

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & BREEDER EDUCATION DAY**

Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Guelph, Ontario

*Minutes of the CGS Annual General Meeting*

1. Call to Order

The 2016 CGS Annual General Meeting (AGM) was called to order at 11:07am EST. President Julie Reise announced that there are 29 members present and 11 proxies received for a total of 40 members present and that quorum requirements have been achieved for the AGM today.

2. Introduction of the CGS Board of Directors and staff

President Julie Reise welcomed everyone to the CGS AGM and expressed appreciation for the membership's support of this important business meeting.

3. Approval of the Agenda

IT WAS MOVED BY Mark Keir and SECONDED BY Angie Pell that the agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY Beryl Johnson and SECONDED BY Becky Holvik that the minutes from the 2015 AGM be approved as presented. CARRIED

5. President's Remarks

President Julie Reise proceeded to provide an overview of the activities undertaken by the CGS Board of Directors this past year. Perhaps one of the biggest challenges has been both the staff and office transition from Ottawa to the Livestock Alliance offices in Guelph. Julie thanked the board and staff for their dedication and commitment to making the transition as smooth as possible.

6. Financial Report

Julie Reise introduced Jennifer Haley, Executive Director to review the CGS financial statements. Jennifer provided an overview of the statements as prepared by the accounting firm of RLB. Jennifer highlighted the significant accounts receivable that the organization is carrying and expressed concern about the timeliness of payment for CGS services rendered.

IT WAS MOVED BY Bill Alexander and SECONDED BY Edith Rosenbloom that the 2015-16 CGS financial statements be approved as presented. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED BY Doug Wherry and SECONDED BY Jack Boersema that the accounting firm of RLB be appointment as the 2016-17 auditors for CGS be approved as presented. CARRIED

7. CGS Committee and Activity Reports

Julie Reise provided an overview of the committee structure this past year and thanked each of the volunteers who contributed their time to their respective committees. Patrick McClean gave an overview of the Youth committee and the announcement of the scholarship winner Julia Blackett. At the board meeting prior to the AGM, it was agreed that the Youth, Promotions and Anniversary committees be structured at this time. With the transition to the Livestock Alliance, the board will be reviewing the functions of the other committees over the next year in order to better align the

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time of our volunteers with the tasks required. The board has designated liaisons for the various programs and services which will be listed in the Quarterly and on the CGS website. Julie announced that there were no increases in any of the CGS membership, programs or service fees for 2017.

Julie asked Jennifer Haley to provide a brief overview of the Livestock Alliance and how it works with and for CGS. Jennifer explained that the CGS, along with the other members of the Alliance, remains a completely separate and independent organization from a governance and financial perspective. The efficiencies are gained by sharing in professional staff and office overhead. Jennifer thanked the staff of the Alliance for their help transitioning the CGS and working hard to resolve outstanding issues. Jennifer also thanked the CGS board for their support and willingness to work together for the betterment of all the Livestock Alliance partners.

### 8. Announcement of 2016-17 CGS Executive and Board members

There were not any district elections required this year. However, at the board meeting previous to the AGM, the board conducted their annual executive elections. Jennifer Haley announced that Julie Reise has been acclaimed as President for 2016-17. Joining Julie will be Susan Frazer as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Sandy Howell as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. The membership received the 2016-17 Board of Directors with a warm round of applause.

### 9. Appointment of CGS Representatives to CLRC AGM for April 2017

Julie Reise announced that the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation AGM will be held in Ottawa on April 8, 2017. The board is recommending that the President and Executive Director attend if possible. As well, CGS will be investigating the possibility of representation on the CLRC board.

### 10. 2017 East and West National Show Announcements

President Julie Reise announced that the CGS East National Show will take place in Brooklin in June 2017. The CGS West National Show will take place at the Armstrong IPE in September 2017.

### 11. CGS Award Presentations

Robyn Andersen and Julie Reise announced Jessica Johnson, Ed Cavanagh, Lori Hird, John De Groot and Lynn Lightbody as this year's recipients of the CGS Certificate of Appreciation. Julie and Robyn provided insight to each of the recipients based on the nominations received. Presentations were made to those in attendance. Robyn also announced that Sue Barker has been awarded the CGS Breeder of Distinction and reviewed Sue's significant contribution in raising the bar of Canadian goat genetics excellence.

### 12. New Business

#### a) Access to information on [www.goatgenetics.ca](http://www.goatgenetics.ca)

Based on member and industry partner feedback, the CGS Board of Directors is bringing forward the recommendation that the goatgenetics.ca database be opened up for all CGS members to be able see all the data. A discussion with membership took place regarding how important this was for the future development of breed improvement strategies of not only individual breeders but the sector as a whole. The recommendation was met with overwhelming support. A request was made for a standing vote of members to show support for the motion.

IT WAS MOVED BY Angie Pell and SECONDED BY Doug Wherry that in order to consider the overall goal of breed improvement for the goat sector, that the goatgenetics.ca database be programmed to be open and accessible for all members as soon as possible. CARRIED

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b) *Paperless registrations at shows*

At the CGS Board meeting prior to the AGM, the board reviewed and approved a proposal for a pilot project that would allow for paperless registrations to be accepted at CGS Sanctioned Shows in 2017. This will be a pilot only and the process will be re-evaluated at the end of the 2017 show season. It will be critical for exhibitors to have the information readily available in a timely and efficient manner.

c) *National Grand Champion designation*

A discussion took place about concerns regarding whether all national grand champions have met the same standards and qualifications between all national shows. Concerns were expressed about the number of goats available at each show and the regional differences in goat populations. Concerns were expressed that there needs to be consistency applied to the standards in order to be able to promote the best our sector has to offer. After much discussion, it was agreed that the board would review and consult with membership further.

IT WAS MOVED BY Theo Emmons and SECONDED BY Edith Rosenbloom that in order for an animal to be designated an overall grand champion she must qualify for a show leg as per the CGS Show Rules in Section I. TABLED

d) *Member survey results*

A request was made to share the results of the member survey results. It was suggested that an overview will be provide in an upcoming *Quarterly*.

13. Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY Becky Holvik to adjourn the meeting at 12:38pm EST.