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Thank You for your Response! Here are the results of the voting on the constitutional amendments submitted to members in December.

- 1) Provide clarification on the non-voting status of Junior membership. PASSED
- 2) Update the year letter to reflect current year forward. PASSED
- 3) Provide clarification in grading up section that only voting members will be polled. PASSED
- 4) The acceptance of Canadian Arcott breed for grading up. DEFEATED

Remember, without your vote, we cannot proceed, so we appreciate you taking the time to submit your results.

Annual Meeting: The 130th Annual General Meeting was held in Leduc on March 23rd, 2019. This past year was a less aggressive year for marketing and promotions but still an ongoing opportunity for education and development. The new CLRC website was launched and in 2018, we introduced a grant for GenOvis training available to all provinces, where CSBA would pay half up to \$1500. We still allocated funds for research to improve the sheep industry as a whole, but still produced a profit of \$9435. This was beneficial as CSBA showed a loss of \$16,269 in 2017, although that was in line with the anticipated budget. Originally we had budgeted another loss but were able to postpone the production of promotional material until next year. There was a 4% decrease in membership but a significant rise in registrations (18%) and transfers (9%). In 2018, 488 free memberships were handed out for members purchasing a purebred animal for the first time (down from 559 in 2017) and bulk discount amounts were credited back in the amount of \$23,050. The board's significant accomplishments in moving forward with the CSBA's business plan in 2018 included:

- funding commitment to new research projects: Pregnancy Toxemia Research (\$3067/year for 3 years) we were pleased to have other industry support for this shared project allowing CSBA to fund further projects, CIDR Project: Detection of heat cycles \$2500 for one year, FSH in heat and ovulation synchronization (\$1500/year for 2 years) and the final payment for the pneumonia vaccine which was \$8000/year for 3 years
- implement the 3rd annual photo contest with over 40 entries
- the completion of the first year of the Junior Director position that was filled by Jonathan Parkinson
- completed the third year of the bulk option for registrations and transfers: pricing breaks in place based on the number of animals registered each year. A rebate is calculated and applied to membership accounts.
- sponsoring the 2018 All Canada Classic, which was held in Truro, Nova Scotia. Buyers from all 10 provinces purchased 188 of the 197 animals offered for sale. Prices averaged \$551 for ewes and \$779 for rams. The Provincial Association and CSBA shared a small profit of \$852.
- maintaining an equal partnership in the support of GenOvis (Canada's genetic evaluation program) (\$10,000/year)
- continue with providing the "Guide to Breeding Stock Selection", or "conformation booklet"
- funding The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (\$1500), Agribition (\$500) and 8 provincial level 4-H shows (\$250 each)
- continue to provide social media options through the CSBA website, Facebook and Classic Facebook accounts

- provide scholarship opportunities including 2 winners in 2018 to Amélie Blanchard and Travis Dow.

CSBA would like to extend a huge thank you to Roger Albers of Albers Sheep & Goat from Stony Plain who provided our directors and members a tour of their facility during our AGM held in Leduc.

News from the AGM: The AGM minutes, President's report and provincial reports can be found on the website. You can also find the financials as well as the updated CSBA Activities for the year. This is the yearly opportunity for the board to get together in one room and discuss, vote and implement the yearly budget, constitution, research ideas, health issues, promotions, market access discussion, Classic, CLRC direction, and business plan. It's an intensive but rewarding time for the board to meet and share ideas, strategies and direction for the sheep industry. We would like to welcome Sheri Bieganski, Keith Todd and Bev Greenwell to the board this year and also extend a huge thank you to Sarah Lewis, Colleen Acres and Lorea Tomsin for their dedication and contributions to the board in 2018.

One of the motions that passed was for the bulk transfer discounts for 2019 and CSBA is pleased to offer another level of discounts which include:

25-49= \$ 1.00
50-74 = \$ 1.50
75-249 = \$ 2.00
250-499 = \$ 2.50
500 + = \$ 3.00

These rebates are calculated for the year and then are applied as a credit to your account for the following year to be used for future transfers and registrations.

CSBA will also continue with a free membership for anyone purchasing a purebred animal for the first time! Contact the CLRC office for any questions regarding membership, registrations and transfers. Sarah can be reached at 1-877-833-7110 ext 306.

The 2020 AGM is scheduled to take place in Nova Scotia.

The Purebred Sheep Breeders of Ontario is pleased to be hosting the 2020 Classic in Ancaster Ontario. Be sure to keep updated on the website and Classic Facebook page!

Provincial CSBA Directors: Please contact your local directors with ideas and comments regarding Canada's registered sheep industry.

BC – Bev Greenwell (250-295-6419) or happyhollow@nethop.net

AB - Glen Parker (403-443-7220) or gkparker@explornet.com

SK - Kim MacDougall (306-545-6190)

MB – Sheri Bieganski (Executive) (204-834-2986) or jeffandsheri@mymts.net

ON – Keith Todd (Vice-President) (519-528-2650) toddsheepco@hurontel.on.ca and Ted Skinner (905-263-2102) charollais@live.ca ;

QC - Johanne Cameron (450-584-3997), Trenholm Nelson (819-826-3066) and David Mastine (Executive) (819-848-2538)

NB/PEI/NL - Jocelyne McGraw (506-532-5689) or jjmcgraw@nbnet.nb.ca

NS - Bruce Sinclair (President) (902-783-2093).

CSBA 3rd Annual Photo Contest: There was an impressive amount of entries for the photo contest! It was a tough decision with over 40 entries to choose from. Votes were calculated at the AGM and the following are the results.

1st Place winner - Breckrow Farms: "Yes, we see you!" North Country Cheviots

2nd Place Winner was a tie between Riparian Ranch: "Partners In Crime" Blackface and Isle of Skye Cheviots "I'm Gonna Get Y'all" North Country Cheviots.

First place was awarded a \$100 credit at CLRC and second place was awarded a \$50 credit at CLRC. Please view the winning entries on the CSBA's website or Facebook page.

2019 All Canada Sheep Classic: The Saskatchewan Sheep Breeders' Association, Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board and the CSBA are preparing for the 2019 All Canada Classic, which will be held in Humboldt, Saskatchewan from July 18-21, 2019.

The tentative schedule, rules, entry forms, advertising information and list of accommodations are available on the CSBA website. Entries and advertisements must be received by May 19th. The CSBA will again be accepting online entries for the 2019 Classic. The online entry system, which links directly to the CLRC's website, improves entry efficiency and accuracy. Please familiarize yourself with the online system well before May 19th to allow time to address any questions or issues related to complicated entries. Please contact the CSBA office if you have any questions.

Since 2016, the CSBA has gradually been implementing tail length requirements for the Classic show and sale. No animals were culled for tail length in 2016, but producers with animals that had a "divot", or indentation, received a warning. In 2017, animals with a "divot", or indentation, will be culled from the show. By 2018, all sheep entered in the Classic will be required to have a caudal fold that can be seen or felt. Further information can be found on the website at www.sheepbreeders.ca

For more information on the Classic, please contact:

Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board: Gordon Schroeder 1-306-933-5582

CSBA Representative: Kim MacDougall 1-306-539-6764

Entries : Linda Brandes CSBA Office 1-866-956-1116 office@sheepbreeders.ca

Advertising: Print ready ads and inquiries can be sent by email to Linda Stevens SSDB;

lindasheepdb@sasktel.net or 1-306-933-5201. General advertising inquiries directed to Gord SSDB 1-306-933-5582.

In order to stay on the mailing list, it is important to have a current CSBA membership and active email address. Please renew your membership now by contacting the CLRC on-line at www.clrc.ca or by calling Sarah Holmes at 1-877-833-7110 ext. 306.