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REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP

CANADIAN GOAT SOCIETY BOD ZOOM MEETING

June 23, 2026 • 5:00 pm CST (SK time) • 7:00 pm ET

Present: Callum McLeod, Kelly Bidan, Sandy Howell, Ted Brooks, Becky Holvik, Pier-Marc Tremblay , Kerry O'Donnell (CGS Secretary Manager)

Regrets: Susan Frazer, Arnie Steeves

1. **Call to order –** Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Callum McLeod.

Changes or additions to the agenda. Approval of agenda – Request from Becky and Kelly to add discussion around RAWF show committee meeting. Moved to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the RAWF by Sandy Howell. Seconded by Pier-Marc Tremblay. None opposed. Agenda approved.

2. Review of Action Items from the May 26, 2026 meeting.

- The action items from the May 26, 2026 meeting were reviewed.

3. **Approval of previous meeting minutes (May 26, 2026)**

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2026 BOD meeting made by Ted Brooks. Seconded by Pier-Marc Tremblay. None opposed. **CARRIED.**

Review of Reports

Office/Financial Report (Kerry)

- **Milk Recording Programs:** CCSI encountered an issue with data transfer for the 305-day program (on CCSI's end) and are working to resolve the issue.

- **CGS Director nominations:** As of June 18th, one nomination has been received for District 3. No nominations have been received for Districts 1 and 5. Pier-Marc has indicated that he will not be letting his name stand for the upcoming election. Deadline for nominations is June 30th.

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- **Online voting platform:** The CGS reviewed a number of online voting platforms and trialed 2 platforms that offered the option of purchasing single use events as opposed to annual subscriptions (Association voting and Simply Voting). With the anticipation that proposed bylaw amendments will be forwarded to members for voting, the CGS office would like to recommend the use of the online platform – Association Voting – for this purpose of elections, based on price point and ease of use. Below is a comparison of the 3 platforms reviewed with pricing.

	Association Voting	**Simply Voting**	**Nemo vote**
Price up to 500 voters	$199.00 US	$300.00 US	$435.00 US
Price 550 voters	$299.00 US	$320.00 US	$509.00 US

MOTION: To utilize the Association Voting platform for future voting purposes for those members with electronic access. Moved by Kelly Bidan. Seconded by Sandy Howell. None opposed. **CARRIED.**

- **JLC –** The first JLC of the year took place in Alberta on June 6 & 7. No issues were reported back to the office. The coordinator and panel members indicated that they will compile some feedback. 1 individual has signed up for the Maritimes JLC to date and 3 people have signed up for the Ontario JLC.

- **CNGF –** CNGF requested a meeting with the CGS office and the CGS representative to CNGF (Susan Frazer) to discuss concerns from the dairy goat sector regarding Traceability and identifiers. The office met with CNGF on June 11. The concerns from miniature breed goat owners in particular were focused on in regards to ear sizes in the miniature breeds, the size of RFID tags, tattoos and the lack of practical size to accommodate tags and tattoos particularly in very young stock. CNGF stated that they are currently working with CFIA and CCIA to investigate alternate options for identifiers.

- **ADGA sanctioned show at Ancaster 2026:** No further updates from ADGA.

- **Replacement certificates for members:** The cost to members for replacement certificates (Select Doe, *S , show leg, etc.) is currently set at $15.00 ea. A member has contacted the office after having all of her certificates stolen and is looking at having 26 certificates reissued. At the current pricing this would cost $390.00. The actual cost to reprint is approximately $3.55 with postage included. The S/M queried if there is any consideration to offer a lower cost on the event multiple certificates need replacing. After discussion, it was agreed that a cost of $4.00 per certificate would be reflective of the current price for CGS to replace a certificate.

  MOTION: That the fee for replacement CGS certificates be reduced to a cost set by the CGS Board of Directors for bulk replacement requests of 20 or more certificates. Moved by Kelly Bidan. Seconded by Sandy Howell. None opposed. **CARRIED.**

- **2026 Classification Program** – Classification is well underway Two minor adjustments have been made to the program related to previous scores being populated as soon as the animal ID is entered and max heights for ND's.

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- **CGS Promotional Items/CGS logo:** The CGS promo e-store was launched in May with a total of 7 orders placed to date. Discussion took place regarding the timing for the opening of the store again. It was felt that having the store re-open now would be appropriate with a closing date that would accommodate item delivery by the end of August.

Financial Report

The balances in the CGS BMO accounts as of June 18, 2026 are:

BMO chequing - $992.94
BMO savings - $71,479.07
Balance on BMO Master Card - $0.00

- Callum questioned the line item "socks". The S/M noted that on the last report, previously deleted line items re-appeared on the report.

MOTION: To accept the financial reports as presented. Moved by Ted Brooks. Seconded by Kelly Bidan. None opposed. **CARRIED**

Executive Committee Report (Callum, Kelly, Pier-Marc)

- Nothing to report

CNGF

- Susan was not present at the meeting. It was reported that the extension for comments had been published on the CGS Facebook page. The S/M reported that she had a conversation with CNGF noting the particular concerns of the breeders of miniature breed goats and the challenges of tattoos and identifiers being placed in the ear.

Milk Recording Committee Report – Sandy Howell

- Sandy reported that committee held a meeting on June 10th and that the committee has a new member – Robyn Andersen.

Show Committee Report – Ted Brooks

- No meeting has been arranged. Callum reported that Kathleen Arkes has also worked on a document for first time show organizers and will be working on a document that addresses champion challenge classes.

Type Evaluation Report – Arnie Steeves

- No report

Classification Report – Susan Frazer

- No report

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Youth Committee Report – Becky Holvik

- Nothing to report

JLC Committee Report – Callum McLeod

- Callum reported that in speaking with two of the panel members, individuals in attendance were pleased with the onsite training.

Bylaw Committee – Susan Frazer

- Proposed bylaw amendments to be discussed following new business

5. **New Business**

RAWF Show Committee Meeting - Becky and Kelly relayed that at a recent RAWF show committee meeting, Becky encouraged the Royal to always put in a bid for the East National. Representatives of the Royal stated that they had been encouraged by "CGS" not to put in a bid and to let Quebec host the 2026 show. The S/M queried if "CGS" told the Royal not to put a bid in, who were they referring to. Becky and Kelly reported that they were not aware of who the Royal was referring to. The S/M clarified that that message did not come from the CGS office and that since starting with CGS in 2023, the Royal has submitted bids for 2 consecutive years in a row. The S/M also clarified that a bid has already been received form the Royal for 2027.

Proposed by-law amendments – The S/M reported that 10 signatures of support had been received for the proposed by-law amendments that had been developed by the by-law committee over the past year. Each proposed by-law amendment was individually reviewed by the Board. The S/M clarified that once agreed upon, the amendments would be sent to Ag Canada and CLRC for review and comments.

MOTION: To approve the bylaw amendments as presented, with the incorporation of the proposed changes. Moved by Ted Brooks. Seconded by: Kelly Bidan. None opposed. **CARRIED**.

6. Next Meeting - Tuesday September 22, 2026 at 5 p.m. SK time

7. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by Kelly Bidan

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