



# Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association

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## La Société Canadienne des Éleveurs de Moutons

### **General Manager Position:**

The CSBA's board of directors unfortunately must announce that Stacey White will be transitioning out of the position of the CSBA's general manager. The board of directors will find a replacement by the end of 2017. While continuing on with his veterinary practice and farm, Stacey will support the new general manager for at least a year to ensure a smooth and productive transition. For anyone interested in filling the role of CSBA general manager, please see the information below.

**Hiring:** General Manager of the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association (CSBA) Reporting directly to the President, the General Manager is responsible for carrying out the affairs of the CSBA. The CSBA is a national non-profit association of over 1200 breeders of purebred sheep across Canada. Operated by 11 directors who are elected by the membership, the CSBA is dedicated to working on behalf of sheep breeders across the country. Recent CSBA activities include genetic evaluation, the annual, national All Canada Sheep Classic show and sale, health program development, national and international market promotion and policy development. This flexible, home-based, part-time position is offered initially with a contract for 2 years, with the possibility of extension after that term. For the full job description and application process, please visit the CSBA's website at [www.sheepbreeders.ca](http://www.sheepbreeders.ca).

### **Junior CSBA Director:**

In January of 2018, the board of directors would like to appoint a CSBA member who is between the ages of 18 and 21 (as of December 31 of the first year of the appointment) to fill a 2-year role as a non-voting advisor to the CSBA. The junior director position is expected to be a "high-profile" or "celebrity role" in where the position is fun and provides interactive exposure for young members. The junior director is expected to attend conference calls, the annual meeting and the Classic. If you would like to fill the role of junior director for 2018 and 2019, please submit a one-page letter of interest to the CSBA office by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

### **All Canada Classic:**

The 2017 All Canada Classic was held at the Westerner Fair Grounds in Red Deer, AB from June 29 to July 1, 2017.

The 3-day event was sponsored by the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association and hosted by the Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association. A reception for exhibitors and sponsors was held on Thursday night and a lamb BBQ and fun auction followed the show on Friday. The Classic included a fleece competition, trade show, national GenOvis awards, back fat and loin-eye ultrasound demonstrations, junior show and market lamb jackpot. During the Classic, the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association

and Canadian Sheep Federation hosted a Mexican delegation, which toured local farms and Sungold Specialty Meats, as well as meeting with numerous industry leaders to continue to develop the Canada-Mexico partnership.

On Friday, 74 consignors of 16 breeds presented their sheep to judges Johanne Cameron of St-Charles-Sur-Richelieu, QC and Glen Porteous, Chatsworth, ON who provided the show placements for 344 animals. The Supreme Champion Ewe was a Dorset (Brien G&L 61D) consigned by G&L Brien, Ridgetown, ON. The Supreme Champion Ram was a Hampshire (Hazelmere 141D) consigned by Robin Herlinveaux, North Saanich, BC. The Supreme Champion Flock was awarded to the Southdowns consigned by Higginson Southdowns, Leonard Higginson & Sons, Sardis, BC.

On Saturday, buyers from 8 provinces purchased 326 of the 344 animals offered for sale. Prices averaged \$626 for ewes and \$938 for rams. The top-selling ewe was an Ile de France (Todd 13E) consigned by Todd Sheep Company, Lucknow, ON and was purchased for \$2500 by Morgan Moore, Brandon, MB. The top selling ram was a North Country Cheviot (Westerdale 35D) consigned by Greg Rosenke, Didsbury, AB and was purchased for \$4500 by Shawn and William Stonehouse, Owen Sound, ON.

Sale results for every animal, breed averages and photos can be seen on the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association website [www.sheepbreeders.ca](http://www.sheepbreeders.ca).

The CSBA is extremely appreciative of the tremendous national support it receives from new and long-time sponsors, exhibitors, consignors and buyers. The Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association demonstrated remarkable ambition by hosting the flawless junior show and market lamb jackpot during a very large Classic. Many junior members expanded their flocks, or purchased their first sheep, while in Red Deer! Thank you ASBA - the Classic is only possible with such an ambitious and hardworking team of volunteers.

The 2018 All Canada Sheep Classic will be held in Truro, NS from July 5-7. For further information, please contact Stacey White, General Manager of the CSBA, at 1-866-956-1116.

### **CSBA Annual Photo Contest:**

The CSBA's second annual photo contest will take place in 2018. The entry period will be from January 1<sup>st</sup> to February 28, 2018. Photograph entries must be submitted electronically and include registered Canadian sheep. There will be an online form available once the contest opens so be sure to check back to submit your entry!

### **Shearwell CSIP Double Tags:**

CSBA members may use a double tagging system with two tags approved and bearing the official identification number under the Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP) as an alternative for tattooing registered sheep. The Shearwell

double tag has been available for registration of purebred sheep since 2013.

Due to recent problems with animals found at feedlots and abattoirs with incorrectly applied paired tags, it was necessary to make the paired tags different colours. The RFID tag will remain yellow, while the companion tag (no maple leaf emblem) will be black. The tags will continue to have matching numbers, which must be confirmed before application. A timeline for the colour change has not been announced, but is expected over the next few months.

**Annual General Meeting:**

The Canadian Sheep Breeders' Annual General Meeting will be held in Moncton, NB on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The location, meeting agenda, guest speaker and tour location will be announced in early 2018.

**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](http://www.clrc.ca) or by calling Lorna Woolsey at 1-877-833-7110 ext. 306.**