors to clean and inspect their equipment and use approved materials that are not contaminated with invasive weed species.

### **Resolution 10-2017AGM**

**WHEREAS** other jurisdictions are introducing burdensome legislation to address farm and ranch workplace safety; and

**WHEREAS** there are currently gaps in agriculture safety education and training programs in Saskatchewan.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that funding be provided in the Next Policy Framework to proactively develop an agriculture specific workplace safety education and training program.

### **Resolution 11-2017AGM**

**WHEREAS** agriculture has a severe shortage of workers.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments to work with industry to facilitate access to an adequate work force.

## **Resolution 12-2017AGM**

**WHEREAS** SSGA has an interest in providing habitat; and

**WHEREAS** the Governments of Saskatchewan & Canada and industry want sustainable development with minimal impact to the environment; and

**WHEREAS** Conservation banking provides a situation where there is a net gain in habitat; and

**WHEREAS** Conservation Banking allows for the creation or enhancement of habitat prior to the occurrence of unavoidable damages as a result of development; and

**WHEREAS** Conservation banking is recognized in the USA and other parts of the world; and

**WHEREAS** Conservation Banking creates opportunities that allows producers to market the creation of habitat to industry who may incur unavoidable damages to the environment.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Federal & Provincial Government's to recognize and enable conservation banking as part of a mitigation strategy in the province of Saskatchewan.

## **Resolution 1-2018SA**

**WHEREAS** the wildfires this past fall caused widespread damage and destruction; and

**WHEREAS** fire insurance for grass and forage isn't currently commercially available.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation to offer fire insurance coverage for grass and forage in conjunction with their existing forage insurance programs.

## **Resolution 2-2018SA**

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) collects information on animal movement and origin.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA request the CCIA to revise their MOU with CFIA to allow information transfer to provincial livestock inspectors and the RCMP to provide tag information to help identify stray and stolen animals.



### **Resolution 3-2018SA**

**WHEREAS** the Western Livestock Price Insurance Program (WLPIP) pilot is currently under review; and

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to have WLPIP participants have the same payment terms as all other SCIC programs.

### **Resolution 4-2018SA**

**WHEREAS** wildfires this past fall caused widespread damage and destruction; and

**WHEREAS** AgriRecovery only covers non-insurable losses; and

**WHEREAS** producers are unable to insure their labour and equipment use for constructing fence; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Governments of Saskatchewan and Canada to provide coverage through AgriRecovery for labour and equipment costs for producers for the loss of fences from wildfires.

### **Resolution 1-2018AGM**

**WHEREAS** there is funding for the study of Johne's Disease in beef cattle, but not in multi grazing species, i.e., goats and sheep,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby to have funding included for multi grazing species.

### **Resolution 2-2018AGM**

**WHEREAS** the remaining native prairie is recognized as an imperiled ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS** livestock grazing is one of the few recognized compatible land uses that maintain native prairie; and

**WHEREAS** programs based on the purchase of lands and conservation easements by land trusts have very limited voluntary uptake by the ranching community.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to invest a significant portion of the Nature Fund into styles of programming based on fixed

term, renewable agreements, that leverage existing habitat protection services that the ranching community provides and will therefore be more efficient in achieving ecosystem-scale conservation.

### **Resolution 3-2018AGM**

**WHEREAS** *The Trespass to Property Act* puts the onus on landowners to visibly post their land; and

**WHEREAS** posting land creates additional work and costs for landowners.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of SK to amend *The Trespass to Property Act* to implement a mandatory permission requirement into the trespass act.

### **Resolution 4-2018AGM**

**WHEREAS** Health Canada is proposing to implement a Front of Package label for foods high in saturated fat, sodium and sugar; and

**WHEREAS** scientific data does not support Health Canada's existing recommendations for saturated fat and sodium; and

**WHEREAS** the implementation of the front of package recommendation would likely cause harm to Canadian health.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby Health Canada in opposition to the current front of package label proposal.

### **Resolution 5-2018AGM**

**WHEREAS** the high cost of purchasing fire-fighting equipment makes it unaffordable for individual RMs to purchase them.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby SARM to encourage neighbouring RMs to work together to collaborate on purchasing fire-fighting equipment.

### **Resolution 6-2018AGM**

**WHEREAS** the spread of wild pigs is a growing and serious problem in SK; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of SK doesn't currently have a plan to address the spread of wild pigs.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to develop a comprehensive wild pig eradication plan.

#### **Resolution 7-2018AGM**

**WHEREAS** there are corporations, processors and food manufacturers currently marketing plant-based proteins for consumption in Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the labelling of these products use terms such as meat and hamburger.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to not allow the use of the terms meat and hamburger on the labels of lab and plant based protein products marketed in Canada.

#### **Resolution 8-2018AGM**

**WHEREAS** Canada is a signatory to the CPTPP trade agreement; and

**WHEREAS** the agreement comes into effect for the first six countries to ratify the agreement.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to expedite the ratification of CPTPP to ensure Canada is one of the first six countries to ratify the CPTPP.

#### **Resolution 10-2018AGM**

**WHEREAS** the availability of water suitable for livestock consumption is limiting the growth of the livestock industry in regions of SK; and

**WHEREAS** the Farm & Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP) is designed to support the development of secure and sustainable water sources; and

**WHEREAS** water treatment systems are currently not eligible for FRWIP funding.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to expand FRWIP to cover water treatment systems.

#### **Resolution 11-2018AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Forage and Rainfall Insurance Program (FRIP) is a valuable risk management tool for livestock and forage producers; and

**WHEREAS** FRIP is currently calculated using provincial production averages.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA work with SCIC to make enhancements to FRIP to improve coverage and coverage levels.

### **Resolution 12-2018AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Species at Risk Partnership on Agricultural Lands (SARPAL) program is set expire in 2020; and

**WHEREAS** SARPAL is delivering measurable conservation benefits for species at risk habitat.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to renew and expand SARPAL funding beyond 2020.

### **Resolution 13-2018AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has identified southwest Saskatchewan as priority area for conserving species at risk habitat; and

**WHEREAS** the SSGA is currently leading a SARPAL project in southwest Saskatchewan that is being well received by local landowners.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to fund a conservation business plan to strategically target conservation investment to further enhance SARPAL programming and to meet priority action measures.

### **Resolution 1-2019SA**

**WHEREAS** traceability movement reporting regulations are coming into effect in 2019; and

**WHEREAS** tag readers and scanners are an integral part of a functioning traceability system; and

**WHEREAS** traceability technology is rapidly changing.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan to make traceability equipment an eligible expense under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP).

## **Resolution 2-2019SA**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has committed under Target 1 to securing 17% of Canada's terrestrial landscapes by 2020; and

**WHEREAS** securement and conservation easements have limitations based on provincial regulations and producer acceptance.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan to recognize modified SARPAL conservation agreements as contributing towards Target 1 goals.

## **Resolution 4-2019SA**

**WHEREAS** Health Canada is currently preparing to launch a revised version of Canada's Food Guide; and

**WHEREAS** red meat in moderation is part of a healthy, balanced diet; and

**WHEREAS** a recommendation to eat less meat is not warranted given that the most current Canadian consumption data demonstrates that Canadians consume red meat in modest proportions; and

**WHEREAS** fresh red meat accounts for only 5% of our total calories while close to 50% come from calorie-rich and nutrient-poor highly processed foods; and

**WHEREAS** reducing meat in the dietary recommendations and could have significant negative consequences for Canadians, who are at risk for deficiencies in protein, iron, zinc and vitamin B12.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to maintain the current Food Guide recommendations for eating red meat recognizing that red meat is a nourishing, practical nutrient-dense protein food that is important for the health of Canadians.

## **Resolution 5-2019SA**

**WHEREAS** the PMRA is currently conducting a review of the licensing of strychnine for ground squirrel control; and

**WHEREAS** there is currently no equivalent or adequate alternative to strychnine as an option available for controlling the overpopulation of ground squirrels on agricultural lands.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to maintain the license for strychnine until a viable alternative is available.

### **Resolution 6-2019SA**

**WHEREAS** invasive weeds are difficult to control and cause added expenses and labour to farms and ranches; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to provide adequate funding to all transitioning PFRA and SPP community pastures, to implement weed management plans to limit the further spread of invasive weeds.

### **Resolution 7-2019SA**

**WHEREAS** Government of Saskatchewan has recently introduced mandatory trucker training; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed training comes at a significant cost.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Governments of Saskatchewan and Canada to include trucker training as an eligible expense under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP).

### **Resolution 1-2019AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Agricultural Program (CAP) forage program is not fully subscribed; and

**WHEREAS** the current \$10,000 funding cap does not reflect current seed and seeding costs.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the provincial government to remove the funding limits in the CAP forage programs.

### **Resolution 2-2019AGM**

**WHEREAS** there is an extreme shortage of rural large animal and mixed vets in Saskatchewan; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Alberta is discontinuing their funding of WCVN; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Alberta decision will create a funding shortfall for 20 seats at WCVN.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to fund additional seats at WCVN to help address the shortage of rural large animal and mixed vets in Saskatchewan.

### **Resolution 3-2019AGM**

**WHEREAS** AAFC is currently conducting research on livestock transportation animal welfare outcomes.

**WHEREAS** CFIA has announced changes to the *Animal Transportation Regulations* that will go into effect in February 2020.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA continue lobbying the Government of Canada to delay the implementation of the revised *Animal Transportation Regulations* until AAFC's research is completed.

### **Resolution 4-2019AGM**

**WHEREAS** one pass of targeted grazing is currently an eligible expense under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP); and

**WHEREAS** a two-pass system is the recommended best management practice for targeted grazing.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to include two targeted grazing passes as an eligible expense under CAP.

### **Resolution 5-2019AGM**

**WHEREAS** livestock production can be very beneficial to soil health.

**BE IT RESOLVED** SSGA encourage cooperation between livestock producers and crop growers.

### **Resolution 6-2019AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Canadian cattle industry does not have enough EU certified cattle to meet the demand for that market; and

**WHEREAS** the certification and auditing to meet the EU program requirements could be done by the Verified Beef Production Plus (VBP+) program.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the CFIA to enable VBP+ to certify operations for the EU program.

### **Resolution 7-2019AGM**

**WHEREAS** cash grazing rent is not an eligible expense under AgriStability.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government's of Saskatchewan and Canada to include cash grazing rent as eligible expense under AgriStability.

### **Resolution 8-2019AGM**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Saskatchewan has announced very significant changes to the requirements to obtain a class 1A driver's license; and

**WHEREAS** we have not seen any evidence that would indicate that the proper application and enforcement of the prior requirements were deficient; and

**WHEREAS** we have not been presented with evidence that would indicate that the new requirements will be more effective than proper application of previous requirements and adherence to current traffic laws.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA hold the Government of Saskatchewan responsible for making decisions-based on data, evidence and science.