



Saskatoon (January 13, 2015) – The board of directors of the Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission (SaskBarley) have elected Jason Skotheim, Prince Albert, as chair and Brent Johnson, Strasbourg, as vice-chair following the commission’s 2016 annual general meeting.

“I am honoured to have been elected as chair,” said Skotheim. “This upcoming year will be filled with opportunities and challenges as we expand initiatives in research and market development. I look forward to working with producers, other commissions, industry and government to build a sustainable barley industry for Saskatchewan farmers.”

Jason actively farms with his brothers on a 4500 acre farm north of Prince Albert growing barley, wheat and canola. He is also a founding owner of Horizon Manufacturing Inc., Saskatchewan’s only premium dry pet food manufacturer.

Vice-Chair Brent Johnson and his wife Jenna, are the 4th generation to reside on the family farm started over 100 years ago near Strasbourg. The farm consists of 5000 acres of grain land, and a 180 head commercial cow/calf operation.

“Supporting research and market development is critical to the success of the barley industry,” said Johnson. “It is the best way for us to increase profitability in the areas of feed, malt and food for Saskatchewan barley producers.”

SaskBarley elects its chair and vice-chair annually.

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