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REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP

CANADIAN GOAT SOCIETY BOD ZOOM MEETING

September 22, 2026 • 5:00 pm CST (SK time) • 7:00 pm ET

Present: Callum McLeod, Kelly Bidan, Sandy Howell, Ted Brooks, Susan Frazer, Arnie Steeves, Kerry O'Donnell (CGS Secretary Manager)

Regrets: Becky Holvik, Pier-Marc Tremblay

1. **Call to order –** Meeting called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Chair Callum McLeod.

Changes or additions to the agenda. Approval of agenda. An addition to the agenda was requested by Kelly Bidan – member question re: deadlines for JLC's. Agenda accepted as present with additional item requested by Kelly. Moved by Susan Frazer. Seconded by Kelly Bidan. None opposed. Agenda approved.

2. **Review of Action Items from the June 23, 2026 meeting.**

Action Items
Kerry

- Contact CGS member re: pricing on bulk replacement of certificates - **DONE**
- Contact promo company re: re-opening e-store for summer show season (with delivery targeted for end of August). **DONE – Company no longer willing to work with CGS d/t low sales**
- Revise proposed bylaw amendments as discussed by the BOD and prepare for submission to CLRC and Ag Canada for review/comments. **DONE – Comments received back from Ag Canada**

3. **Approval of previous meeting minutes (June 23, 2026)**
Motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2026 BOD meeting made by Kelly Bidan. Seconded by Ted Brooks. None opposed. **CARRIED.**

Review of Reports
Office Report

- **Milk Recording Programs:** The CGS office reported on continuing to work with CCSI and Lactanet over the summer to resolve data transfer issues, reissuing reports and processing of Star P awards for lactations ending February 28,

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2026. As of September 15, Star P certificates have been issued for 5 of the 9 herds on 305 in 2025/2026. Updated finalized reports for 2 of the remaining herds have now been received at the office and 2 herds remain outstanding pending updates on Lactanet's end.

- **CGS Director nominations:** District 5 (Quebec) did not receive any Director nominations by the nomination deadline. Subsequently, the office was contacted with an interested CGS member from Quebec (Jade Pinel). The write up received from Jade Pinel was circulated to the Board.

  MOTION: To appoint Jade Pinel to the CGS Board of Directors for District 5 (Quebec), joining the Board after the AGM. Moved by Ted Brooks. Seconded by Kelly Bidan. None opposed. **CARRIED.**

- **JLC –** The first JLC of the year saw 3 current CGS Judges successfully maintain their licenses and 1 new Judge obtaining an Apprentice license. Costs for the event exceeded the $2500.00 funding cap provided by CGS. The event hosts have reimbursed CGS the $1337.07 overage. The Maritime's JLC is being held the weekend of September 26 – 27th. Results of the online exams and all written material for the candidates have been mailed and received by the Panel coordinator (Arnie Steeves). 4 candidates and 1 auditor will be in attendance. The CGS office and the organizers have been in communication regarding budget and costs for the event. Hotel sponsorship for the panel members was obtained, and it is anticipated that the event will not exceed the $2500.00 provided in funding. The Ontario JLC will be held October 17 – 18th in Ancaster. 10 Full candidates are registered. A pre JLC candidates Zoom meeting was offered to the Maritimes participants which had no uptake. A pre JLC candidates Zoom meeting was offered to the Ontario JLC candidates with no one indicating that they wished to attend. The meeting was cancelled. Following the cancellation some of the candidates indicated they would like to participate. An alternate date is being explored. The Ontario JLC panel member meeting is scheduled for October 6th. Kelly relayed a message that she had received from a member regarding the registration deadlines for JLC questioning the reasoning for a deadline 60 days in advance. The S/M reported receiving email correspondence from this member regarding the steps to obtaining a CGS Judges license. The office responded with the frequency JLC's are held, where announcements of upcoming JLC's can be found, and outlined the 3 that were offered in 2026 and noted that unfortunately, all deadlines to apply had passed. Copies of the JLC manual and policy and procedure manual were forwarded as well. The S/M offered to send another email to the member outlining some of the rationale behind the need for the deadlines.

- **CNGF –** CNGF is currently running tag trials. While attending a CNGF meeting, the S/M queried if miniature breeds were being sought out to participate. Following the meeting, the office sent out an email blast targeted to known Nigerian Dwarf breeders with the tag trial information and contact information.

- **CGS Promotional Items/CGS logo:** As noted to the Board via email, the company that CGS had been working with for promotional items informed the CGS office that they would not be continuing working with us due to a low volume of orders (7 orders in total placed during the times the CGS store was open). The office questioned if the Board would like the office to pursue another company that might meet CGS's needs. It was noted that only having the store open for specific time frames may have been a barrier to sales and that having it open continually might be a better fit. It was also noted a fair amount of time was spent finding a suitable company that did not

have up front costs, limited items in the store, exorbitant shipping costs, etc. It was agreed that the SM would look further this winter. Kelly agreed to assist with the search by reaching out to contacts she has in that business.

- **Genetic Services Network:** Meetings of the GSN were held on July 21 and September 3, 2026. Work at those meetings focused on establishing a framework for the role of the future Project Manager, communication channels and roles and responsibilities for the GSN chair, steering committee and sub-committees. A project manager sub-committee was formed (with the CGS S/M taking part in that committee). The job description was posted and shared on the CGS Facebook page. A number of applications were received by the deadline. The hiring committee used a hiring matrix to evaluate the candidates and met again on September 18th to select the candidates that will be offered an interview.

- **CGS Database & Genetic Evaluations**: An initial email was sent to Holstein Canada to gauge their interest in working with CGS to host the database and genetic evaluations. A follow up email has been sent, with no response to date. Brian Sullivan met with AgSights to provide them with a high level view of the services CCSI currently provides for us. Betty-Jo Almond from AgSights will be approaching her BOD September 28th to gauge their interest in exploring possibilities to work with CGS.

- **Classification :** All herds who applied for Classification services for this year have now been evaluated. One final expense claim is outstanding. Reviewing income vs expenses to date, the program is running at an overall loss of approximately $3500.00 this year (not including expenses related to postage to mail equipment back and forth, hardware/software expenses. CCSI expenses, CGS office time, etc). When changes were made to the fee schedule for Classification services earlier this year, the additional $300.00 fee was put in place for meets with > 60 animals to offset the cost of bringing in the second classifier. This was not put in place for large herds in general. The office questioned if some thought may need to be put into this for 2027. Callum questioned if the Board needs to reevaluate what the expectation of this program is – generate profit, cost neutral, subsidized? It was questioned if Classifiers are expected to spend 8 minutes per animal, why can Classifiers not evaluate more than 40 animals in a day. It was noted that not every animal is going to fit within the 8 min timeframe – some will take longer for a variety of reasons. The S/M noted that there is a pre AGM meeting for the Directors to discuss the TE program.

	# Herds Classified	# Animals Classified	Profit/Loss	Notes
2024	44	544	-$2405.56	
2025	55	622	-$10,766.03	In person Classifier training held
2026	59	703	-$3500.00 (to date)	

- **CGS Communications:** The CGS Fall Newsletter was distributed to members in the latter part of the week of September 14th. Work on the 2026 CGS Yearbook will be beginning in the near future. The office questioned if the Board is in favor of using the same format for 2026 as in 2023, 2024 and 2025 (including the use of the graphic designer and mailing house)? The CGS office has contacted the graphic designer used in previous years and she is available again this year, if the Board chooses to go that route. The Board was in agreement to use the same format for 2026 and to work with the same partners.

- **Show Program:** The 2026 show season has been uneventful to date. One Reserve Grand Champion doe was D/Q'd on receipt of the ROA at the CGS office due to an incorrect tattoo and registration being recorded on the ROA. The show secretary and owner of the animal were notified. The 2026 show season is coming to an end with 11 shows left to take place this year. The West National Banner was returned to the CGS Office by the SGBA. The office was contacted by the East National show Judge to inform me that the ROA has not been sent pending payment for his services by the host Fair.

- **Proposed Bylaw Amendments:** The proposed bylaw amendments were forwarded to CLRC and Ag Canada for comment and review in the latter part of July. Comments from Ag Canada were received back September 11th. None of the proposed bylaw amendments were noted to be completely unacceptable by Ag Canada. Comments were made on 3; (12.4, 16.1, 25.1) with suggestions for slight changes in wording. The CGS office emailed Ag Canada September 14th with a reply to their comments and also asked for confirmation that either version of 16.2 (proxy voting) was acceptable. Either version would be considered acceptable. (Copy of Ag Canada and CGS office responses were attached as a separate document for review and approval to present to membership at the 2026 AGM). The amendments with the revisions following Ag Canada's comments were discussed by the Board along with revisions to Section 32.5. The Board was in agreement to present the proposed bylaw amendments to the 2026 AGM with the revisions as presented.

- **Section 35** – **Complaints.** As previously agreed upon by the Board, a proposed bylaw amendment will be presented that deletes the complaints section from the bylaws. This would be replaced by an internal policy. The S/M forwarded two versions of a complaint policy – one that was worked on by the bylaw committee, and an alternate version which avoids the use of court-like terms such as "guilt or innocence," "accused," "charges" and "cross-examine". It was noted by the S/M that the two versions of the complaint policy did not need to be discussed at this meeting as they would only be in place if the current section on complaints is removed from the bylaws.

- **CGS Financial Review:** The office reported that work is underway with the auditors for the 2026 year end financial review. Pre-submission of documents and files have been provided to the auditors and the review has been scheduled to start on September 21st. The auditors require a minimum 5 week turn around time to complete the review. The earliest the draft statements would be available would be the week of October 26th. The office reported that no set-backs are anticipated in completing the financial review.

- **CGS AGM:** As agreed upon by e-mail, the date for the 2026 AGM is **Saturday, November 28th at 1:00 p.m. ET.** Notice of the AGM is being published in the Fall CGS Newsletter (with Ag Canada and CLRC being provided a copy of the newsletter to include them in the notification). As in prior years, the office will create the proceedings for the AGM and circulate them to attendees prior to the event. The Board was in agreement with the following proposed pre-AGM meeting dates suggested by the S/M. It was agreed that all meetings would be held at 7 p.m. ET.
    - October 7: 2025/2026 budget, review of CLRC fees (if updated fee schedule available)
    - October 13: Show Program & Type Evaluation– Costs to run, recommended changes and fee review
    - October 20: Milk Recording Program - recommended changes and fee review

- October 27: CLRC Fee schedule and revisit budget (if required). Election of CGS Executive. Roles and responsibilities for AGM.
- November 3: Possible meeting to approve draft financials OR approve prior by email.

Financial Report

The bookkeeper reports for the months of July and August were previously circulated to the Board.
The balances in the CGS BMO accounts as of September 15, 2026 are:

BMO chequing - $357.54
BMO savings - $44,188.70
Balance on BMO Master Card - $866.27 (balance to be paid prior to due date of October 5, 2026)

MOTION: To accept the financial reports as presented. Moved by Sandy Howell. Seconded by Susan Frazer. None opposed. **CARRIED**

BANK BALANCES	BMO savings (Aug 30)	BMO chequing (Aug 30)	CIBC	TOTAL
August 2025	$46,770.03	$628.84	$4314.27	$51,713.14
August 2026	$44,188.70	$357.54	$0.00	$44,546.24

- The S/M reported that a $5000.00 GIC (5 X $1000.00) that was invested in 2024 came to maturity on September 9, 2026. Due to an oversight at BMO, $4000.00 (plus the accrued interest) was reinvested and $1000.00 (plus accrued interest) was deposited to the BMO chequing account. The original interest rate was 3.75%. The $4000.00 that was reinvested was done so at the interest rate on the day it matured (2.75%). Interest rates have since risen. The S/M reported there is a 15 day window following the date the GIC's matured to make changes (ie cash out all of the GIC's, reinvest in a different plan, etc). Options for various GIC's and their associated interest rates were provided to the Board. The S/M suggested to the Board that they consider having the 4 $1000.00 GIC's that were automatically reinvested invested in a GIC with a higher rate of return and that the 1 $1000.00 GI that was deposited into the BMO chequing account be reinvested with the other $4000.00.

MOTION: To invest the $5000,00 GIC (plus accrued interest) that came to maturity on September 9, 2026 into a BMO guaranteed investment certificate GIC at 3.2% interest rate for a term of 23 months. (Preferably invested as a single amount, but invested as 5 individual GIC's if need be). Moved by Ted Brooks. Seconded by Kelly Bidan. None opposed. **CARRIED.**

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

- Nothing to report

CNGF – Susan Frazer

- Susan reported that tag trials are currently underway at CNGF and that two individuals with Nigerian

Dwarfs inquired about the trials and possible participation.

Milk Recording Committee– Sandy Howell

- Sandy reported that the committee held a meeting earlier today and that recommendations should be available for the next Board meeting.

Show Committee Report – Ted Brooks

- Nothing new over the summer

Type Evaluation Report – Arnie Steeves

- Nothing new over the summer

Classification Report – Susan Frazer

- Nothing new over the summer

Youth Committee Report – Becky Holvik

- Nothing new over the summer

JLC Committee Report – Callum McLeod

- Callum reported that a marking rubric guide was developed for trial at the West JLC in June. This has been forwarded to the East and Maritimes JLC panels and they have been encouraged to trial it and provide feedback at their upcoming JLC's.

Bylaw Committee – Susan Frazer

- Previously discussed in the office report.

5. **New Business**

- **Member request for Classification refund -** The S/M received correspondence from a member who paid for classification services in 2026 and was requesting a refund due to personal injury necessitating the cancellation.

  MOTION: To issue a credit to the member for the classification fees paid in 2026. The credit is to be applied to any of the CGS performance programs in 2027. Moved by Kelly Bidan. Seconded by Sandy Howell. None opposed. **CARRIED.**

- **Awarding 2027 East National Show -** Only one application was received to host the East National Show for 2027 (from the RAWF). It was questioned if the show is separately sanctioned for Juniors and Seniors. The office clarified that is an Open show.

  MOTION: To award the 2027 East National Show to the Royal winter Agricultural Fair. Moved by Kelly Bidan. Seconded by Callum. None opposed. **CARRIED.**

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- **Approval of UK Dairy Goat Show at 2027 RAWF Show** – A request was received for the Board to consider approving Nick Parr from the UK as the judge for the 2027 RAWF dairy goat show. The S/M previously circulated the information provided about the Judge and confirmed that he is listed as a current licensed judge on the British Dairy Goat website. Callum noted that this judge has judged throughout Europe as well as in Australia. The S/M noted that every judge that is not CGS licensed who is judging a CGS show is sent a letter highlighting important differences, the current CGS show rules and scorecards. It was suggested that in addition to this, perhaps a short meeting could be arranged with the UK Judge prior to the show to help ensure CGS rules and scorecards are used. It was agreed that the CGS office should contact the RAWF show organizers and inform them that Nick Parr is approved to judge the 2027 RAWF show. Callum offered to draft a process that CGS could follow to help ensure CGS rules and scorecards are followed in time for the show review meeting in October.

- **Dairy Goat Show at RAWF 2026 –** The office reported that no application form was submitted by the RAWF to hold a show in 2026. It had been previously reported that the RAWF did not submit an application for the 2026 east national show in error and that show was awarded to Quebec. The S/M contacted the RAWF to clarify their intentions for 2026 and a show application was received to hold an open doe show on November 7, 2026. It was noted that certificates were ordered in lieu of rosettes.

6.Next Meeting – Wednesday October 7, 2026 at 5 p.m. SK time

7. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. by Ted Brooks

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