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CANADIAN GOAT SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting

November 16, 2024
via Zoom - 12:00 p.m. ET.

Welcome

Welcome to the Canadian Goat Society's
November 16, 2024 Annual General Meeting

About the Canadian Goat Society

The Canadian Goat Society (CGS) was incorporated on August 3rd, 1917 and is governed by the Animal Pedigree Act. CGS is dedicated to maintaining the integrity of its herdbooks, providing accurate evaluation programs for performance and type, and promoting the responsible and humane treatment of goats. It is managed by a Board of Directors elected from 6 Districts across Canada.

The Canadian Goat Society maintains the Herd books for nine purebred breeds of goats and a Special Registry for upgraded animals as specified under the animal pedigree act, which are: Alpine, Angora, La Mancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Pygmy, Saanen and Toggenburg.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CANADIAN GOAT SOCIETY
The Society shall have for its objectives, the encouragement, development and regulation of the breeding of registered goats in Canada

a) by keeping a record of breeding and origin of all registered goats and by collecting, preserving and publishing data and documents relating to same;

b) by establishing standards of breeding and by carrying out a system of registration under the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation;

c) by adopting means from time to time to protect and assist those in breeding of registered goats in compliance with the Animal Pedigree Act or any regulations made thereunder;

d) by maintaining an efficient supervision of breeders of goats to prevent, detect and punish fraud;

e) by compiling statitics of the industry and furnishing official and authentic information in regard thereto; and

f) for these purposes, to have power to enter into contracts and agreements and to make, alter and repeal regulations subject to the provisions herinafter set forth.

g) to aid in providing a vehicle for the promotion of goats and goat products in Canada;

h) to monitor and represent issues of concern to the Canadian Goat Industry to the appropriate agencies.

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MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held via Zoom
March 23, 2024 · 1:00 pm ET

Present: Sandy Howell, Susan Frazer, Arnie Steeves, Ted Brooks, Callum McLeod, Sue Mangan, Tanya McCarthy, Pier-Marc Tremblay, Arnie Steeves, Amanda Lindsay-Peaire, Zoe Thorbergson, Lauren Topping, Nicole Poburan, Gerard McNeil, Grant Howley, Carol Clayson, Jonathan Dugdale, BrinJackson, Diana Owens, Jim Tindall, Linda Carlson, Angela Forster, Mike Dietrich, Tamara Wise, Eugenia Carnegie, P.J. Frazer, Kirk/William Mitchell, Melissa McLaughlin, Brian Sullivan, Jacques Chesnais (Guest Speaker), Kerry O'Donnell (Secretary Manager)

1. Called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Sandy Howell.

2. Identification of members

Members were identified by the S/M as they entered the Zoom waiting room and throughout the meeting as they were admitted.

The S/M gave a brief tutorial on the Zoom platform, housekeeping items, and the process that would be followed for asking questions, commenting, making motions, seconding motions, and voting.

3. Introduction of Directors and Staff

Each of the CGS Directors gave a brief introduction of themselves. President Sandy Howell then introduced the S/M.

During the introductions it was asked if quorum had been met with a response in the affirmative.

4. Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Moved by Zoe Thorbergson. Seconded by Brin Jackson. None opposed. CARRIED

5. Approval of the minutes from the February 18, 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2023 AGM. Moved by Zoe Thorbergson. Seconded by Brin Jackson. None opposed. CARRIED

6. Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

No business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

7. Integration of Genetic Services – Presentation by guest speaker Jacques Chesnais

Jacques began by providing a brief overview of the project, the project members, and subcommittees involved in the project. He noted that based on experiences with many species, genetic evaluations are much more effective in making progress for the traits that are economically important than phenotypic records.

Genetic evaluations have been computed in Canada for dairy goats for more than 30 years now for both performance and conformation and are found on the goatgenetics.ca website. CGS members have free access to this website.

Genetics do matter – Genetic progress in dairy cattle is 80% due to genetic improvements, the remaining 20% is feeding, health, and management. The Genovis project with sheep shows similar results. Uptake in genetic evaluations has slowed in recent years in dairy goats possibly due to a removal of previous funding/subsidies to people taking part.

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Tasks related to dairy goats have included; improvement of the online registration process at CLRC, improved access to CLRC data for breed associations, facilitating data exchange between databases (exchange between CGS and goatgenetics databases), movement away from old genetic evaluation program to MixBLUP. In the future, MixBLUP can incorporate genomic data when dairy goats are ready to go that route. Certain traits are very difficult to improve without genomics such as reproduction, longevity, and health traits. Also useful for genetic markers (such as Scrapie resistance). Longer-term goals include; decreasing costs for registrations/transfers and making access to CLRC services mobilefriendly.

Longer term the hope is to create a network among partner organizations. An MOU had previously been signed and a draft legal document has now been prepared for review by the current partners. With a legal framework in place, the network would be better positioned to apply for government funding, support research projects, etc.

In an ideal world, goat breeders would invest in animal identification, milk recording and genetic evaluation to make good genetic progress and sell selected bucks (with EBV's to prove their worth) to commercial herds. Commercial producers, in turn, can make a good deal of progress simply by buying top bucks.

Jacques reported that the current project that was to end on March 31, 2024 has been extended for another 6 months. The hope is to look for further funding and new projects for the current members of the network (If CGS is in agreement).

The project is currently working with a professor from Dalhousie University who is an expert in communications to assist with improving communications about the benefits of genetic programs to producers.

Potential dairy goat projects for the future were suggested – Goat genomics project (genotyping in pilot herds). CMGA is definitely interested and perhaps CGS would like to collaborate on this project. Goat classification program – CMGA is currently reviewing their classification program and looking at developing new software. This could be another area of collaboration.

Comments and Questions following the presentation and via chat:

Zoe Thorbergson asked if SNP testing would take place in dairy goats, noting that it has been very valuable in pigs. Jacques replied that when he was talking about genomics that is what he was referring to. Having enough genotypes is important to have an effective system. SNP's also allows parentage testing at a lower cost than is done with microsatellites.

Zoe and Linda Carlson opinioned that working with CMGA on Classification would be advantageous.

Melissa McLaughlin voiced that goat genetics will work only if milk testing and classifying is more accessible to the entire Society, the cost associated with the programs is very unattainable. Jacques stated that his personal opinion is that it is important to think about how to reduce costs. Doing only a few tests at the right time in lactation can provide 80% of the accuracy of 8 or 10 tests. The concept of virtual Classification was raised. Run a pilot project where herds are classified virtually and the traditional way at the same time and see if the two are similar.

Jacques final comment was the advantage of a network is having a group and a forum to explore and talk about new approaches and solutions.

President Howell thanked Jacques for his presentation, and noted that we need good communication to get people excited about genetic improvements and to gather ideas on how to decrease program costs.

8. Director and Committee Reports

8.1 Office Report

The Office report was included in the AGM package sent to individuals who had registered for the AGM

The S/M asked if anyone present had questions or comments on the office report.

Zoe voiced that she enjoyed the format of the report. No other comments or questions on the office report.

8.2 Financial Report

The financial report, the audited financial statements, and notes for the audited financial statements were included in the AGM report for attendees. The members were asked for questions or comments they might have on the financial report and audited financial statements. Carol Clayson commented that it looked as though CGS was in good shape. No other comments or questions were brought forward.

Motion: To accept the financial statements as presented. Moved by Sue Mangan. Seconded by Linda Carlson. None opposed. CARRIED

Motion: To appoint RLB from Guelph, Ontario as the auditor for 2024. Moved by Susan Frazer. Seconded by Amanda Lindsay-Peaire. None opposed. CARRIED.

8.3 By-law Committee Report

The S/M began by thanking the committee members for their work on the proposed by-laws (Linda Carlson, Mike Dietrich, Lauren Topping, Tanya Vickers, Asia Mangan, Susan Frazer, and Sandy Howell).

The proposed by-laws had been included in the AGM packages for attendees as well as being included in the pre-AGM package made available to all members. The original by-law, the proposed amendment, rationale for the change, and any comments from Ag Canada were provided.

The procedure for addressing each of the proposed by-law amendments was outlined. Each proposed amendment would be announced by it's associated number and members would then have an opportunity to comment or ask questions before proceeding to the next proposed amendment.

Proposed by-law amendment #2 – Carol Clayson asked if the book mentioned in the by-law amendment was available anywhere. Callum McLeod and President Sandy Howell noted that it is readily available from Amazon and in bookstores and that several Board members have been able to purchase a personal copy. President Howell noted that through Amazon you can download it at half the price of a hard copy.

Proposed by-law amendment #25 – Carol Clayson voiced in the chat that membership dues and fees for registration should require that they either be approved by ¾ of the BOD or all of the Directors. They should be able to see the need for a raise in fees by reading the financial statements. It should be the business of the Executive to make them see the need.

No other comments or questions were raised in relation to the proposed by-law amendments.

The S/M concluded by outlining the next steps in the process. At the Board meeting following the AGM, the BOD would consider all of the comments from members at the AGM along with comments from Ag Canada, and define the proposed
amendments that would be sent to the entire membership by mail for voting. Following voting by the membership, the results of the voting and the proposed amendments would be forwarded to Ag Canada for approval.

Zoe extended her thanks to all who worked on the by-laws.

9. Youth Program

The S/M gave a brief overview of the Youth Program noting that Board member Tanya McCarthy had done a good amount of work to create this new program.

Participants in the program were announced: District 1 (BC): Alexis Nelson, Isabel Maddocks, Ryenne Woods, Carson Peutz, Thomas Tremblay, and Bart Tremblay. District 4 (ON): William Mitchell, Sean McCarthy, and Georgie McCarthy.

Pictures of the winners were then shared with the group as they were announced.

District 1 (BC) Youth Showman Program Winners:

Alexis Nelson – Intermediate 2 Age Division (ages 14-16)
Isabel Maddocks – Intermediate 1 Age Division (ages 11-13)

District 4 (ON) Youth Showman Program Winners:

William Mitchell – Intermediate 1 Age Division (ages 11 -13)
Georgie McCarthy – Youth Age Division (ages 10 and under)

District 4 (ON) Youth Honour Roll Program Winners:

Sean McCarthy – Intermediate 1 Age Division (ages 11 -13)

The S/M noted that all of the winners of the Youth Program are being featured in the 2023 CGS yearbook with pictures and write ups in addition to receiving
certificates from the CGS office.

President Sandy Howell congratulated all of the Youth on their participation.

Comments from members: Zoe congratulated all the Juniors. Linda Carlson voiced that she is very pleased to see the addition of Youth Program paperwork and certificates on the show application forms. She also noted that in BC different Fair Boards have different age divisions. President Howell expressed that it would be disappointing if any Youth were not able to participate due to being in a class with an age division that did not align with the CGS Youth Program. Linda commented that she would send out a survey on the BC goat breeders Facebook page.
President Howell noted that this should be done across the country and results brought back to the Board for consideration. Sue Mangan asked if Linda had a formal survey, which she does not. Linda offered to come to the Board with some recommendations. Nicole Poburan commented in the chat that her children are in Goat 4-H and the age divisions are 9-11, 12-14, and 15+.

10. 2024 East & West National Shows & JLC Announcements

Board member Callum McLeod announced the JLC's that will take place in 2024.

Ancaster, Ontario - October 18, 19, 20
Agassiz, B.C. – October 18, 19 20
Colchester, N.S. – September 18, 19, 20

Further details on the JLC's will be available over the Summer.

Sue Mangan noted that she has had members ask her why 2 of the JLC's are being held on the same weekend as they feel they if they couldn't make one or the other, they could attend one or the other. Callum agreed that although there is a third option this year, this is still a pertinent point.

The 2024 West National Show was announced. July 6-7 in Barriere, BC

No bid has been received as of yet for the East National show. Anyone interested is encouraged to still submit a bid. Amanda Lindsay-Peaire asked if the Royal automatically gets the East national show if no one else submits a bid. Callum replied that they still would have to submit a bid. Historically, the Royal had submitted applications for 3 years in a row. That ran out in 2023. Sue Mangan encouraged anyone who knew of a Fair Board that might want to submit a bid to do so.

11. CGS Awards Presentations

The S/M announced that 2 applications had been received for member awards – 1 for Master Breeder and 1 for Silver Master Breeder.

A PowerPoint presentation was played as the winners were announced.

Master Breeder – Tanya McCarthy of Willow-Haven Farms in Wellandport, Ontario

Silver Master Breeder – Amanda O'Brien – Curl Creek Farms in Armstrong B.C.

Congratulations were extended for their dedication, hardwork, and commitment to excellence

Numerous comments came from the chat from other members expressing their congratulations to both breeders.

President Howell congratulated both Tanya and Amanda on their accomplishments and expressed her hope that more people would be able to participate in these programs in the years to come.

Callum noted that he thinks that these might be the first two Master and Silver Master Breeder awards coming from Nigerian Dwarf breeders and extended his congratulations.

12. Announcement of 2024 CGS Executive

Sandy Howell announced the newly elected Executive for 2024

President – Sandy Howell

First Vice President – Callum McCleod

Second Vice President – Sue Mangan

13. Correspondence

No correspondence

14. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

15. New Business

Zoe noted that 305-Day milk testing is not attainable for small herds due to the associated costs. President Howell replied that Milk Testing was going to be discussed by the Board and that if anyone had any ideas to please bring them forward. Herd fees are a flat fee and are the same no matter the size of the herd. A number of the fees set by Lactanet are not negotiable. Susan Frazer noted that the fees set by Lactanet are completely independent from CGS and CGS has no input on them whatsoever. Linda noted that courier charges are another fixed cost that CGS can not do much about. At this time, the only way to decrease costs marginally is to opt for a 6 test program as opposed to an 8 test program.

Linda Carlson reported that BC goat has had recent discussions about mandatory DNA testing and at a recent meeting came up with the following resolution; "BCGA recommends that CGS institutes mandatory DNA testing for bucks beforeregistration including the development of a process and policy document and giving due regard to grandfathering in deceased animals that may present anomalies in pedigrees." Linda relayed that no one would expect that a motion such as this be voted on at an AGM, but rather that a committee be struck and work begin on this subject. The S/M noted that Linda Carlson and Carol Clayson had been exchanging thoughts via the chat. Carol commented that DNA testing would only verify the sire. If doing DNA why

not the doe as well? In addition, she voiced that she did not understand the logic behind the proposal and asked if there had been a lot of lying going on about the sires or what brought this about? Diana Owens commented via the chat that there are registries that require testing of all animals, and if DNA testing becomes cheap enough in the future, that would be more viable. Numerous other comments were received through the chat regarding DNA testing. President Howell raised the topic of sending in samples and typing bucks. Callum noted that this discussion is about bolstering the integrity already associated with the herd book, and that it has been a long-standing process with the meat goats and several cattle associations.

Nicole Poburan noted that during COVID a number of groups moved towards virtual shows and asked if this was an option for CGS particularly in regard to buck shows. As a participant on the Scapie program she can not take her bucks to shows. There is also the additional challenges of showing bucks in general. President Howell replied that this would be a good topic of discussion for the Board and could be handed to the JLC committee.

Zoe noted that G6S testing is not an option to order on the CLRC site. Via the chat, Linda Carlson noted that it is on the CLRC site, but not easily seen, and it should be made more obvious. Zoe also noted that receiving test results sometimes takes an excessively long time and that perhaps the SS146 & K222 gene should be added. She currently sends her samples to the U.S however, it would be nice to support a Canadian lab that was economical and that could also provide timely results. She also suggested a registry of G6S animals be available. Susan Frazer replied that
there is testing for Scrapie resistance in Canada – GoatGen.

Amanda asked where mandatory tagging is at. Callum responded that proposed regulations need to go into the Canada Gazette 2 yet and no clear timeline has been given. Zoe asked if any new tags had been tested. No new tags have been accepted lately and no new tags are being tested at this time.

Carol asked if there were any plans for CGS to do buck collections. Sandy responded that there are no such plans at this time. Callum noted that the last time CGS
undertook this, it was under a grant.

16. Adjourn

President Howell thanked everyone for being present at the meeting and bringing their ideas forward.

A number of members expressed their thanks for the work done by the BOD.

Motion to adjourn at 3:08 p.m. by Linda Carlson.

Secretary Manager's report

With the change in the fiscal year end for CGS from December 31 to August 31, we are having our second AGM in 2024 and although it has only been 8 months since the March event, it feels as though so much has transpired since that time. A classifier training progam was held, the 2024 Classification program was completed, the one-day milk tests have come to a conclusion, three JLC's across the country were held, and the show season is close to being complete.

At the Director meetings preceding this AGM we welcomed two new Directors to the Board. Kelly Bidan and Rebecca Holvick have come on board as the new Directors for District 4 (Ontario). I would like to extend thanks to both Tanya McCarthy and Susan Mangan for their time spent on the CGS Board. District 2 (Alberta) will see Callum McLeod returning as their representative, and District 6 (Maritimes) will see Arnie Steeves returning to represent those members.

At the March 2024 AGM 24 bylaw amendments were presented to the membership and subsequntly voted on by the membership by postal ballot. 23 of the 24 have recently been approved by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. The approval of these by-laws will help the actual business practices of CGS to align with the bylaws and help streamline and modernize the way CGS can do business. This is the first major change to the CGS bylaws since 1997.

Every Association is only as strong and forward moving as its membership. I would encourage all of our members to share with us what you think. What do you like and what don't you like. It is always nice to receive a supportive email saying, "Thanks, you are all doing such a good job and I am happy with what you are doing," That is a good affirmation that you are on the right track.

Equally important though, is that thoughtfully worded email that says, "You know, I find the process to apply for "X" not very user friendly and I think some of your rules are too strict." That is not the positive affirmation email, but it is the correspondence that creates the opportunity to critically look at things and determine if improvement or changes are needed.

For myself, I am excited to see and experience the opportunties and the challenges that lie ahead in the next year, and to have the opportunity to see continued growth for CGS.

Thanks to everyone who will take time from their busy schedules to join us for this AGM. I am looking forward to hearing your thoughts and opinions!

submitted by Kerry O'Donnell
Secretary Manager - Canadian Goat Society

Membership Highlights

With the change in fiscal year end and timing of the AGM, the membership numbers for 2024 are shown to September 30, 2024

Membership Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Annual Member	487	493	524	579	603	600	558
Junior Member	39	38	30	37	30	28	29
Life Member	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
TOTAL	529	534	557	619	636	631	591

Time Period	Total Members	% Increase/Decrease in Membership	
January 2023	328		
January 2024	303	- 7.6%	
February 2023	404		
February 2024	374	- 7.4%	
March 2023	471		
March 2024	433	- 8.1%	
April 2023	510		
April 2024	481	- 5.7%	
May 2023	536		
May 2024	512	- 4.5%	
June 2023	560		
June 2024	548	- 2.1%	
July 2023	587		
July 2024	568	- 3.2%	
August 2023	602		
August 2024	581	-3.5%	
September 2023	616		
September 2024	591	-4.1%	

Secretary Manager's report

Electronic Newsletter & Email Platform

- In September of 2023 the CGS Board made the decision to move the distribution of the CGS Newsletter to an electronic format and the first electronic newsletter was distributed to the membership in December of 2023. This has helped to significantly decrease the printing costs for the Association and allows for more timely and efficient messaging to members. Members without email on file, and those who request paper correspondence still receive newsletters, etc via Canada Post.

Change in C.G.S. Fiscal Year End & Audit Procedure

- The change in the fiscal year from December 31 to August 31 was approved by CRA in 2023. As a result, 2 full audits have been completed in 2024. With the approval of the bylaw amendments, going forward full audits will occur every 3 years, (or more often at the discretion of the BOD) with reviews being conducted in the non audit years.

2024 yearbook

- At the time of this report approximately half of the content for the Yearbook has been formatted. All paid members from 2024 will receive a copy in the mail in March/April 2025.

2024 Proposed By-law Amendments

- At the March 2024 AGM, 24 bylaw amendments were presented to the membership and subsequently sent to all members for voting by postal ballot. On October 23, 2024, CGS was notified that 23 of the 24 had been approved by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. No proposed bylaw amendments were received by the CGS office for the November 2024 AGM. Details of the approved bylaw amendments can be found further in this document.

Letter of Intent to C.L.R.C

- For the past 3 years, CGS has submitted a letter of intent to CLRC. This letter has never meant that CGS had definate plans to leave CLRC. It simply protected CGS financially if they decided to leave. At the October 22, 2024 BOD meeting, the Board made the decision to not send a letter to CLRC this year, citing improved service and turn around times for our members.

C.C.S.I. goatgenetics.ca

- At the February 12, 2024 Board meeting a motion was made and unanimously passed to write a letter to C.C.S.I. regarding public access to the goatgenetics.ca along with incorporating the Nigerian Dwarf breed as soon as possible. Brian Sullivan from CCSI joined the CGS Board of Directors at their September Board meeting to discuss the pros, cons, and the possible challenges with doing so. At the present time, there are neither the financial nor human resources available to fully open the site to the public. CGS does pay a certain amount to support the program/website, but they do not pay the full cost. Expanding access to the program to the general public is something that might be possible under a new project under the Integration of Genetic Services Network. Work to integrate data from the Nigerian Dwarf breed has been completed and a meeting will be held on November 5, 2024 with a focus group of Nigerian Dwarf breeders who take part in perfomance programs attending to see what the website has to offer as well as provide feedback for changes/improvement.

Secretary Manager's report

CGS Member Performance Grant

- At the December 14, 2023 Board meeting, it was moved and unanimously carried to implement a C.G.S. Member Performance Grant as proposed by Board member Callum McLeod. Under the program, C.G.S. members are eligible for a grant of up to $200.00 to help offset the costs of participation in any one, (or more) of the C.G.S. performance programs (one-day or 305-day milk testing, or classification). To be eligible, members must be using a program for the first time, or after an absence of 5 years of more. The number of grants per District correlates with the number of Director positions for each District and will be chosen at random.
- One CGS Member Performance Grant was awarded in 2024. Rayman Vella from District 1 (B.C) was the successful applicant of a $200.00 grant.
- Applications forms can be found on the CGS website and are due on March 30th of the year the grant is applied for.

Integration of Genetic Services Project

- C.G.S. has been a part of this three year Federally funded project since 2021. The project was scheduled to come to a close on March 31, 2024, however a 6 month extension was granted extending the project to September 30, 2024.
- The project is made up of the following industry groups: CGS (Canadian Goat Society), CMGA (Canadian Meat Goat Association), CSBA (Canadian Sheep Breeders Association), CEPOQ (Centre d'expertise en production ovine du Quebec, OSF (Ontario Sheep Federation), AgSights, CGIL (Centre for Genetic Improvement of Livestock), CLRC (Canadian Livestock Records Corporation) and CCSI (Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement).
- The purpose of the Network is to work collaboratively and share resources to achieve improved services for both Purebred and commercial producers.
- Many smaller groups, (CGS included) have visions of improved services and working towards genetic improvement within the breed/breeds they represent, but lack the financial resources, the human resources, and the technical expertise to do so independently.
- The Integration of Genetic Services Network has provided an opportunity for CGS and the other member groups to achive improvements that they could not have done alone (and without the assistance of grant money).
- Some of these improvements may not be readily apparant to members at large as some of them are "behind the scenes" improvements that make the work of the S/M of the various groups easier and more efficient which in turn improves our service to you.
- As the current project drew to a close, the Network began having conversations regarding a future project. At the May 2024 BOD meeting the proposed focus areas of the potential new project was presented to the Board. The focus areas included; 1) Further integration (Review how data collection, customer service, and R&D are delivered for each species), 2) Animal Identification (Improvements to registration system - CLRC, 3) Data collection and reporting (Dairy goat recording program; explore more user-friendly and affordable options to allow dairy goat producers to collect data and use it for genetic evaluations. 4) Genetic Evaluation (Continue integration of genetic evaluation programs for all species, Develop genomic evaluations using genomic data, 5) Communication with producers (Evaluation of economic benefits for sheep and goats, Development of communication strategies, Study of barriers to

Secretary Manager's report

Integration of Genetic Services (con't)

- adoption of genetic improvement technology. A draft legal document for the Network was presented at the same meeting. A motion was subsequently made and passed at that meeeting to sign the agreement and to support the focus areas presented.
- The draft budget for a new Network project was distributed to the Board and Brian Sullivan from CCSI attended the September Board meeting to present the budget and answer any questions. As in the past project the cost to CGS to participate in the new project is anticipated to be cost neutral. Under the past project, CGS's financial contributions to the project were offset by invoices from CGS to the project for time spent on meetings and committees. The Board was in agreement to move forward with pursuing a new project based on the draft budget noting that no firm or final commitment from CGS was being requested at this time.

CLRC Unit Fees & CGS Fee Schedule

- CGS received notice from CLRC that there will be a 6% increase in their unit fee as of January 1, 2025. This will see the unit cost rise from $7.85 to $8.35. The CGS office has prepared a profit loss comparison for CLRC transactions with the increase in place. This will be reviewed by the Board of Directors at their November meetings prior to the AGM.

2024/2025 CGS Budget

- The 2024/2025 draft budget will be presented and discussed at the November meetings. Profit/Loss statements for all of the CGS programs (One-Day milk test, 305-Day Milk Test, Show program, and the Classification program) have been prepared by the CGS Office for the Boards review.

CGS Director Nominations

- 2024 saw Director elections take place in Districts 2 (Alberta), 4 (Ontario), and 6 (the Maritimes).
- As of the deadline for nominations:
- District 2 (Alberta) had one member nominated who received the required 15 supporting signatures. Callum McLeod was accepted to be the returning representative for Alberta.
- District 4 (Ontario) which was entitled to 2 seats on the Board had one individual who was nominated and received 13 supporting signatures. Kelly Bidan was appointed to the Board at the August 13, 2024 Board meeting.
- District 6 (Maritimes) had one individual nominated who received 3 nominations. Arnold Steeves was appointed to the Board at the August 13, 2024 Board meeting.
- Rebecca Holvick was appointed as the second Director for District 4 (Ontario) by the Board of Directors.

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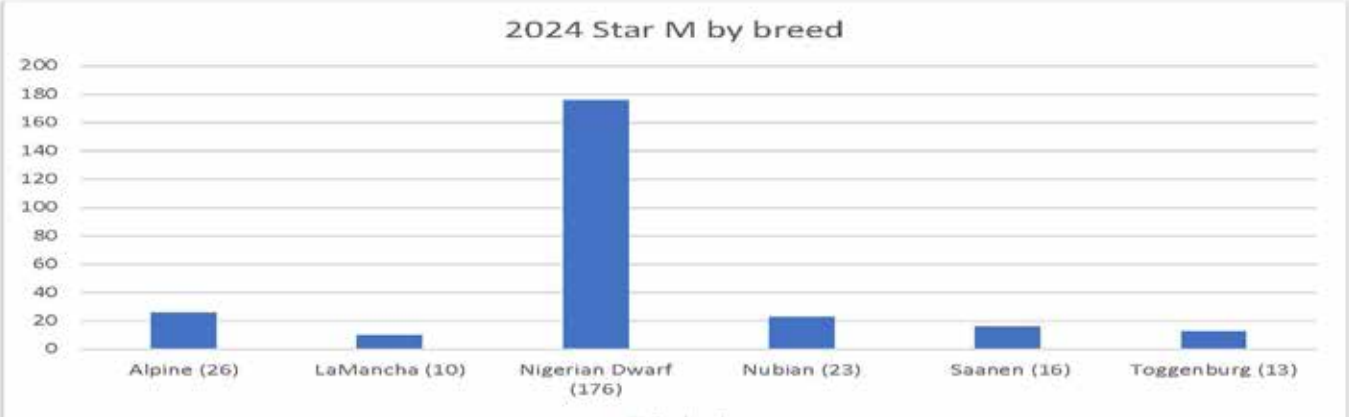
2024 C.G.S. One-Day and 305-Day Milk Test Programs

- After a review by the Board, the fee schedules for both the One-Day and 305-Day Milk Test programs remained unchanged for the 2024 program year.
- Both programs will be reviewed again by the Board at the November meetings.
- The Milk Recording Booklet was reviewed by the Board of Directors in February of 2024 and revisions were approved by the Board. Revisions were approved for the 305 Day Milk Testing program. Rules for the One Day Milk Test Program remain unchanged. No other changes to the milk recording rules were made in 2024.

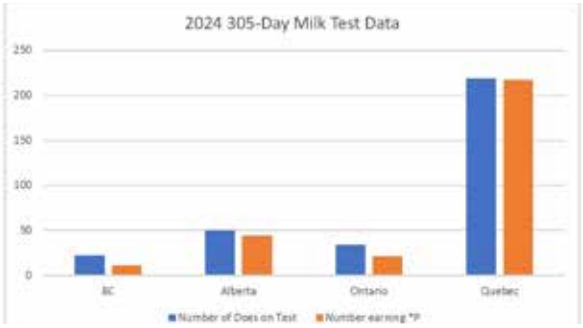
2024 One-Day Milk Test Program

- Participation in the One-Day Milk test program in 2024 came from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario
- A total of 267 does from 28 herds took part in a one-day milk test with 154 of those does meeting the rerquirements for the *M designation.



2023/2024 305-Day Milk Test Program

- In an effort to have more lactatations included in a reporting year and reduce the length of time participating members were waiting to receive their *P certificates, the reporting period was changed from January 1 - December 31, to Janaury 1 - February 28/29 of the following year.
- 11 herds on the 305-Day program had lactations begininning by Janaury 1, 2023 and ending by February 29, 2024. A total of 325 does were on test with 303 of those meeting the requirements for the *P designation.



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C.G.S. Show Program

- The Board of Directors previously reviewed the Show Rules in February 2024 and a small number of revisions were approved. No major changes to the rules were made at that time.
- The 2023/2024 show years have been challenging from an Office perspective with an increased number of discrepancies being noted on ROA's. Incorrect information, and missing information has delayed the processing of ROA's from shows subsequent to the ones in question. This has resulted in members attending shows in the Fall of 2024, not receiving leg certificates or notification of permanent champions pending the review of these discprepancies by a CGS Show Committee
- The CGS Office strongly encourages all exhibitors with Champion or Reserve animals to ensure that the information on the ROA that they place their signature next to is correct.
- Show sanctioning applications were up slightly in 2024 with 40 sanctioned shows compared to 36 in 2023.
- As of September 14, 2024 2,680 animals had been evaluated in the show ring.

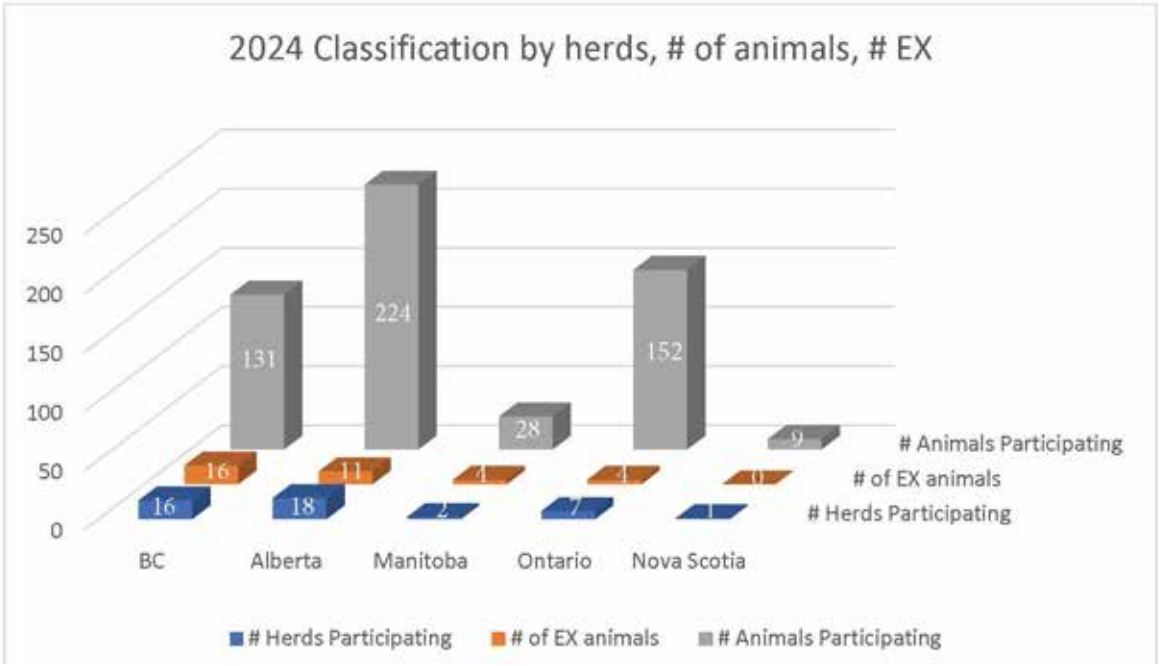
C.G.S. JLC

- As an investment in the current CGS Judges, and in order to address the need for more new Judges, the Board of Directors motioned and approved supporting 3 JLC's in 2024.
- JLC's were held in Truro, Nova Scotia, Ancaster Ontario, and Agassiz, BC. in September and October of 2024.
- New candidates as well as current licensed Judges registered for all three conferences with registrations (as of October 20th) as follows:
  - Nova Scotia: 6 auditors, 11 full candidates
  - Ontario: 8 full candidates
  - BC: 4 auditors, 8 full candiates
- Many thanks to all of the JLC coordinators and panel members for sharing their knowledge and expertise with the new candidates and returning Judges. (Arnie Steeves, Lorraine Keeping, Edward Cavanagh, Grant Howley, Patrick McClean, Eugenia Carnegie and Adam Scanlan).
- An updated Judges list will be posted on the CGS website following the return of all of th JLC scoring materials to the CGS Office.

C.G.S. Classification Program

- The costs associated with the Classification program were reviewed in early 2024 and fees for this program remained unchanged in 2024.
- The program and its fees will be reviewed by the Board again at the November meetings.
- Of the 544 animals evluated in 2024, breed representation was as follows:
  - Alpine - 44
  - LaMancha - 46
  - Oberhasli - 18
  - Nigerian Dwarf - 198
  - Nubian - 166
  - Saanen - 56
  - Toggenburg - 30
- 524 Senior and 20 Junior animals were presented.
- Many thanks to Kelsey Morehouse, Nicole Poburan and Callum McLeod for their time and efforts travelling across the country to provide this service.

Secretary Manager's report



C.G.S. Classification Training Program

- A formal training program for CGS Classifiers (similiar in structure to the Judges licensing training sessions) was instituted in 2024.
- Work on the training program began in 2023 and was headed up by Arnie Steeves, with Linda Carlson, Eugenia Carnegie, Sandy Howell and Adam Scanlan assisting as committee members.
- The inaugral Classifier training session took place in Alberta in May of 2024 with Linda Carlson, Kelsey Morehouse, Nicole Poburan and Callum McLeod all successfully completing the training.
- The training conisted of a half a day of theory followed by practical training by working with live animals. Each trait to be assessed was reviewed and discussed in detail, for example how to measure linear traits and how to score subjective traits. The candidates were then assessed on their ability to identify and score traits within each respective category, for example, feet and legs, dairy strength etc .

Classifier Training May 2024

Pictured from left to right: Adam Scanlan, Nicole Poburan, Kelsey Morehouse, Arnie Steeves, Callum McLeod, Linda Carlson

Secretary Manager's report

Youth Program

- 2023 saw the launch of the new C.G.S. Youth Program with 2 different program streams for Youth to participate in. The Youth Showman Awards program (open to any Youth to age 20), regardless of membership in C.G.S. and the Honour Roll program open to Youth to age 20 who are C.G.S. members and participate in 2 of 3 C.G.S. programs (show, production, classification).
- As of September 7, 2024, 63 Youth have taken part in the Youth Showman Awards program at CGS Sanctioned shows in BC, Alberta and Ontario.
- The deadline for submission of forms for this year is December 31, 2024.

CGS Committees

- 2024 saw CGS developing Terms of Reference (TOR) for all of their standing committees in the hopes that the TORs would provide clarity regarding the roles and responsibilities of the committees.
- An application form was developed and posted on the CGS website. Members are encouraged to submit applications to the CGS Office. Applications will be reviewed by the BOD and comittees formed on their approval.
- Applications are being accepted for the Show, JLC, Classification, Youth, Milk Recording and Bylaw committees

Purebred registrations (all time)

to September 30, 2024

Breed	# Purebred Registered to date
Alpine	46,023
Angora	15,489
LaMancha	5,574
Nigerian Dwarf	10,842
Nubian	41,546
Oberhasli	416
Pygmy	1,836
Saanen	28,663
Sable	0
Toggenburg	18,742
TOTAL	169,131

Financial report & audit notes

Current Bank Balances

- As of October 30 2024 the balances in the accounts held with BMO were as follows:
  Chequeing Account - $564.12
  Savings Account - $44,996.09
- As of September 30, 2024 the balance in the CIBC account held by CLRC was $4880.88
- GIC's held at the BMO as shown in the audited financial statements totalled $102,601.00

AUDIT NOTES

Statement of Financial Position (pg 5)
ASSETS

- **Accounts receivable:** This amount reflects overdue amounts by members on their CLRC accounts.
- **Prepaid Expenses:** This amount reflects income received prior to August 31, 2024 for rosettes for shows occuring after August 31, 2024.

LIABILITIES

- **Accounts payable & accrued liabilities:** This is made up of $6200.00 payable to CLRC for their monthly levy, $7800.00 for work to date by the auditors, and $877.00 for the Secretary Manager's September salary.
- **Government remittances payable:** This was the amount payable for the third quarter GST in 2024.
- **Payroll liabilities:** This amount reflects the payroll remittances to CRA for the month of August which are due September 15.
- **Deferred Income:** This item is made up of $3600.00 received prior to August 31, 2024 for JLC's occuring after August 31, 2024, $1900.00 in show sanction fees for shows occuring after August 31, 2024 and $1100.00 for show certificates for shows occuirng after August 31, 2024.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures (pg 7) - REVENUES

- **National Integrated Genetic Services:** Under the grant funding, CGS invoiced the project on a quarterly basis for approved activities/time spent on project activities.
- **Semen Sales:** Income from semen sold in 2023 did not arrive until early 2024.

EXPENDITURES

- **CLRC levy:** Lower registry and transfer activity has resulted in lower levies beeing paid by CGS to CLRC
- **Dairy Classification Expenses:** Lower than budgeted for due to the fact that one (rather than two) Classifier training sessions were run in 2024.
- **CLRC other:** Includes items such as DNA testing ($2450.00), credit card admin ($3001.00), DNA admin costs ($727.00), NSF fees.
- **National Integrated Genetic Services:** This reflects work done by CCSI. $500.00 hosting CGS database, $45.00 uploading data, $30.00 training S/M to database features.
- **Office:** Includes stationary supplies, Zoom, Go Daddy subscriptions, printer toner, 2023 Yearbook.
- **Bylaws**: Represents the expenses related to printing and mailing out the proposed bylaw amendents for voting.
- **Judges' training:** Postage to mail JLC materials. JLCs were held in Sept/Oct, therefore the majority of the expenses will be shown in the 2024/2025 audited statements.
- **Quarterly magazine expenses:** Postage to mail newletters to individuals without email on file.

Statement of Cash Flows (pg 8)

- Page 8 is a summary of the the statement of financial position from page 5 showing the difference between December 31, 2023 and August 31, 2024. Numbers without parenthesis indicate an increase in comparison to the year prior and numbers with parenthesis indicate a decrease from the year prior.

CANADIAN GOAT SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

CANADIAN GOAT SOCIETY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of: Canadian Goat Society

Opinion
We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Canadian Goat Society, which comprise the statement of financial position as at August 31, 2024 and the statements of changes in unrestricted net assets, revenues and expenditures and cash flows for the period then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Canadian Goat Society as at August 31, 2024 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the period then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations.

Basis of Opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of Canadian Goat Society in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to a going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements, as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a mater misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusic forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that a appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness the organization's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimat and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Guelph, Ontario
October 22, 2024

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

	August 31 2024	December 31 2023
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	$ 66,487	$ 76,175
Investments (note 4)	102,601	67,128
Accounts receivable	2,798	4,077
Prepaid expenses	341	2,506
	$ 172,227	$ 149,886
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 14,889	$ 14,751
Government remittances payable	1,901	907
Payroll liabilities payable	2,218	1,169
Deferred income	7,939	603
	26,947	17,430
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	145,280	132,456
	$ 172,227	$ 149,886

CANADIAN GOAT SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

	August 31 2024	December 31 2023
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, beginning of period	$ 132,456	$ 99,161
Net surplus for the period	12,824	33,295
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, end of period	$ 145,280	$ 132,456

See notes to the financial statements

	Budget December 31 2024 *(12 months)* (note 6)	Actual August 31 2024 *(8 months)*	Actual December 31 2023 *(12 months)*
REVENUES			
CLRC registry services	$ 182,000	$ 118,769	$ 183,114
Dairy classifications	18,000	20,777	20,023
Shows	9,000	5,076	9,377
National integrated genetic services	4,000	3,990	6,248
Interest revenue	2,600	3,265	4,901
Renewal judges licenses	2,400	3,221	0
Milk testing	2,300	2,957	2,423
Yearbook advertisement	1,000	900	550
Semen sales	300	266	0
Judges' training	6,150	0	0
	227,750	159,221	226,636
EXPENDITURES			
Canadian Livestock Record Corporation - levy	72,000	42,965	70,059
Personnel costs	61,325	42,155	51,803
Dairy classification expenses	43,200	18,948	16,353
Shows	11,926	10,831	7,911
Canadian Livestock Record Corporation - other	10,200	7,947	11,907
Audit fees	17,000	7,500	8,500
Genetic evaluation - C.C.S.I.	10,225	6,165	7,500
Office	12,575	5,631	9,737
By-laws	0	1,779	0
Interest and bank charges	0	666	659
National integrated genetic services	4,000	575	3,523
Telephone	800	530	815
Milk testing	255	479	43
Judges' training	7,000	176	0
Quarterly magazine expenses	270	50	1,201
Legal fees	3,500	0	3,330
Annual meeting	20,000	0	0
	274,276	146,397	193,341
NET (DEFICIT) SURPLUS for the period	$ (46,526)	$ 12,824	$ 33,295

	August 31 2024	December 31 2023
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net surplus for the period	$ 12,824	$ 33,295
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable	1,279	1,350
Government remittances receivable	0	137
Prepaid expenses	2,165	(296)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	138	(1,662)
Government remittances payable	994	907
Payroll liabilities payable	1,049	1,169
Deferred income	7,336	(225)
	25,785	34,675
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Investments purchased	(65,000)	(42,128)
Investments matured	29,527	30,000
	(35,473)	(12,128)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH	(9,688)	22,547
NET CASH, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	76,175	53,628
NET CASH, END OF PERIOD	$ 66,487	$ 76,175

1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

Canadian Goat Society is a not for profit organization incorporated under the Livestock Pedigree Act, Canada without share capital. Canadian Goat Society is exempt from income tax. Its purpose is to promote good breeding of goats to obtain higher standards. The majority of revenue for the Society is from membership fees paid by Canadian goat farmers and fees for registering a goat with the Society.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

(a) USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for not for profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Significant areas requiring management's estimates include accrued liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(b) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Measurement of financial instruments
The organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value.

The organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in net surplus.

Impairment
Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. If an impairment has occurred, the carrying amount of financial assets measured at amortized cost is reduced to the greater of the discounted future cash flows expected or the proceeds that could be realized from the sale of the financial asset. The amount of the write-down is recognized in net surplus. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in net surplus.

Transaction costs
The organization recognizes its transaction costs in net income in the period incurred. However, financial instruments that will not be subsequently measured at fair value are adjusted by the transaction costs that are directly attributable to their origination, issuance or assumption.

(c) CONTRIBUTED MATERIALS AND SERVICES

During the year, a number of organizations and individuals donate materials to the

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(d) REVENUE RECOGNITION

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when they are received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Shows revenue is recognized as revenue when these events occur.

Membership fees are recognized as revenue proportionately over the fiscal year to which they relate.

All other revenue is recognized when earned.

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant interest, credit, currency, liquidity, or other price risks arising from the financial instruments.

The extent of the organization's exposure to these risks did not change in 2024 compared to the previous period.

The organization does not have a significant exposure to any individual customer or counterpart.

4. INVESTMENTS

The following investments were on hand as at August 31, 2024:

	August 31 2024	December 31 2023
BMO GIC with interest (3.60%), due May 30, 2024	$ 0	$ 20,000
BMO GIC with interest (4.75%), due June 3, 2024	0	10,035
BMO GIC with interest (4.05%), due September 8, 2024	5,018	5,018
BMO GIC with interest (4.00%), due March 31, 2025	15,000	15,000
BMO GIC with interest (4.20%), due May 29, 2025	10,000	10,000
BMO GIC with interest (4.00%) due May 25, 2026	35,000	0
BMO GIC with interest (4.00%) due June 1, 2026	30,000	0
BMO GIC with interest (5.35%), due October 12, 2027	5,000	5,000
Accrued interest	2,583	2,075
	$ 102,601	$ 67,128

5. CANADIAN LIVESTOCK RECORDS CORPORATION

The organization engages the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC) as a management service for their membership and registration fees. As of period end, CLRC has a net balance of $3,534 (2023 - $2,952) of credits held for the organization's members.

6. BUDGET FIGURES

The budget figures are presented for information purposes, and have been reclassified to conform to the current financial statement presentation. They have not been audited or reviewed. The fiscal 2024 budget was approved before the confirmation was received to change the year-end date. The budget accounts for the period January 1 to December 31, 2024.

Approved By-law amendments

The proposed by-law amendents were presented to the CGS membership at the March 2024 Annual General Meeting and voted on by postal ballot with a return date of June 30, 2024. The CGS Office received notice from Ag Canada on October 22, 2024 of the approval of the amendments which are outlined below.

Section 3.9
Member in Good Standing - A member is in good standing if he is not a suspended member and if his membership fees with the Society have been paid for the current year (as outlined in Section 4.1.a), all other accounts with the Society are current and he has complied with the by-laws and regulations as hereinafter set forth.

For: Thirty (30)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: Zero (0)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 3.16
Wherever these by-laws are silent or there is no pre-existing policy, the Board shall use "The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure" (Revised by the American Institute of Parliamentarians).

For: Thirty (30)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: Zero (0)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 3.17
Official Organ – Shall be in a form and frequency decided by the Board and shall be mailed or electronically distributed to all members as a means of circulating news and program results of the Society and provide information or benefit to the members. It may also be used as a means of distributing ballots to members on those issues requiring their vote.

For: Thirty (30)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: Zero (0)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 4.1 c
Annual Minor Members - Application for membership may be accepted by the Society from any person under 18 years of age, provided the application is signed by the applicant and countersigned by the parent or legal guardian.

For: Twenty eight (28)
Against: Two (2)
Abstain: Zero (0)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 4.2

Application for Annual Membership shall be in such form as decided upon by the Board of Directors, and each applicant, on becoming a member shall agree to be bound by these by-laws and amendments thereto and all rules of the Society, but the Society shall have power to reject any application for membership if considered contrary to the purposes and operating principles of the association

For: Thirty (30)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: Zero (0)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 7.6
Districts 1, 3 and 5 shall have their election of Directors in the years 2023, 2026, 2029 and so on every three years. District 2, 4 and 6 shall have their election of Directors in the years 2024, 2027, 2030 and so on every three years.

For: Twenty-eight (28)
Against: One (1)
Abstain: One (1)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 7.7
Directors shall be elected by postal ballot or by electronic means, in a manner that all members can practically participate.

For: Twenty nine (29)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: One (1)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 7.8
By a circular notice prepaid, the Secretary Manager shall supply all members with a list of all members of their designated district, including both names and addresses. Providing that if the Society has an official organ which is mailed to all members, a notice published therein shall be deemed sufficient. ***be deleted and all subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly.***

For: Twenty eight (30)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: Two (2)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 7.10
In order for a member to qualify as a candidate for the office of Director in his district, he must be nominated in writing by no fewer than ten (10) members in good standing who reside in that District or 10% of the total membership for that District (whichever is the lesser number), and such nominations must be sent by mail or by electronic means to the Head Office of the Society and post-marked not later than June 30th.

For: Twenty nine (29)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: One (1)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 7.12
The Secretary Manager shall, for each district which is voting that year, send ballots by regular prepaid mail or electronically to the members resident in that District on or before July 15 of the election year.

For: Twenty nine (29)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: One (1)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 7.14
If sent by postal mail, along with the ballot, an envelope marked Official Ballot and addressed to the Secretary Manager, shall be sent with instructions to return this containing the ballot only, and that in order to be counted, the ballot must be received at the Head Office of the Society on or before August 15 of the election year. If sent electronically, instructions to return the ballot will be provided, and in order to be counted, the ballot must be received at such place that has been designated by the Board of Directors on or before August 15 of the election year.

For: Twenty nine (29)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: One (1)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 7.17
The successful candidates shall be notified of their election as soon as possible once results are known. The newly elected Board will take office directly prior to the Board of Director meeting(s) which precede the Annual General Meeting, upon signing and submitting a copy of the Canadian Goat Society's Code of Ethics. Newly elected Directors may add items of concern to the agenda for the Board Meeting prior to taking office.

For: Twenty nine (29)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: One (1)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Be it resolved that a new Section number 7.22 which reads:
A Director may be removed from office by the Board of Directors, if a director fails to attend two successive duly called meetings of the Board of Directors without sending regrets or explanation, or conducts himself in a manner inconsistent with the CGS Directors Code of Ethics. This action is subject to notifying the director of the Board's intent in writing, giving the director an opportunity to meet with the Board of Directors to show cause why he should not be removed, and two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors present at a duly called meeting vote in favor of the director's removal.
Be inserted and that all subsequent sections (or paragraphs) be renumbered:

For: Thirty (30)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: Zero (0)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 10.3
The Secretary Manager shall deposit all monies received by the Society into a chartered bank, to the credit of this Society and shall pay same out again by cheque (countersigned by the President or First Vice President), or by other electronic means as determined by the Executive Committee (and with the approval of 2 of 3 of the Executive committee members), or forward the same to CLRC as hereinafter provided.

For: Twenty eight (28)
Against: One (1)
Abstain: One (1)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 10.4
He shall deposit for safekeeping, all securities owned by this Society in a safety deposit vault as may be approved of by the Board and shall withdraw same only in the presence of the President or other officer named by the Board.
be deleted and all subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly:

For: Twenty nine (29)
Against: One (1)
Abstain: Zero (0)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 10.6
He shall keep, or oversee, (in the event of the Society engaging external professional accounting services), the proper books of account containing entries of all such matters or things as are usually entered in books of account and shall furnish from time to time, such statements in detail of the affairs of the Society or other such matters as may be directed by the Executive Committee. The bookkeepers will report to the Secretary Manager.

For: Thirty (30)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: Zero (0)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section number 12.5
The action of any Committee, with the exception of the Executive Committee, is subject to the approval of the Board.

For: Twenty six (26)
Against: Four (4)
Abstain: One (1)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 14.1 & 14.2
14.1 The Society at each annual general meeting shall appoint an Auditor to audit or review the books of Account of the Society and shall present a detailed statement duly audited, or reviewed, of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year and of the assets and liabilities of the Association.
14.2 A full audit of the books of the Society will occur every 3 years (or more frequently at the discretion of the Board of Directors), with a review of the books of the Society occurring in those years a complete audit is not performed.

For: Thirty (30)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: Zero (0)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 16.1
The annual or other general meetings shall be held at the time and place fixed by the Board. A notice of at least thirty (30) days in advance shall be given to all members. This notice shall include the time and place of the meeting and may be sent by circular letter or electronically to all members or by means of the official organ of the Society.

For: Twenty nine (29)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: One (1)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 16.9
A copy of the minutes of all meetings of the Board shall be mailed in a timely fashion following such meeting, to each Director.
be amended to read:
A copy of the Annual Report shall be made available to all members by mail, electronically, or by means of the official organ of the Society, in a manner that all members can practically participate.

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For: Twenty nine (29)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: One (1)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED by the Membership**
Not approved by Ag Canada due to a clerical error wherein the existing bylaw references the meetings of the Board and the proposed amendment references the Annaul Report.

Section 18.2
It shall present a detailed statement fully audited or reviewed of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year and of the assets and liabilities of the Society.

For: Twenty eight (28)
Against: One (1)
Abstain: One (1)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 22.5
Any such by-law amendments so passed by the directors shall then be voted on by the members by postal ballot, electronic ballot or by means of the official organ, (in a manner that all members can practically participate), and in order to be properly sanctioned, must be approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast.

For: Twenty nine (29)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: One (1)
Approved/Defeated? APPROVED

Section 31.1
In the case of the sale of an animal or the interest in an animal or an embryo, the Animal Pedigree Act (APA) requires that all animals sold as registered stock must be officially transferred by the seller and the certificate of the registration presented to the purchaser within 6 months of sale. Unless otherwise agreed upon, the date of sale is the date the animal (s) is paid for in full. Failure to do so on any pretext whatsoever (except under written contract) shall be grounds for expulsion in the case of a member, or for refusal of registration or transfer in the case of a non-member.

For: Twenty nine (29)
Against: Zero (0)
Abstain: One (1)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Section 36
Membership dues and fees charged for registration, transfers and other services and licenses of the Society shall be established at a meeting of the Board by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board at that meeting and shall be enacted by the Board. In the event of an increase in the CLRC levy, the fee structure of the Society is subject to immediate revision at the sole discretion of the Executive.

For: Twenty eight (29)
Against: One (1)
Abstain: One (1)
Approved/Defeated? **APPROVED**

Thank you, once again to the CGS bylaw committee for their assistance with preparing the bylaw amendemnts; Linda Carlson, Sandy Howell, Mike Dietrich,Lauren Topping, Rebecca Lange, Tanya Vickers, Asia Mangan and CGS Board Liason, Susan Frazer.

PUREBRED GOATS REGISTERED IN 2023

BREED	AB	BC	MB	NB	NL	NS	ON	PE	QC	SK	YT	NT	USA	Others	2023 TOTALS	REGISTRATIONS TO DEC. 31/2023
Alpine	4	60	13	0	0	12	72	0	377	17	0	0	0	0	555	45772
Angora	27	3	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	15418
La Mancha	24	29	16	0	0	0	31	0	28	10	0	0	0	0	138	5472
Nigerian Dwarf	298	319	26	3	0	86	340	0	97	60	0	0	0	0	1229	10003
Nubian	140	198	1	1	0	5	236	1	69	45	1	0	0	0	697	41441
Oberhasli	0	14	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	362
Pygmy	17	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	1829
Saanen	23	47	0	0	0	20	482	0	84	20	0	0	0	0	676	28492
Sable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toggenburg	29	8	0	0	0	4	29	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	140	18694
URG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**562**	**678**	**60**	**4**	**0**	**127**	**1214**	**1**	**725**	**152**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3524**	**167483**

Canadian Goat Society

Société Canadienne des Éleveurs de Chèvres

Organized February 23, 1917. Incorporated, Livestock Pedigree Act, August 3, 1917.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RECORD FOR GOATS

KERRY O'DONNELL, SECRETARY	REPRESENTATIVES:
PO Box 726 Roblin, MB R0L 1P0 Tel. 639-921-7788 E-Mail: info@goats.ca	Sandy Howell, Duncan, BC

Members, 2023: 631
Animals registered to December 31, 2023: See next page for Registration Statistics
Deposited to breed account January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023: $196,655.45
Total number of units X unit cost: 8,890.20 X 7.85 = $69,788.07

Goats 2023 Statistics	Registrations		Transfers		Members		
	Purebred	Special Registry (%)	Purebred	Special Registry (%)	Annual	Junior	Life
Ontario	1214	85	665	30	195	17	3
Manitoba	60	14	43	7	22	1	0
Saskatchewan	152	7	62	5	24	1	0
Alberta	562	54	559	29	126	4	0
British Columbia	678	32	654	28	146	4	0
Québec	725	17	206	7	40	1	0
New Brunswick	4	0	13	0	7	0	0
Nova Scotia	127	9	114	1	29	0	0
P.E.I.	1	0	2	0	3	0	0
Nfld & Labrador	0	0	10	0	2	0	0
Yukon	1	0	5	0	1	0	0
United States	0	0	42	0	4	0	0
Others	0	10	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	**3524**	**228**	**2375**	**107**	**600**	**28**	**3**

PERCENTAGE GOATS RECORDED OR REGISTERED IN 2023

BREED	AB	BC	MB	NB	NL	NS	ON	PE	QC	SK	YT	NT	USA	Others	2023 TOTALS	REGISTRATIONS TO DEC. 31/2023
Alpine	17	2	0	0	0	0	10	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	33	15277
British Saanen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	252
British Toggenburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	254
Experimental	5	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	13	1272
La Mancha	28	7	12	0	0	0	9	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	60	5136
Nigerian Dwarf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Nubian	3	4	0	0	0	1	25	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	41	9781
Oberhasli	0	4	2	0	0	0	20	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	28	675
Pygmy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Saanen	0	4	0	0	0	0	6	0	5	0	0	0	0	10	25	14721
Sable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toggenburg	1	0	0	0	0	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	7427
URG	0	8	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	55
TOTALS	**54**	**32**	**14**	**0**	**0**	**9**	**85**	**0**	**17**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**10**	**228**	**54886**

CANADIAN GOAT SOCIETY

FEE SCHEDULE

Effective March 1, 2024

Please add 13% HST to all fees for Ontario
add 15% HST to all fees for Nfld., N.B., N.S. & P.E.I
add 5% GST to all fees for all other provinces

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:
Includes an annual SelBase membership on www.goatgenetics.ca.

Annual Membership Fee, due on January 1st of each year	85.15
Annual Membership Fee AFTER MARCH 31ST each year	110.15

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP - NEW MEMBERS:
includes annual membership fee and choice of Registered herd name and tattoo letters and an annual SelBase membership on www.goatgenetics.ca 95.25

ANNUAL JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: (applicant must be under 18 years of age)
Annual Membership Fee, due on January 1st, of each year. Also includes an annual SelBase membership on www.goatgenetics.ca 50.15

NEW ANNUAL JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (applicant must be under 18 years of age)
includes annual membership fee and choice of Registered herd name and tattoo letters and an annual SelBase membership on www.goatgenetics.ca 60.25

REJECT FEE 35.00

RUSH SERVICE - In addition to regular transaction fee. Must be included in remittance..... 50.65

REGISTRATION & RECORDATION	**Member**	**Non-Member**
ANIMALS BORN IN CANADA		
All animals – up to 18 months	20.65	40.65
18-30 months	30.65	60.65
30-48 months	75.65	150.65
over 48 months	100.65	200.65
Volume Registration (minimum 10) - paperless, electronic	12.65	24.65
URG animals (Unrecorded Grade)	20.65	40.65
IMPORTED ANIMALS:		
All Animals (no age limit)	46.65	92.65
Volume Imports (minimum of 10 animals submitted as a group)	36.65	72.65
TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP	21.75	41.50
VOLUME TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP (minimum 10)	15.65	30.65
WHOLE HERD TRANSFER	31.50	N/A

(1) a family
(2) to settle an estate or partnership (no minimum number of animals required for 1 & 2) or
(3) the transfer of a whole herd with a minimum of 30 animals provided that all animals including semen, embryos and fertilized ova are being transferred to the same owner.
(Updated certificates are not provided. If a certificate is required, the transfer of ownership within 60 days of sale fee will apply.)

Registration of Herd Name	25.00	50.00
Transfer of Ownership of a Herd Name	25.00	50.00
Registration of Tattoo Letters	25.00	50.00
Transfer of ownership of Tattoo Letters	25.00	50.00
Duplicate and Revised (re-issued) certificates (without corrections)	17.00	34.00
Duplicate and Revised (re-issued) certificates (with corrections)	25.00	50.00
Registration of lease agreement	25.00	50.00
DNA Testing	50.65	50.65
G6-S Testing	37.65	37.65

All fees must be paid by VISA, Master Card, or money order or cheque payable to:

Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, 2417 Holly Lane, Ottawa, ON K1V 0M7

Telephone: 1-877-833-7110 (toll free) or 613-731-7110 Fax: 613-731-0704
E-mail: clrc@clrc.ca Website: www.clrc.ca
Do not remit cash.

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