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CGS NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2022 – #158

We are pleased to provide this newsletter to CGS members to assist you in staying informed of current and upcoming activities!!

Where to begin? Well, we'll have lots of good news in this edition so let's begin with this news!

Fees for Registry Services Remain at 2022 Levels!

We are thrilled to report that the CGS Board has decided that the fee schedule for all registry work processed at the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC) will remain at the current level for all services!

The team at CLRC are processing work at an excellent rate. We are receiving numerous comments from happy members about how quickly their work is being processed. These members also comment on the helpful nature of CLRC staff who process CGS work. Further great news is that the CLRC team is working hard to find even greater efficiencies with their processing system and having success. This success could lead to further cost efficiencies! Exciting? Yes!

All this being said we realize that there are some items of registry work which have a greater degree of complexity and delays in completing them may result.

CGS staff work with CLRC staff on a very regular basis on the more challenging items. We are ALWAYS ready to assist members and prospective members with any registry-related challenges and questions. Later in this newsletter we'll explain the roles of CLRC and CGS so you'll know where to direct your questions and comments. Also, later in this publication we'll report on registry work levels for the first ten months of this year. So far, 2022 has proven to be an excellent year!!

2023 CGS YEARBOOK PRODUCTION IS ROLLING! YOU CAN BE PART OF IT!

We received an excellent number of submissions for the cover photo contest for the Yearbook! Thanks to everyone who made submissions! The quality of entries is high! We can guarantee that the cover will be stunning!

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a page outlining advertising rates and deadlines. Please note the deadlines! What a super opportunity to promote and market your herd or business! Please be sure and let your suppliers know about this sparkling opportunity! We hope that you will partake as an advertiser and reader! There will be abundant news re 2022 award winners and so much more! We can't wait, can you? Questions? Let us know!



Making Life Simpler for Everyone ... A Reminder Regarding Registrations & Transfers when Animals are Sold!

Would you like a simpler life and a great reputation as a breeder of registered, purebred livestock? Reaching those aspirations can take hard work but there are aspects of getting there that are very simple.

CGS operates under the Animal Pedigree Act (APA) of the federal government. Among stipulations of that act is the fact that sellers of registered purebred livestock have a definite responsibility to provide their buyers with a transferred registration certificate within six (6) months of the date of sale. There are no ifs, ands or buts about this matter. It is the law.

Why do we regularly raise this topic? Because, periodically CGS or CLRC is contacted by buyers who have not received the fully expected certificates. Once the six-month window has been reached there is no question that CGS will become involved in contacting the seller. We are here to help buyers-CGS members or not yet members, and also to assist sellers. We are here to find solutions. This assistance can sometimes require investment of considerable time in research and making contact. Nonetheless, we are ready and willing to do it. Registering and transferring animals can be a very simple process requiring a very modest investment of time and effort. Surely anyone who aspires to market genetics and livestock wants a great reputation as a breeder and seller. CGS deals with registration topics. While we encourage excellent management and health status in herds such topics are outside our jurisdiction.

Your reputation can be a very precious possession-make sure you have a golden one with regard to selling registered dairy goats. And the best part is registering and transferring can be very easy!

CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE

Lots of registry topics to address this time but we are striving to make life more efficient and straightforward for members, those processing registry work and buyers, sellers and the association.

Are you registering offspring from a buck/sire/male of whom you are not the sole or part owner or lessee? If that is the case you will need to submit a certificate of service signed by the owner of the male who sired your animals.

These certificates can be quickly found on the CGS association page on the CLRC website at www.clrc.ca. How does one find that page and thus, the certificate of service forms? It's as easy as this: A. Go to www.clrc.ca. B. Click on the ASSOCIATIONS button. C. Within species select Goats, then select Canadian Goat Society. D. Once on the CGS page scroll down to the REGISTRATION section. The certificate of service form is the seventh, and final, item in this section.

These certificates can also be requested from the CGS registrar at CLRC.

They are easy to complete.

Direct link for the certificates of service:

<https://www.clrc.ca/sites/default/files/associations/regapp/95servicecert.pdf>



Who Does What?

To make things simple for new members, prospective members new to registered goats and even seasoned members here is a brief synopsis of the roles of both CGS and CLRC.

CLRC

CLRC processes registry work on behalf of CGS. We hire their services. CLRC provides registry services to over 50 breed associations. CLRC services would include these functions:

- Processing registrations, transfers of ownership and new memberships and renewals.
- Registering herd names and tattoo combinations and leases of ownership.
- DNA testing for parentage verification.
- All other services relating to registry work.
- The CGS registrar can be reached at:
 - » Melanie Overduin melanie.overduin@clrc.ca
1-877-833-7110 or 1-613-731-7110, ext. 306
2417 Holly Lane, Ottawa, Ontario K1V 0M7
 - Mohamed Ismail mohamed.ismail@clrc.ca
Same phone number, Extension 305 and same postal address

CGS

CGS is responsible for programs for members including one day and 305-day milk recording; classification; sanctioning of shows; training of judges; awards flowing from these programs and awards for members; genetic evaluations in conjunction with the Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement (CCSI); being a voice for the registered dairy goat segment of the livestock industry; customer service on all related issues; publications; website creation and maintenance and a social media presence.

Contact information can be found on the letterhead above.

Russell Gammon is Secretary-Manager.



PRO-TIP RE BUYING & SELLING GOATS

Always ensure a bill of sale is completed any time registered purebred stock are sold! Completing this document and outlining responsibilities and agreements can reduce any challenges going forward.

WERE YOU AWARE? DID YOU KNOW?

Any goats being registered must be fully tattooed BEFORE being registered and before leaving the farm of birth! When completing a registration application, a full notation re a tattoo with herd letters, year letter and number in advance of the year letter-e.g. ABC 10K, is required. When submitting an application you are stating that the animal carries this tattoo WHEN the application is submitted. This is an essential requirement of registration.

Cooperation with Industry Partners

CGS is actively engaged in communication with industry partners in the small ruminant sector and across the entire livestock industry in Canada. Files that CGS representatives are current working on are scrapie import regulations, development of capability of genotyping for scrapie resistance for goats, implementation of a national traceability program for goats, developing integrated databases for genetic improvement, revising standards for artificial insemination in Canada and others. As results are achieved we'll share details with you!

New Approach re: Distribution of CGS Publications

At CGS there is always a focus on and desire to improve customer service, make our processes more efficient and find ways to hold costs in check or reduce them.

One area which has stimulated much discussion in recent years is distribution of CGS publications.

The 2023 CGS Yearbook will be mailed to all members in hard copy format. It will serve as an important reference document and as a keepsake.

However; for less extensive publications like the newsletter, you are now reading, a new method of distribution has been proposed.

******These documents will be distributed to all CGS members who have a valid email address on file at CLRC by email. Hard copies will be mailed to all members who do not have an email in the member database at CLRC. ********

As part of this new process there will be two options for members:

- A. If you have an email address on file at CLRC but wish to receive hard copies in regular postal mail, contact CGS at info@goats.ca and you'll receive hard copies in the mail.
- B. If you don't have an email address on file at CGS but wish to receive email-only copies of publications please provide contact CGS with your membership Identification number from CLRC and your email address and we'll set you up for email!

Our goal will be serving you in the best manner for YOU!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF CANADIAN GOAT SOCIETY

DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023

TIME: 12:00 PM EASTERN TIME ZONE

FORMAT: THE MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY IN DIGITAL FORMAT VIA ZOOM

AGENDA: As per section 17 of CGS by-laws

17. ORDER OF BUSINESS *The order of business at all annual and general meetings shall be as follows:*

- a) *Identification of members*
- b) *Reading minutes of previous meeting and approval of same*
- c) *Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting*
- d) *Announce the new Board*
- e) *Directors and Committees Reports* f) *Correspondence*
- g) *Unfinished Business*
- h) *New business*
- i) *Adjournment*

The above order with the exception of (a) Identification of members, may be changed at the pleasure of the meeting assembled.

Financial statements for 2022 will be presented at the 2023 annual meeting. The review process for these statements will begin in mid-January.

Please note that renewal of CGS memberships is due by January 1, 2023.

To participate in the meeting memberships must be renewed or new memberships processed by Monday, February 13, 2023.

To participate in the meeting members should contact CGS for the Zoom link.

Requests for the link to participate in the meeting may be made by email to info@goats.ca. or by phoning CGS at the number on the letterhead above.

Please make your request to participate before February 18th.

For those members who do not have internet access participation by phone is possible. Again, please contact CGS for details.

All CGS members, with 2023 memberships processed by Monday, February 13, 2023, are warmly invited to take part in the Annual meeting.

The following amendments to the by-laws have been proposed:

1. That by-law 8.4 stating “The President may vote in the event of a tie; said vote being in addition to his regular vote as director. Be amended to read as follows: “In the event of a tie vote, the vote must be retaken until the vote is resolved by additional voting.”
2. It is proposed that the by-laws be amended to include the following: “No individual may serve as a director for more than 2 (two) terms consecutively.”
3. It is proposed that by-laws be amended to include the following: “The role of President cannot be filled by a director who was acclaimed.”

The agenda for the Annual Meeting has been adjusted to include discussion of the proposed by-law amendments, report of any comments from the Animal Registration Officer and CLRC and report of the Amendments Review Committee.

Herewith the reasons for the proposed change:

Amendment #1 The results of a vote should not be decided by any one person but via a democratic process where all individuals are heard and each vote is weighed equally. If one individual has more than one vote that can give rise to unfair and unfound judgements/actions. Continuing to vote until the tie is broken will encourage much needed discussion in order to come to a positive resolution.

Amendment #2 “Term limits are a welcome check on authority!” It prevents an individual or clique of individuals from monopolizing the position. It prevents the individual in the role from becoming indispensable. Knowledge, experience and opportunity are shared throughout the district as new representatives in the position offer a new perspective on the role. Often times people are ok with the status quo and this will not give rise to new and upcoming individuals who will often bring with them fresh new concepts and ideas which in turn move the society in a forward progressive motion. CGS does not have a history of high vote turn around, hence opportunity for new comers is usually restricted. This would allow an easier and more democratic method of encouraging growth within CGS. Term limits also tend to lead to a closer relationship and increased interaction between director and the members because they know their terms are limited and are more motivated to “work” in the position. The role becomes more of a competition rather than a vote of popularity and seniority. Healthy competition is a benefit to CGS and will encourage more involvement of members. Adding term limits will help to curb the negative effects from directors being appointed as well.

Amendment #3 The role of the President should be filled by an individual that was elected, thus chosen by the membership, rather than just Board members. This will give rise to a President who had to work and prove their desire to run for the position.

HOW'S THIS FOR GREAT NEWS?

This just in.....CLRC has forwarded reports of registry activity to the end of October 2022. We've just compared the year-to-date (YTD) stats for this year to the same period in 2021. Here's the results of our analysis....

Let's start slow and build from there.

- Transfers are almost equal to 2021 YTD, down just 42 on over 2000, 2.0% below last year.
- Units processed YTD are up 11 %, over 700 more than last year!!
- Registrations are up over 400 and are a stunning 14.5% over last year! Already way over 3300!
- And memberships are now at 627 for the year, up 1.8% over last year and at the highest level for any full year since 2002, that is two decades ago! WOW!

Yes, HIGHEST IN TWO DECADES!

Let's power on to the year end!



2023 Year Book Advertising Rates

All ad's are in full colour!

Full Page	\$200*
½ Page	\$150*
¼ Page	\$100*
Business Card	\$60*
Back Cover	\$400*
Inside Cover	\$250*

***plus applicable GST/HST**

In addition to the Breeder Directory, The Year Book will also include a Market Place and Supplier section to showcase your business!

Don't miss the 2023 CGS Year Book Advertising Deadlines

Payment for your ad must be received by December 1, 2022

Content must be received by December 15, 2022

Reserve your spot by contacting info@goats.ca