



# Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association

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## La Société Canadienne des Éleveurs de Moutons

**Thank You for your Response!** The constitutional amendments passed with the vote submitted to members in January. (i) The Lacaune Breed has been approved for grading up and (ii) the constitution will be renumbered and realigned for clarity purposes. Remember, without your vote, we cannot proceed, so we appreciate you taking the time to submit your results.

**Annual Meeting:** The CSBA values membership communication and is pleased to report that 2017 was a successful year in targeting the promotion and education of the sheep industry. They took on a national ad campaign as well as upgrading and printing new breed conformation booklets. A generous amount was spent on research to improve the sheep industry as a whole, providing significant value to membership, as CSBA showed a loss of \$16,269. This loss was anticipated, and in line with what the 2017 budget projected due to the increased marketing and research opportunities.

There was a significant rise in number of registrations (17%) and transfers (31%) in 2017. Although the CSBA was forced to pass on a price increase from CLRC in 2016, free memberships provided to anyone purchasing a purebred animal for the first time, reduced membership rates for junior members and bulk registration/transfer pricing were offered to support members. In 2018, \$21,495 was paid back to membership from the bulk registration program.

The board's significant accomplishments in moving forward with the CSBA's business plan in 2017 included:

- funding commitment to new research projects: pen side pregnancy detection (\$1000/year for 3 years), \$1500 for fibre/feed intake of feeder lambs and ongoing projects pneumonia vaccine (\$8000/year for 3 years), growth curves (\$5000/year for 2 years), reproductive hormones (\$1000/year for 2 years) and nutrition of feeder lambs (\$1000/year for 2 years), Genomics/metabolomics (\$1000), and mastitis research (\$4500)
- implement the 2nd annual photo contest
- the appointment of the Junior Director position: Welcome to Jonathan Parkinson
- completed the second 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 2017 All Canada Classic, which was held in Red Deer, AB. Of the 344 animals there, 326 animals were offered for sale and prices averaged \$626 for ewes and \$938 for rams
- maintaining an equal partnership in the support of GenOvis (Canada's genetic evaluation program) (\$10,000/year)
- reprinting the "Guide to Breeding Stock Selection", or "conformation booklet"
- implementing a series of advertisements to be used in a publications across Canada
- worked with the CSF to send a market development group to Mexico and host delegates at the 2017 Classic
- 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

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

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MB - Sarah Lewis (204-845-2153)

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QC - Johanne Cameron (Executive) (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 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Photo Contest:** Annual meeting attendees were impressed with the number and quality of photos submitted to the second annual photo contest. The winning photo, "Leaping Lambie," was submitted by Crystal Fullerton (Upperbrook Farm). The second place photo, "Gathering the Cape," was submitted by Paula Reardon (ActiveLife Farm). 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.

**2018 All Canada Sheep Classic:** The Purebred Sheep Breeders Association of Nova Scotia and the CSBA are preparing for the 2018 All Canada Classic, which will be held in Truro, NS from July 5-7, 2018. 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 11th. The CSBA will again be accepting online entries for the 2018 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sheepbreeders.ca)

For more information on the Classic, please contact:

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**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 Laura Lee Mills at 1-877-833-7110 ext. 314.**