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2012 CSBA FALL UPDATE

Scholarship: The board of directors is pleased to announce that Hannah Porteous is the recipient of the very first CSBA scholarship. Hannah is finishing her 4th year at the University of Guelph, where she is studying animal biology and she plans to apply to veterinary school later this year. Hannah was raised on a purebred sheep farm near Chatsworth, ON where she has demonstrated leadership in agriculture by acting as president of the local 4-H Sheep Club for three years, winning the Ladies Lead competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and by being elected as the director for the University of Guelph's annual College Royal's Livestock Show. Hannah has also participated in, or assisted with, the All Canada Sheep Classic and the Ontario Suffolk Sheep Association's Terminal Sire Sale. Congratulations Hannah!

The board thanks all of the highly qualified applicants and encourages them to reapply in 2013.

The CSBA scholarship is offered to students who are enrolled in a university or college program and who are either current CSBA members or children/grandchildren of current CSBA members. Preference is given to students who are actively involved with the sheep or agriculture industries. The scholarship application form will be made available on the CSBA's website again in 2013 in preparation for the 2013/2014 academic year.

Canada's Outstanding Young Farmer: Congratulations to Johanne Cameron and Martin Brodeur Choquette for winning the title of Outstanding Young Farmer in Quebec. This is the first time that a sheep producer has won the competition in Quebec. Johanne and Martin competed against two dairy farms and an organic vegetable farm and they will move on to the national competition in Prince Edward Island at the end of November. Johanne and Martin breed Hampshire, Border Leicester and Romanov, while also maintaining a commercial flock (650 ewes). The entire flock is enrolled on the national genetic evaluation program, GenOvis, as genetics play an important role in their management system. On average, the farm produces 1200 lambs per year, as well as soybeans, corn, wheat, barley and seed. Johanne and Martin have been active members of the sheep industry for many years and Johanne is a current director of the CSBA. More details about the competition will be available on the CSBA's website in the near future.

Imported genetics and International Breed Associations: In order for imported animals, or offspring born from imported semen or embryos to be registered in Canada, the CSBA must recognize the international breed association that the animal is currently registered with. Each association may have very different rules of eligibility and breed standards, so the CSBA must insure that imported animals are of the same quality as Canadian animals.

In reviewing international associations, the CSBA considers 5 main criteria: 1) Is there a documented breed standard and does it match the Canadian breed standard? 2) What requirement exists for permanent identification? 3) Does the pedigree record 4 generations for the ram and the ewe? 4) Is grading up permitted in the registry? If so, how is it recorded on the registration paper? 5) Is the registration process handled by a legitimate registry with an official registrar?

There are currently over 70 approved international associations, the names of which are available on the CSBA's website or through the CLRC. Any animal registered with an association that appears on this list should be able to be registered with the CSBA. However, you are strongly advised to provide Lorna

Woolsey, the sheep registrar at the CLRC, with a copy of the animal's registration paper to be sure that there are no concerns PRIOR to import. If the association you are interested in does not appear on the list of approved associations, please submit the name of the association to the CSBA office for review. Collecting information from the associations and discussion/review by the board can take time, so please submit your request well in advance of the expected importation.

The CSBA's breed standard committee is in the process of reviewing all of the associations that are currently approved in order to provide up to date information to Canadian producers. Some associations are at risk of being removed from the "approved" list because they do not meet the CSBA's current rules of eligibility. If you have thoughts or concerns about this topic, please contact your provincial CSBA director.

Sale of Purebred Sheep: The board of directors has updated the recommended terms and conditions for breeders to use in the sale of registered sheep. Having an agreement in place before any sale occurs will help guide the buyer and seller, should a problem arise. Good communication and breeder integrity are essential in building a reputable business and industry. The terms and conditions document is available in the Member's Resources section of the CSBA's website and can be used for sales transactions. The document may also be taken to a printer to create invoice pads that meet your own needs.

The Animal Pedigree Act is very clear about the use of terms "purebred" and "registered" in sale transactions. If either of these terms is used to describe an animal, the buyer should expect registration papers to follow. Any buyer who purchases an animal sold as an "unregistered purebred," may also be legally entitled to receive the registration papers. If an animal is registered in an association outside of Canada, the seller must be very clear that the animal will not be registered in Canada.

If a producer wishes to sell unregistered animals, they may state, for example, that the animal has "2 purebred, registered parents" of a particular breed, but they must state, in writing, that the animal is being sold as unregistered or without papers and that neither it, nor any of its progeny, will be eligible for registration in Canada. It is advisable to have the buyer acknowledge, in writing, that the unregistered animal is being sold without papers and will not be eligible for registration.

It is important to remember that the Animal Pedigree Act requires that registration papers be transferred to the buyer within 6 months of the sale. Failing to transfer papers to the buyer can result in fines and membership suspension or expulsion from the CSBA.

Quebec members: please submit all 2012 animal registration requests by December 1st. The CLRC is closed over the holidays and time is required to process the registrations before year-end. As requested by your provincial association, late registrations will no longer be backdated to December 31st.

Annual General Meeting:

The CSBA's AGM will be held in Quebec on March 9, 2013. Details will be mailed to each member in January.

All Canada Sheep Classic:

The 2013 All Canada Sheep Classic will be held in Barriere, BC, which is 45 minutes northwest of Kamloops, from June 28-30. Rules and entry forms will be sent out by mail in January.

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 Lorna Woolsey at 1-877-833-7110 ext. 306.