



Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association

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La Société Canadienne des Éleveurs de Moutons

URGENT!!

Your response is required! Although all the constitutional amendments passed with the vote submitted to members in January, the response rate was too low to allow amalgamation with the Canadian Katahdin Sheep Association. For amalgamation of breed associations, the Animal Pedigree Act requires an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and is subject to a mail ballot receiving at least a 25% response rate from eligible members and 2/3rds being in favour. Although votes received were 97% in favour of amalgamation, only 6% of members voted. A new ballot will be mailed to all eligible CSBA members. Please return your ballot in the pre-paid envelope by April 19th. **Without your vote, we cannot proceed.**

Annual Meeting: 2016 was a stable financial year for the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association, with a small loss of \$3417. There was slight increase in registrations (5%) and significant increases in transfers (28%). 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 introduced to support members.

The board's significant accomplishments in moving forward with the CSBA's business plan in 2016 included:

- committing to new research projects: Lameness (\$1000), 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)
- creating a \$10 CSBA junior membership for producers under 21 years of age
- developing an annual photo contest
- initiating a bulk option for registrations and transfers: pricing breaks in place based on the number of animals registered each year. \$18,000 was returned to members for 2016.
- sponsoring the 2016 All Canada Classic, which was held in Richmond, QC. 231 animals were in the sale with an average sale price of \$596 for ewes and \$949 for rams.
- maintaining an equal partnership in the support of GenOvis (Canada's genetic evaluation program) (\$10,000/year)
- updating the "Guide to Breeding Stock Selection", or "conformation booklet", for reprinting
- developing a series of advertisements to be used in a publications across Canada
- working with the CSF to send a market development group to Mexico
- funding The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (\$1500), Agribition (\$500) and 8 provincial level 4-H shows (\$250 each)
- presenting a \$500 CSBA Scholarship to Janessa Henry of Musquadoit, NS
- opening a CSBA Facebook account

Provincial CSBA Directors: Please contact your local directors with ideas and comments regarding Canada's registered sheep industry.
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ON - Colleen Acres (Vice-President) (613-826-2330) and Ted Skinner (905-263-2102);
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); and
NS - Bruce Sinclair (President) (902-783-2093).

CSBA Annual Photo Contest: Annual meeting attendees were impressed with the number and quality of photos submitted to the first annual photo contest. The winning photo, "Dorset Ewes and Guardian Dogs Coming For Their Morning Feeding," was submitted by McDermit Ranch, Southey, SK. The second place photo, "Cheviots and Border Collies," was submitted by Isle of Skye Cheviots (Susan Neal), of Spuce View, AB. 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.

2017 All Canada Sheep Classic: The Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association is preparing to host the Classic in Red Deer, AB from June 29th to July 1st, which will include a junior show and market lamb jackpot. Entry packages were mailed to all members in January. 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 5th. The CSBA will again be accepting online entries for the 2017 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 5th to allow time to address any questions or issues related to complicated entries. Paper entries will continue to be accepted. 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 will be provided in the All Canada Sheep Classic catalogue.

For more information on the Classic, please contact:

Show and Sale Co-Chairs: Glen and Kathy Parker; h: 403-443-7220, Glen's c: 403-443-0401
Entries and Advertising: Stacey White 1-866-956-1116 office@sheepbreeders.ca

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.