

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING CANADIAN GOAT SOCIETY (CGS) FEBRUARY 20, 2021

This meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

President Sandy Howell called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm Eastern Standard time on Saturday, February 20th, 2021.

Twenty seven members were participating along with Secretary-Manager Russell Gammon.

IDENTIFICATION OF MEMBERS

Members had been identified when they entered the Zoom waiting room prior to being admitted to the actual meeting.

READING MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND APPROVAL OF SAME

Moved by Patrick McClean; seconded by Amanda Lindsay Peaire there is no need to read minutes of the February 8, 2020 annual meeting minutes for the Canadian Goat Society as they have already been published in the CGS Quarterly and circulated with the invitation to the 2021 AGM. CARRIED.

Moved by Barry van Camp; seconded by Patrick McClean, that minutes of the February 8, 2020 AGM of the Canadian Goat Society be approved as presented. CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There was no business arising from the minutes of the previous annual meeting on February 8, 2020.

ANNOUNCE THE NEW BOARD

The Secretary-Manager Russell Gammon announced that Sandy Howell had been elected President; Susan Frazer, First Vice-President and Arnold Steeves, Second Vice-President at a CGS Board meeting on February 19, 2021.

All board positions remain as they were in the previous year.

DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports were received from the directors of CGS in order from East to West with presentations from Arnie Steeves; Catherine Lord; Karen Cavanagh; Edward Cavanagh; Susan Frazer; Callum McLeod and Sandy Howell. As an addition to her director's report Susan Frazer as CGS representative to the Canadian National Goat Federation (CNGF) reported on activities of the Federation in 2020.

Russell Gammon presented a report as Secretary Manager.

These reports will be presented via the CGS website at www.goats.ca and in an issue of the CGS Quarterly or newsletter.

Discussion flowing from these reports included:

-Carol Clayson raised about on-farm collection of semen and the ability of the owners of the bucks to sell semen to other goat owners.

-Barry Van Camp asked Susan Frazer about plans for tagging of Lamancha goats, who have short ears. Susan noted that tagging of Lamanchas would be by means of leg bands. There had been variable results with tail tags. Susan also noted that, for the purposes of traceability animals would only have to be tagged when leaving properties where they had been housed. Tagging for registration purposes will be a decidedly different topic.

CORRESPONDENCE

Russell Gammon introduced CGS member Brian Sullivan of the Canadian Center for Swine Improvement (CCSI) to the meeting attendees. Brian outlined progress to date on an application to the federal government for funding for development work on integrated databases for animal improvement for the small ruminant (goat-dairy and meat and sheep) industries. A number of industry organizations including CGS and the Meat Goat Association and CLRC and CCSI and the Sheep Breeders Association and other related groups have been meeting via a steering committee to plan for action when funding is approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Secretary-Manager Russell Gammon presented a detailed review of the 2019 financial statements for CGS. These statements had not been available at the time of the February 8, 2020 Annual Meeting but had been published in the CGS Quarterly magazine later in 2020.

Moved by Amanda Lindsay-Peaire and seconded by Natalie Mitchell that the 2019 reviewed financial statements for CGS be approved. CARRIED.

Amanda Lindsay-Peaire suggested that as a means of further reducing expenditures that the Quarterly magazine and CGS newsletters be published online on the CGs website with printed copies only created and distributed upon request. Karen Cavanagh noted that this had been an earlier suggestion of hers and that she supported the concept.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary-Manager Russell Gammon presented a detailed reporting of 2020 financial statements as reviewed by our chosen company for review services RLB based in Guelph, Ontario.

These statements did include a restatement of one item from the earlier presented 2019 financial statements.

Moved by Barry Van Camp; seconded by Natalie Mitchell that the 2020 reviewed financial statements for the Canadian Goat Society be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

The Board noted that since they had very recently learned that the CLRC annual meeting for 2021 would be held virtually they would nominate the three CGS representatives for that meeting. Earlier, when CGs

was of the understanding that the meeting would be held live in Alberta the Board had been ready to nominate three representatives from Alberta.

President Sandy Howell announced that Grasshill Farms, owned by the Lloyd and Barbara Wicks family of Bobcaygeon, Ontario had been named a CGS Silver Master Breeder based on the performance of animals of their breeding.

As a board member of CLRC Sandy Howell mentioned that CLRC was in the midst of a round of strategic planning. She asked members to provide the CGs with listings of items/services that they appreciated and valued from CLRC and also a listing of what they wanted to see added to the array of services from CLRC.

DNA testing was discussed briefly with regard to the prospect of CGS eventually doing some random spot testing re parentage verification.

The Secretary-Manager announced that CGS would be instituting a policy of review of breeding records based on the ability to do so as outlined in Section 28 of the CGS by-laws, Private Breeding Records. Board members are being asked to provide a copy of the latest year of their breeding records. In addition, one member from each director region will be randomly selected and asked to provide a copy of their most recent year of breeding records to the CGs office for review.

The Secretary-Manager noted that the Board were not asking for approval of a firm to review the 2021 financial statements of CGS at this meeting. The Board is going to determine with AAFC staff whether a full audit is needed or whether a review as currently practiced is sufficient (based on the use of the term audit in our current by-laws). A reminder that a full audit would be considerably more expensive than a review was shared. The Board has suggested that some pricing of audit and review work with a number of firms will take place before a final decision is made on analysis of 2021 financial performance.

Barry Van Camp raised the topic of deadlines for designating National Shows for the following year. He opined that June 30 of the year prior would be superior to the current deadline of September 30 for applications to host National Shows. This would allow for more time for fundraising and planning of breeding programs and kidding dates.

Karen Cavanagh noted that no youth scholarship had been presented in 2020 due to the inability to raise funds at the RAWF with no show there. She noted that the scholarship committee was very open to fund-raising ideas. Patrick McClean commented that he would be willing to be involved in presentation of another online show in 2021 as a fund-raising vehicle and that he could envision adding a nan online auction to the show including animals and related items.

Discussion ensued about the lack of classification in 2021. The Board had expressed a desire to have all classifiers present in one location for work aimed at even greater uniformity. Varying restrictions on travel between areas and quarantine requirements because of higher and lower incidence of Covid are also posing a challenge. A number of members expressed interest in approaching Holstein Canada to determine if they could provide service to evaluate dairy goats in 2021 and beyond. The Board agreed to investigate prospects with Holstein.

Members were reminded that there will be elections for Directors in districts 2-Alberta; District 4-Ontario-two Board positions and District 6-the Atlantic region this year. Deadline for nominations is June 30th.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Amanda Lindsay-Peaire.