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M I N U T E S

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held via Zoom

November 22, 2025 · 12:00 pm SK Time

Present: Sandy Howell, Susan Frazer, Arnie Steeves, Ted Brooks, Kelly Bidan, Becky Holvik, Callum McLeod, Pier-Marc Tremblay, Arnie Steeves, Brin Jackson, Vanessa Johnne, Tamara Wise, Brian Sullivan, Amanda Lindsay-Peaire, Zoe Thorbergson, Lauren Topping, Rayman Vella, Kathleen Arkes, Mike Dietrich, Joanna Head, Adam Scanlan, Alex Cripps, Sadie Galvin-Hynes, Kerry O'Donnell (Secretary Manager)

1. Called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Callum McLeod with 23 members present at this time and quorum being met and maintained throughout the meeting.

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. Callum McLeod then introduced the S/M.

4. Approval of the agenda

- **Motion to approve the agenda as presented**. Moved by Brin Jackson. Seconded by Amanda Lindsay Peaire. None opposed. **CARRIED**

5. Approval of the minutes from the November 16, 2024 Annual General Meeting.

- **Motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2024 AGM**. Moved by Vanessa Johnne. Seconded by Amanda Lindsay-Peaire. None opposed. **CARRIED**

6. Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

The definition of business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting was shared by Chair

Callum McLeod; Any actions or decisions discussed in the previous meeting that need to be followed up on or addressed in the current meeting. This typically includes unresolved issues, action items assigned to specific individuals, or updates on progress made since the last meeting.

- No business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

7. Director and Committee Reports

7.1 Office Report

- The Office report was included in the AGM package sent to individuals who had registered for the AGM
- The S/M began by noting two items from 2024/2025 that she has been particularly appreciate of; the Board of Director's decision to undertake an entire redesign of the CGS website, and the work undertaken by the various CGS committees to help improve CGS programs.
- The S/M that highlighted certain sections from the Office report
    - Investigation of electronic voting for 2026
    - The work of the Bylaw committee who is currently reviewing the entire Bylaws
    - Integrated Genetic Service Network and the involvement of CGS in a second project proposal for funding.
    - Increase in CLRC fees by 3% effective January 1, 2026, with a corresponding increase in fees charged to members at CLRC. It was noted that CGS continues to incur costs that are not passed on to members such as held application fees and credit card admin fees, totaling just over $6,000.00 in 2024/2025.
    - The work of the Milk Recording Committee was highlighted. Recommendations submitted to the Board and approved included; align requirements for milk stars for Nigerian Dwarfs with the current ADGA scale, contract CCSI to apply a linear formula according to age for Standard breeds, decrease the age on the requirements scale from 2 – 8 to 2 – 0 and to add protein as a third category for earning awards. Fees for both the one-day and 305-day programs will remain unchanged for 2026.
    - The work of the show committee was then presented. It was noted that the bulk of their time had been spent on developing a process for dealing with errors or omissions on Report of Awards. In the past, errors or omissions were not acceptable and wins were invalidated. The process developed sorts errors and omissions into two different categories; those that are considered correctable (can be verified by alternate documents, photos, etc.), and those that are considered non-correctable (related to the identification of an animal – name, tattoo, registration number). Any scenarios outside of these two would be sent to the show committee for a recommendation to the Board. Show fees will remain unchanged for 2026.
    - The Classification program was addressed, noting that there would be a change in the fee structure for meets in 2026. It was explained that CGS caps the number of goats they would like to have Classifiers evaluate in a day at 40. Meets can often have more than 40 animals requiring CGS to send 2 Classifiers to the event. The $300.00 site fee is meant to help offset

the cost of travel and other expenses for the classifiers. $300.00 to offset the costs of two classifiers puts CGS at a significant loss for the event. Starting in 2026, meets will see a fee of $300.00 for up to 40 animals, and $600.00 for meets with greater than 40 animals. A base fee of $300.00 would be payable with the application form, with the remaining $300.00 being invoiced after the event. It was also noted that small changes will be made to the compensation paid to Classifiers with the focus of the renumeration being on their expertise (Classification days), rather than travel days.

- The Type Evaluation Committee's work was discussed, noting that the committee had been holding biweekly meetings to review the entire program, including the Classification manual available to members. Assistance has been received from Brian and Brianna Sillivan at CCSI (Canadian Center for Swine Improvement) by reviewing the programming running behind the program and advising the committee. Classification numbers were up in 2025 compared to the previous year. Fees to participate in the program with remain unchanged for members in 2026
- The Youth Committee highlights included changing the age divisions, changing the age of date from June1 to January 1 of each year and changing the rule that allowed youth to only earn points in their District of residence, to youth being able to earn points in any district and have those points attributed to their province of residence.
- The S/M then asked for any questions or comments. Kelly noted the June 1 to January 1 rule change.

7.2 Financial Report

- The S/M noted the current bank balances in the 3 CGS bank accounts as well as the amount currently held in investments.
- It was pointed out that when viewing the financial statements, one must keep in mind that the previous year's figures only represent an 8-month time period due to the change in fiscal year end.
- While CGS operated at a profit last year, this past year saw a loss of $1,592.00.
- The S/M asked if anyone wanted the financial statements presented line by line. No request to do so was received.
- Chair Callum McLeod noted that the biggest impact on the past financial year was the decline in income seen from transactions at CLRC. Participation in CGS programs has remained stable.
- Amanda Lindsay-Peaire questioned if CGS could invoice members directly for the held application fees that CGS incurs and are not charged back to members by CLRC. The S/M voiced that there is not currently a process in place for this, however the conversation with CLRC could be had to see if this an option.
    - **Motion: To accept the financial statements as presented**. Moved by Amanda Lindsay-Peaire. Seconded by Kelly Bidan. None opposed. **CARRIED**

- **Motion**: **To appoint RLB from Guelph, Ontario as the auditor for 2025**. Moved by Vanessa Johnne. Seconded by Pier-Marc Tremblay None opposed. **CARRIED.**

8. East and West National Show

- Ted Brooks announced the 2026 East and West National Shows
    - 2026 West National Show | July 18, 2026 | Lloydminister, SK | Judge: Julie Matthys
    - 2026 East National Show | September 4 - 7, 2026 | Lac Brome, Quebec | Judge: Thomas Cox

9. CGS Awards and Presentations

- One application was received this year for the Master Breeder Award.
- Congratulations were extended to Adam Scanlan of Givernay Farm, breeder of Saanen Goats for achieving this award for a second time (previously in 2018). Congratulations were received via the chat in support of Adam.

10. Announcement of 2025/2026 CGS Executive

- Callum McLeod announced the newly elected Executive for 2025/2026
    - President – Callum McLeod
    - First Vice President – Kelly Bidan
    - Second Vice President – Pier-Marc Tremblay
- Callum expressed his thanks to Sandy Howell for her many years of leadership with CGS on the Executive Committee as President, as well as to Becky Holvik who served as Second Vice President for the past year. He welcomed new Executive members, Kelly Bidan and Pier-Marc Tremblay and expressed that he was looking forward to working with all his fellow Board members in the upcoming year.

11. Correspondence

- No specific correspondence was received prior to the AGM.
- Chair Callum McLeod noted the passing of Jim Keatley, breeder of LaMancha goats and his contributions to the goat society over the years along with his mentoring of other breeders.

12. Unfinished Business

Callum McLeod shared the following definition of unfinished business: Questions left pending at the previous meeting:

i. A question was being discussed and being dealt with when the **previous** meeting adjourned.
ii. A question was listed on the **previous** meeting's agenda as part of the unfinished business, but was not reached, when the meeting adjourned.

iii. A question had been postponed (made prior General Order) to the **previous** meeting, but was not reached, when the meeting adjourned

- No unfinished business.

13. New Business

- Chair Callum McLeod opened the floor to anyone present at the meeting to ask questions or raise a point, etc. No one stepped forward with any new business
- The Chair encouraged everyone to feel free to contact himself, any of the other Board members or the CGS office if anyone had something come to mind following the meeting or at any other time.

14. Adjourn

- Chair Callum McLeod thanked everyone in attendance.
- Zoe Thorbergson expressed her thanks to the S/M and the CGS Board for a very good year.

- Motion to adjourn at 11:47 a.m. by Mike Dietrich

Minutes recorded by Kerry O'Donnell | Secretary Manager Canadian Goat Society