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# Canadian Meat Goat

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**2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

*Annual Report*

## 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### AGENDA

JUNE 14TH, 2018 • WEBINAR

9:00 PM ADT (NB) • 8:00 PM EDT (ON, QC) • 7:00 PM CDT (MN) •

6:00 pm CST-MDT (SK, AB) • 5:00 PM PDT (BC)

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Board of Directors and staff
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Review of 2017 AGM Minutes
5. Committee Reports:
  - A. Treasurer
    - Adoption of the Treasurer's report and 2018 budget
    - Appointment of the Auditor
  - B. Production Committee
  - C. Show Committee
    - Presentation of Winners
  - D. Youth Committee
    - Presentation of Winners
  - E. General Managers Report
  - F. Constitution Committee
6. Introduction of 2018 CMGA Board of Directors
7. New business
8. Adjournment

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# President's Welcome

This year's webinar format to our AGM is a first for CMGA. While there's no substitute for face to face networking, in a year when we are transitioning to a new GM and planning a fall strategic planning session, a webinar format allows participation from the most members with a responsible element of cost control. It is my hope that this better accessibility to our AGM allows members from across the country to participate in discussion and stimulates member engagement in a way that will help fill current vacancies in the CMGA Board.

I am thrilled to introduce Catherine Michaud as our General Manager for the first time at this AGM. I am sure she is a familiar face to many of our membership and Catherine is bringing her same level of enthusiasm and professionalism to her new role as GM. I am grateful to Jen Haley and the entire Livestock Alliance team for all their efforts and top-service commitments in managing the CMGA through the previous two years.

GHIP summary reports are included in this package and while participation continues to be lower than hoped, it is fascinating to me to see the trend and speed of improvement to production traits. Generational turnover in goats is relatively short compared to some other farm species. These progressive breeders are showing us consistent and quick improvements to what they are measuring. One conclusion I draw from this is that as these breeders improve their herds so quickly, those breeders who are not measuring will fall behind very quickly. To me this is a great thing as it will force meat goat genetics across the board to improve as I assume unmeasured goats will become less valued, less marketable and largely irrelevant in breeding circles. So once again my message is to get on board with performance testing!

Type evaluation did not run in 2017 with a Board level discussion that annual participation and cost efficiencies may be both improved if the program is offered every other year. At the time of writing this the 2018 program is being offered to breeders and uptake in 2018 will give an indication to the Board whether every other year is an effective way to manage Type Evaluation.

The CMGA Show program continues to recognize phenotypic excellence in our herd book, as well as being an excellent family-building and networking social event and marketing tool. Congratulations to all exhibitors at every show and to the breeders of this year's Canadian Champions.

CMGA's balance sheet remains relatively healthy, however we have been budgeting deficits for the past few years and the 2018 budget deficit is uncomfortably creeping upwards. I have joked to the Board that we are starting to sound like a federal government who have promised "3 small deficits" only to see them creep up with no end in sight! The 2018 deficit is largely attributed to office transition expenses and a planned investment in a drastic website upgrade. The deficit is more palatable without these one-time expenses, however maintaining the office and current services with the existing income does continue to be tight. I suspect budgeting and prioritization will be a major component of this fall's strategic planning of the new Board.

I enjoyed a great article published in Canadian Cattlemen's magazine a few months ago by Brenda Schoepp which she called #moveover. She discussed the common difficulties participating on Boards and keeping an engaged and productive board effective, as well as the succession difficulties in filling board vacancies. The CMGA Board faces these same issues and with our AGM this year we have several unfilled board positions. In her article, Brenda addresses the issues that "no one will step up," "they have no interest" and it's "hard to get folks to serve" by suggesting it takes a vacant space and the long term Board members to #moveover. I am ready to spend more time focused on my own farm and some of my other passions, so I am ready to #moveover. My ask of the CMGA membership is that they consider volunteering for the board, letting their name stand and that they #takeover.

Cheers,



Stuart Chutter,  
CMGA President

# About the Canadian Meat Goat Association

In 1992, an enterprising group of Canadian entrepreneurs was instrumental in the importation of Boer goat embryos into Canada from New Zealand and France, and later directly from South Africa. On November 27, 1993, the Canadian Boer Goat Association was formed through an ad hoc process involving 7 charter members. On October 10, 1995, this Association was officially incorporated by Agriculture Canada under the Animal Pedigree Act, with official by-law approval coming on January 3, 1996. This approval provided sole authority as the only association approved to register Boer and Boer cross goats in Canada. The newly incorporated association, which had begun its registration process under the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, moved to Canadian Beef Improvement Inc., and eventually began self-registry out of the Association office in Glenwood, AB, Canada.

From the very incorporation of the Association, the requirement was put in place for mandatory DNA sampling on every purebred registration. The purpose of this was to build a data bank of DNA from which a program of random parentage verification testing could be based. Presently, random testing is done on 1% of all purebred registrations submitted. The Canadian Boer Goat Association is the only Boer goat association in the world to have such a program, which is designed to maintain the integrity of Canadian Boer goat pedigrees.

The first CBGA-sponsored Boer Goat Sale was held in November of 1998 in connection with the Boer Goat Show at the Canadian Western Agribition in Regina, SK. Sanctioned shows with Canadian Boer Goat approved judges were started in 1999 with the first in July 1999 at Yorkton, SK. The Association has a judges training program to develop Canadian judges across the country.

In 2001, the Association office was relocated to eastern Ontario, and bilingual services became available to Francophone producers. Since then, the Association has been working hard to offer all of its written materials, including the quarterly Canadian Meat Goat Journal and the web site, in both official languages.

In 2004, the membership of the CBGA voted to change its name to the Canadian Meat Goat Association and to expand its mandate to the broader meat goat industry in Canada. Since then, the Association has been developing educational and marketing tools for both commercial meat goat and purebred seed stock producers.

Other CMGA activities have included: a youth program, a buck test station, development of a type evaluation (classification) program, and representation at agricultural events across the country. The Association's Annual General Meeting is held early in the calendar year.

In 2009, the Association office was relocated to Saskatchewan, and the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation in Ottawa was contracted to process registrations and memberships.

In February 2016, CMGA joined the Livestock Alliance and the office was relocated to Guelph, Ontario. Veal Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Goat and the Canadian Goat Society were the other partners in the Alliance.

At the end of 2017, the CMGA and the Alliance decided to separate by mutual agreement. The office was relocated to Quebec.

The Association owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the early pioneers of the Boer goat industry in Canada. Untold hours of volunteer labor and expense were donated to establish an organization and structure upon which to build the future industry. To this day, the Association depends on the commitment of its volunteer Board and committee members, who keep its many programs running.

## **2017 Board of Directors**

### **President**

Stuart Chutter

### **Vice President**

Catherine Michaud

### **Treasurer**

Christie Prins

### **Secretary**

Laura Smith

### **Directors at Large**

Tiffany Drong

Ryan Prins

Becky Vissers



## Mission

The Canadian Meat Goat Association supports the development of a profitable meat goat breeding stock and meat industry in Canada by providing animal registration, member education and industry promotion for the membership and by partnering in research and market expansion.

## Vision

A long term profitable Canadian meat goat industry where dairy, fiber and meat interests work together locally, provincially and nationally for the growth and development of the meat goat industry.

## Purpose

The primary purpose of the Association is the establishment of breeding standards, the keeping of pedigree records and the registration of Boer and Kiko goats in Canada.

Further purposes of the Association shall be:

- ♦ to promote Boer goats as a long term, stable source of income in a diversified farming and ranching economy
- ♦ to improve Boer goat genetics by identifying superior performance
- ♦ to encourage the improvement of meat goats in general
- ♦ to enhance consumer demand for chevon (goat meat) at the retail level



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On behalf of the Government of Canada, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Canadian Meat Goat Association for another great year. Your work is helping this sector achieve impressive development while driving jobs and prosperity for Canadians.

Thanks to the work of experts and volunteers who sowed the seeds of the former Canadian Boer goat association over 20 years ago, today goat meat production is a thriving and dynamic part of our country's agriculture and agri-food sector. Consumer demand for healthy and sustainable food is increasing in Canada and around the world. In fact, it is estimated that global demand for meat will nearly double over the next 30 years. Canadian producers are ready to help meet this demand, and our government is committed to giving them the tools to succeed. This year we launched the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a \$3-billion federal-provincial-territorial investment that will strengthen the Canadian agriculture and food system. The Partnership will help your businesses innovate, grow your markets, and tell consumers about the advancements that the goat industry has made in sustainability and quality.

A strong and profitable Canadian meat goat industry is an important part of Canada's diverse agriculture and agri-food sector. I look forward to working in partnership with you to make it even stronger.

Enjoy your meeting, and I wish you all the best in 2018!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lawrence MacAulay".

Lawrence MacAulay, PC, MP



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# 2017 AGM Meeting Minutes

*Minutes of the Canadian Meat Goat Association AGM February 11, 2017*

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**Canadian Meat Goat Association  
Annual General Meeting  
February 11, 2017  
Port Hope, ON**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:03am EST by Stuart Chutter.

**2. Introductions of Board and staff**

Stuart introduced each of the CMGA Board members and staff from Livestock Alliance.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

IT WAS MOVED BY Ryan Prins and SECONDED by Philip Lamontagne that the agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED

**4. Approval of the 2016 AGM Minutes**

IT WAS MOVED BY Greta Prins and SECONDED by Blain Albin that the minutes from the 2016 AGM be approved as presented. CARRIED

**5. Committee Reports**

Stuart indicated he would be presenting the reports for those Directors not in attendance. A summary of the various committee reports were included in the AGM proceedings.

**a. Treasurer**

A copy of the 2016 draft Financial Statements were provided and reviewed as part of the Treasurer's report.

- *Approval of the Treasurer's report*

IT WAS MOVED BY Ryan Prins and SECONDED by Philip Lamontagne that the Treasurer's report be adopted as presented. CARRIED

- *Approval of the Auditor appointment*

IT WAS MOVED BY Christie Prins and SECONDED by Catherine Michaud that RLB in Guelph be appointed as the 2017 auditors for the CMGA. CARRIED

**b. Show Committee**

Christie Prins announced the 2016 CMGA Canadian Show Champions as follows:

Purebred Buck: Belles Amours King-owned by Sylvie Dionne

Purebred Doe: has a two way tie this year: Sugarfield Yankee Yes Mame 0702Y-owned by Josh Munro and Du Biquet Citation: owned by Evelyne Laroche

Percentage Doe: Naquabi Tokolshe: owned by Becky Vissers

Commercial Doe: Dozen Roses Black Mocha also owned by Becky Vissers

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**c. Youth Committee**

Stuart announced the winners of the Youth Point Chase award:

First place: Lucas Cairncross

Runner up: Taylor Spokowski

Honourable mention: Jordon Spokowski

The Youth Point Chase will continue for 2017. Attendees were encouraged to get youth involved in showing goats.

**d. General Manager's Report**

Kendra Keels presented the General Manager's report as included in the Annual Report.

**6. 2017 Board of Directors**

Stuart introduced the 2017 Board of Directors.

**7. New business**

None presented

**8. Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED BY Ryan Prins that the meeting be adjourned at 11:27am EST.



# A. Treasurer's Report

You will find as a separated document that was sent to you with this Annual Report the reviewed 2017 financial statements for review by membership.

## Notes regarding 2017 costs

### *Income*

- We had more income from the Hoodie Campaign than we expected
- We budgeted nothing as revenue for advertising in the Journal because the production of the Journal was going to be done inhouse and we didn't know what to expect. Finally, we had a great surprise. Thanks to all Journal advertisers!
- The Type Evaluation Program didn't run, so we had no revenue from it as well as no expenses.
- The number of members declined in 2017, so we had less revenue from membership than what was expected, but the registrations, transfers and other related transactions brought higher revenue than expected.
- We had about \$3,300.00 less revenue than what was expected.

### *Expenses*

- We had less Board expenses than expected because Board members travel was entered into AGM expenses and those were lower than budgeted. We also had less teleconference costs than expected.
- Ribbons costs were higher than expected because show participation was higher as we will see in the show report.
- As previously mentioned, Type Evaluation Program didn't run, so we had no related expenses.
- General Manager's salary was slightly higher than expected.
- As mentioned above, we didn't budget any sums for the Journal because the production of the Journal was going to be done inhouse and we didn't know what to expect. We finally had a little more than \$1,700 in expenses for that item.
- Membership expenses were higher than expected mainly due to our increased activities in registration and transfer and the fact that CLRC now charges us the credit card fees.
- Total expenses were about \$5,000 less than budgeted.

Overall, we observe a deficit as it was expected, but for about \$1,700 less.

## 2018 Budget

The 2018 budget was discussed by the Board of Directors at their meeting on April 24th, 2018, was approved on May 14th and is presented on pages 12 and 13.

Factors influencing decisions surrounding the 2018 budget include:

- Recruiting more members and promoting Boer and Kiko goats' registration.
- Moving CMGA office to Quebec.
- Prioritizing members communications with the Canadian Meat Goat Journal and the Website as well as on regular communication through emails to members and Facebook page.
- Gain efficiency by automation of banking transaction and accounting to free GM's time in order to reduce the number of hours of work necessary for CMGA business. This will reduce expenses related to GM salary and prioritize GM time for members communications.
- Organize Board members face-to-face meeting in Fall for Strategic Planning. The last Strategic Plan expired in 2017.

Some expenses expected for 2018 are one-time expenses such as Website (\$6,500), face-to-face meeting (\$5,000) and additional GM salary to ensure office transfer (\$5,760). When removing those items, we're left with a surplus of \$4,547.40.

As always, maintaining a balanced budget while continuing services to members remains a priority for the Board.

## 2017 Proposed Budget vs Actual According to 2017 Verified Financial Statements

	<b>PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET</b>	<b>2017 ACTUAL</b>
<b>Income / Revenu</b>		
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	500.00	713.35
ADVERTISING / PUBLICITÉ	0.00	2,030.00
AGM Income / Revenu de l'AGA	2,000.00	1,675.40
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	6,000.00	0.00
MEMBERSHIPS / COTISATIONS	16,500.00	15,715.00
OFFICE COST REIMBURSEMENT / REMBOURSEMENT FRAIS DE BU- REAU	0.00	0.00
SHOW FEES / FRAIS D'EXPOSITIONS	1,000.00	1,125.00
PAID TO CMGA / PAYÉ À L'ACCB	0.00	0.00
REGISTRATIONS / ENREGISTREMENTS	41,000.00	42,449.69
SALES / VENTES	0.00	59.91
INTEREST / INTÉRÊTS	100.00	0.00
CREDITS WRITTEN OFF / CRÉDITS RADIÉS	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income / Revenu total</b>	<b>67,100.00</b>	<b>63,767.95</b>
<b>Expense / Dépenses</b>		
ACCOUNTS WRITTEN OFF / COMPTES RADIÉS	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
AGM / AGA	<b>5,737.67</b>	<b>4,553.43</b>
CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA		
Telecon Expenses / Conférences téléphoniques	400.00	241.36
Travel / Déplacements	2,000.00	0.00
<b>Total CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA</b>	<b>2,400.00</b>	<b>241.36</b>
CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB		
Show Ribbons / Rubans	500.00	849.00
Judges Licensing Forums	0.00	0.00
<b>Total CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS ACCB</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>849.00</b>
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification		
Evaluator Fees & Expenses / Frais et dépenses des évaluateurs	6,000.00	0.00
Forms & Handbook / Formulaire et manuels	0.00	0.00
<b>Total CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>385.00</b>
GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE		
Salary / Salaire	34,000.00	34,560.00
GENERAL MANAGER - Other - DIRECTRICE GÉ- NÉRALE - Autre	0.00	0.00
<b>Total GENERAL MANAGER / DI- RECTRICE GÉNÉRALE</b>	<b>34,000.00</b>	<b>34,560.00</b>
MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE		
Ad. sales commissions / Commissions sur les ventes de publicité	0.00	0.00
Coordination of content / Coordination du contenu	0.00	0.00
MGJ Postage / Envoi postal	0.00	281.51
MGJ Printing / Impression	0.00	1,175.87
MGJ Shipping/Handling / Port et manutention	0.00	250.00
Production and artwork / Production et graphisme	0.00	0.00
Reimburse MGJ advertisers	0.00	0.00
<b>Total MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,707.39</b>

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## 2017 Proposed Budget vs Actual According to 2017 Verified Financial Statements (continued)

	PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL
<b>MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION</b>		
CLRC Levies / Charges SCEA	16,500.00	17,155.00
CLRC Miscellaneous / Divers SCEA	2,000.00	1,474.31
CLRC Credit Card Admin. / Admin. de Carte de crédit SCEA	0.00	877.04
CLRC DNA Sample Storage / Stockage d'échantillon ADN SCEA	3,000.00	3,352.00
<b>Total MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION</b>	<b>21,500.00</b>	<b>22,858.35</b>
<b>OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU</b>		
Accounting and Legal / Comptabilité et frais juridiques	2,500.00	2,500.00
Office supplies and equipment / Matériel bureau	250.00	57.48
Postage / Poste	600.00	86.60
Telephone - Internet / Téléphone	0.00	0.0
Website / Site Internet	500.00	351.90
<b>Total OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU</b>	<b>3,850.00</b>	<b>2,995.98</b>
<b>REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS</b>		
DNA Testing / Testage AND	750.00	1,087.31
<b>Total REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>1,087.31</b>
<b>UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES</b>		
Bank Service Charges / Charge service bancaire	200.00	560.00
Cheque order / Commande de chèques	0.00	0.0
CNGF Membership / Cotisation FCNC	0.00	0.00
PayPal Fees / Frais PayPal	0.00	0.00
<b>Total UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>560.00</b>
<b>YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE</b>		
Youth Project expenses / Dépenses Projet jeunesse	150.00	199.64
Youth Project prize / Récompense Projet jeunesse	0.00	100.00
<b>Total YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>299.64</b>
<b>Total Expense / Dépenses</b>	<b>75,087.67</b>	<b>70,097.46</b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss) / Profit net (perte)</b>	<b>(7,987.67)</b>	<b>(6,329.51)</b>



# CANADIAN MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

## APPROVED 2018 Budget

	2018 BUDGET
<b>Income / Revenus</b>	
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$ -
ADVERTISING / PUBLICITÉ	\$ 2 000,00
AGM Income / Revenu de l'AGA	\$ 500,00
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	\$ 6 000,00
MEMBERSHIPS / COTISATIONS	\$ 15 530,00
OFFICE COST REIMBURSEMENT / REMBOURSEMENT FRAIS DE BUREAU	\$ -
SHOW FEES / FRAIS D'EXPOSITIONS	\$ 1 000,00
PAID TO CMGA / PAYÉ À L'ACCB	\$ -
REGISTRATIONS / ENREGISTREMENTS	\$ 41 000,00
SALES / VENTES	\$ -
INTEREST / INTÉRÊTS	\$ 100,00
CREDITS WRITTEN OFF / CRÉDITS RADIÉS	\$ -
<b>Total Income / Revenu total</b>	<b>\$ 66 130,00</b>

<b>Expense / Dépenses</b>	
ACCOUNTS WRITTEN OFF / COMPTES RADIÉS	\$ -
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION	\$ -
AGM / AGA	\$ 1 096,60
<b>CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA</b>	
Telecon Expenses / Conférences téléphoniques	\$ 250,00
Travel / Déplacements	\$ 5 000,00
<b>Total CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA</b>	<b>\$ 5 250,00</b>
<b>CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB</b>	
Show Ribbons / Rubans	- \$
Judges Licensing Forums	\$ -
<b>Total CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification</b>	
Evaluator Fees & Expenses / Frais et dépenses des évaluateurs	\$ 6 000,00
Forms & Handbook / Formulaire et manuels	\$ -
<b>Total CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification</b>	<b>\$ 6 000,00</b>
<b>GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE</b>	
Salary / Salaire	\$ 27 164,04
GENERAL MANAGER - Other - DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE - Autre	
<b>Total GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE</b>	<b>\$ 27 164,04</b>

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# CANADIAN MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

## APPROVED 2018 Budget

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	2018 BUDGET
<b>MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE</b>	
Ad. sales commissions / Comissions sur les ventes de publicité	\$ -
Coordination of content / Coordination du contenu	\$ -
MGJ Postage / Envoi postal	\$ 200,00
MGJ Printing / Impression	\$ 1 200,00
MGJ Shipping/Handling / Port et manutention	\$ 500,00
Production and artwork / Production et graphisme	\$ 2 000,00
Reimburse MGJ advertisers	\$ -
<b>Total MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE</b>	<b>\$ 3 900,00</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION</b>	
CLRC Levies / Charges SCEA	\$ 17 000,00
CLRC Miscellaneous / Divers SCEA	\$ 1 500,00
CLRC Credit Card Admin. / Admin. de Carte de crédit SCEA	\$ 600,00
CLRC DNA Sample Storage / Stockage d'Échantillon ADN SCEA	\$ 3 300,00
<b>Total MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION</b>	<b>\$ 22 400,00</b>
<b>OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU</b>	
Accounting and Legal / Comptabilité et frais juridiques	\$ 2 788,00
Office supplies and equipment / Matériel	\$ 622,00
Postage / Poste	\$ 600,00
Telephone - Internet / Téléphone	\$ 641,96
Website / Site Internet	\$ 6 690,00
<b>Total OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU</b>	<b>\$ 11 341,96</b>
<b>REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS</b>	
DNA Testing / Testage AND	\$ 1 000,00
<b>Total REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 1 000,00</b>
<b>UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES</b>	
Bank Service Charges / Charge service bancaire	\$ 420,00
Cheque order / Commande de chèques	\$ -
Interest Charges	\$ -
CNGF Membership / Cotisation FCNC	\$ -
PayPal Fees / Frais PayPal	\$ 20,00
<b>Total UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES</b>	<b>\$ 440,00</b>
<b>YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE</b>	
Youth Project expenses / Dépenses Projet jeunesse	\$ -
Youth Project prize / Récompense Projet jeunesse	\$ 250,00
<b>Total YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE</b>	<b>\$ 250,00</b>
<b>Total Expense / Dépenses</b>	<b>\$ 78 842,60</b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (12 712,60)</b>

## B. Production

### Type Evaluation Program

CMGA did not offer the Type Evaluation program to membership in 2017. The program has been offered to membership every year since 2008 (with the exception of 2015 due to organizational changes that were underway). To date, our Type Evaluators have now evaluated over 1500 animals across the country.

Type Evaluation utilizes a linear appraisal system to “score” an animal (and it’s respective parts) against the “ideal” for the breed. Type Evaluation offers breeders an opportunity to have an objective evaluation performed on their animals by a trained CMGA classifier.

The CMGA Type Evaluation system was modeled along the lines of similar programs offered by other breeds of livestock (ie. Cattle, dairy goats, etc), keeping in mind the traits that are considered economically and conformationally desired in the Boer breed.

Both registered Purebred does and bucks, and registered percentage does are eligible for Type Evaluation. In order to be evaluated, does must have kidded at least once, and bucks must be at least 1 year old at the time of evaluation.

Animals are given an overall total score (out of 100), and are placed as follows:

Excellent – 90+

VG – 85-89

Good – 80-84

Those animals scoring Very Good (85) or higher have been published in the MGJ as well as being published on the CMGA website. As of 2014, the scores of animals being evaluated have also been available on the CLRC website.

For the 2016 year, evaluations took place in Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Quebec with 220 animals being evaluated.

Below is a summary of participation in the Type Evaluation program to date.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2016
# Farms participating	9	13	18	12	12	10	11	14
# Animals Evaluated	134	160	180	148	299	236	155	220

**CMGA would like to thank those who participated and encourage members to take advantage of this opportunity in 2018.**

### Goat Herd Improvement Program (GHIP)

The Goat Herd Improvement Program (GHIP) is free of charge to members and was first offered in 2012.

The program is a collaboration with Dr. Ken Andries from Kentucky State University, whereby producers can submit data and receive standardized on farm performance data on their does, kids, and bucks.

The collaboration took place because of CMGA’s desire to build on existing programs, and to provide extra value to membership regarding data for selection of breeding stock. Our show program and Type Evaluation program provide feedback to producers on animals regarding phenotype and conformation to breed standards, while GHIP adds to the equation by providing information on the productive/performance capabilities of that animal.

GHIP provides a tool that allows producers to have production records standardized and assists them in using performance data to select higher quality animals for replacements. This can result in herd improvement and increased performance without increasing production costs for producers. After submitting your data, comprehensive reports are sent back to the producer on average daily gains for the kid crop, efficiency ratios on the does, sire summary indexes, along with other valuable information.

Information submitted to the GHIP program is anonymous. CMGA does not receive back the individual results from herds that enrol in the program. Rather, at the end of each year, CMGA receives a summary of the data submitted from Dr Andries that helps us to begin to build a database to create benchmarks for important production traits such as number of kids born, birth weights, average weaning weights, etc.

Here are the summary data for 2017

#### Kid Data

YR	N Born	BWT	N Wean	WNAGE	WNWT	ADG	90D WT	ADJ WT
2013	1067	7.82	909	90.25	39.86	0.36	40.73	45.92
2014	754	7.64	652	85.76	38.20	0.36	39.85	44.78
2015	603	7.81	473	102.67	43.33	0.36	39.60	44.21
2016	650	8.07	523	101.04	45.21	0.36	40.48	45.50
2017	270	7.69	223	90.83	46.16	0.44	46.94	53.84
Overall	4010	7.81	3220	92.99	40.48	0.36	40.16	45.16

#### Dam Data

YR	N	Litter size	BWT	Kids WN/doe	WNWT	90DWT	ADJWT	DOEWT	EFF RA-TIO
2013	550	1.98	15.15	1.62	71.58	71.10	80.61	112.02	59.97
2014	382	1.97	14.75	1.71	67.52	70.44	79.17	118.02	61.91
2015	353	1.91	14.53	1.73	74.32	69.05	77.57	107.83	78.05
2016	280	2.0	15.44	1.81	81.34	73.61	83.17	124.72	71.91
2017	109	2.02	15.36	1.88	85.09	86.15	98.41	113.67	70.66
Overall	1992	1.97	14.91	1.68	71.81	69.84	78.81	114.1	64.63

It's interesting to observe the improvement of weaning weight (WNWT), average daily gain (ADG), 90 days weight (90D WT) and adjusted weight (ADJ WT) performances in the kid data summary.

In the doe data summary, we can also see that the litter size and then the number of kids weaned per doe (kids WN/doe) have increased respectively from 1.98 to 2.02 and from 1.62 to 1.88.

Of course, we need to stay prudent when interpreting those results because from year to year, farms are not all the same and with lower number of animals involved in the database, data are becoming less precise, but still it's encouraging to see that GHIP is helping producers to improve their performance results.

In 2017 there were 7 herds that submitted data:

Evelyne La Roche & Nancy McNeil - Chevrerie Du Biquet

Lise Brais - DeurBrais Farm

Kerry O'Donnell – Kae Ronne Farms

Shannon Thurston & Kevin Staveley - Staveley Farms

Nicky Moody - Ocean Waves

Michael Walder – Mahna Farm

Megan Vanderpol - Cedar Pint Kikos

The CMGA production committee would like to highlight the participation of 3 farms enrolled from the start in 2013, that participated each year and still participating to GHIP 5 years later. These farms are: DeurBrais Farm, Staveley Farms and Mahna Farm.

For more information on this program and how you can be involved, please contact the CMGA office.

# C. Show

In 2017, there was a total of seven sanctioned shows held across the country in Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan with the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair hosting the East National Show and the Prairie Summer Extravaganza hosting the West National Show. The chart below is an overview of each of those shows.

Show	Purebred Boer Does		Percentage Boer Does		Purebred Boer Bucks		Commercial Does		Market Kids
	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	
SGBA Summer Extravaganza Show 1	13	12	4	8	3	3	0	0	3
SGBA Summer Extravaganza Show 2	13	12	4	8	3	3	0	0	3
SGBA Summer Extravaganza Show 3	13	12	4	8	3	3	0	0	3
Barrie Fair Meat Goat Show	7	3	3	6	4	2	0	0	0
Markham Fair Goat Show	7	4	5	6	2	1	2	5	0
Norfolk County Fair	9	7	7	7	4	2	10	5	2
Royal Agricultural Winter Fair	22	10	7	6	8	1	1	5	4
<b>TOTALS FOR 2017</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
2016 COMPARISON	66	58	23	13	35	6	7	2	4

The number of shows was slightly higher in 2017 compared to 2016 (5 shows) and total number of animals in competition increased from 214 in 2016 to 312 in 2017.

Showing is a great way for individual breeders to showcase their individual herds and an opportunity to promote the meat goat industry. CMGA would like to thank everyone who took the time and effort to get their animals into the show ring in 2017 and we hope to see you back again in 2018!

## Updated show rules

Two updates have been made to the show rules and will be applied to the 2018 show season:

1. Section C, paragraph 2 AND Section H, paragraphs 8 and 9: The Report of Awards (ROA) completed and signed by show secretary, show president, judge and exhibitors must now be returned within 21 days of the conclusion of the show (instead of 60 days). This will allow for a faster compilation of show results and publication in the different CMGA media. If the ROA is completed and signed how it's supposed to be, i.e. at the show venue, shortening the delay for sending it back to the CMGA office should not cause problem to show organizations.
2. Section C, paragraph 9: When the judge is examining teats on a buck, for the safety of the judge, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to control the buck's movements by turning the buck's head, etc..

A. It is at the discretion of the judge to lift the buck's leg themselves or to request the exhibitor to lift the buck's leg.

B. If the exhibitor is unable to control the buck and/or lift the leg properly, the exhibitor must find an extra handler(s). The onus is on the exhibitor to constrain the buck and to position the leg, so the teats can be seen by the judge.

C. If the judge is unable to examine the teats of a buck, then the buck teats cannot be properly assessed, and the buck shall be placed last in his class and in no event shall that buck be included in the champion selection lineup.

This new rule will insure that all the right conditions are in place in the show ring for the judges to properly examine the teats of the bucks. To obtain a copy of the updated show rules, visit our website at <https://canadianmeatgoat.com/rules>.

For anyone interested in planning a show for the 2018 season, visit <https://canadianmeatgoat.com/showforms> to download the



necessary forms (e.g. show sanctioning forms, health check forms, etc.). A handy show committee checklist and a document outlining how to go about organizing a show can also be found on the website.

All forms and instructions are sent along with the ribbons to the show organizations who sent their application and payment for CMGA sanctioned shows.

#### **Sanctioning Revoked for St.Hyacinthe Show**

Sanctioning was revoked because for the second year in a row, the paperwork was not done properly. For example: date stated on the Report of Awards (ROA) was August 10th, so it was filled out after the show, the tattoo numbers were not filled out on the ROA and the Judges and Exhibitors signatures were not complete on the ROA form. It's important that the tattoos must be written on the ROA by the show secretary as they are read from the judge in the show ring. Show secretary, show President, Judges and winning exhibitors must make sure that the information written on the ROA is correct and that they sign the ROA and before leaving the show venue. It is in the show rules and will be enforced. All show actors (participating producers, judges, show secretary, show president) have responsibilities towards mandatory paperwork requested by the CMGA. This goes with the credibility and professionalism of the CMGA sanctioned shows which results are published in the CMGA media and are used for calculating the CMGA Show Champions.

#### **2017 Show Champions of the Year**

Congratulations to the following members for exhibiting the 2017 CMGA Show Champions of the Year:

**Purebred Buck:** DU BIQUET FRENCH POWER owned by RAFTER N GOATS

**Purebred Doe:** KAE RONNE WALIDAH 309W owned by CALICO CREEK GOATS

**Percentage Doe:** NAQUABI TOKOLOSHE owned by DOZEN ROSES FARM

**Commercial Doe:** DOZEN ROSES PAPRIKA owned by DOZEN ROSES FARM

## **D. Youth**

What another year for this CMGA program! With the conclusion of show season, and our third year of the Youth Point Chase program, we are happy to see the success of the program grow again. We compiled the Chase points for 39 participants in 2017!

We would like to extend a big congratulation to 2017 Point Chase Champions: **1st Place** to Adrian Illman, from Ontario, **Runner Up** to Lucas Cairncross, from Ontario, and **Honorable Mention** to Emma Blackburn, from Ontario.

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all the youths that participated and submitted their points. We will continue to promote the program and hope to see even more youngsters in the ring this coming show season.

## **E. General Manager**

Over the last year, the Board and staff have been working on consolidating the partnership with the Livestock Alliance staff. We have been making good inroads at streamlining operations while maintaining and improving member communications. But at the end of the year, the Livestock Alliance and the CMGA have agreed to not renew their contract. The office continued to be challenged with several important activities and priorities of the organization, but not having the staff resources required to fulfill them and the CMGA budget could only go so far and it was not fair to ask the other Livestock Alliance partners to pitch in. In January 2018, the CMGA board hired me, Catherine Michaud, a former CMGA director for the last 13 years, to take on CMGA business and activities organisation.

In 2017, the Alliance staff continued to organize and produce two issues of the Meat Goat Journal (MGJ) and continued to send the electronic newsletter to members via email. For 2018, the MGJ distribution will continue with 2 issues and electronic newsletters and the partnership will continue with the Goatkeeper to promote the CMGA activities.

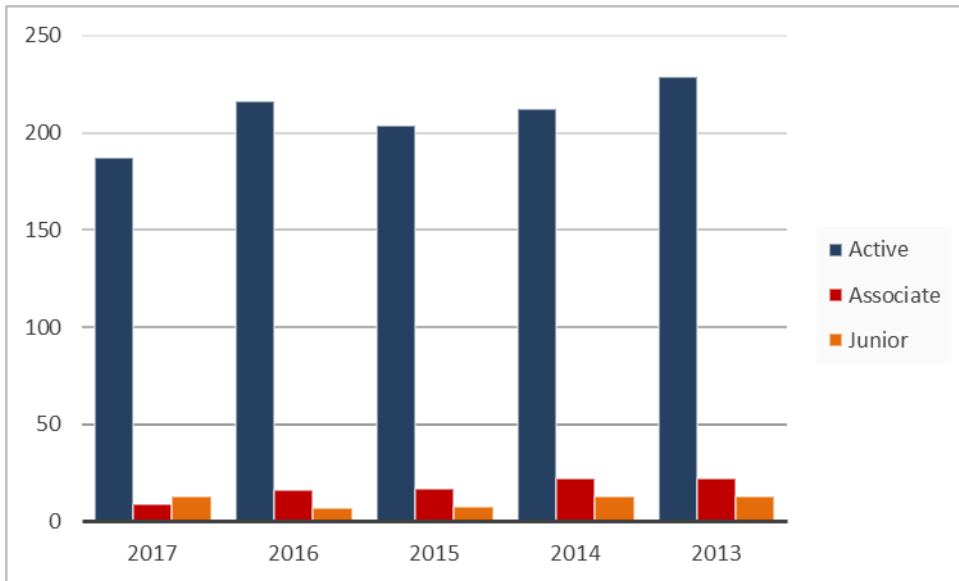
The Alliance staff also worked hard in 2017 at ensuring continuity for all programs including type evaluation, GHIP and show sanctioning as well as liaising with CLRC on registration questions from members. This dedicated work will continue with the new

GM.

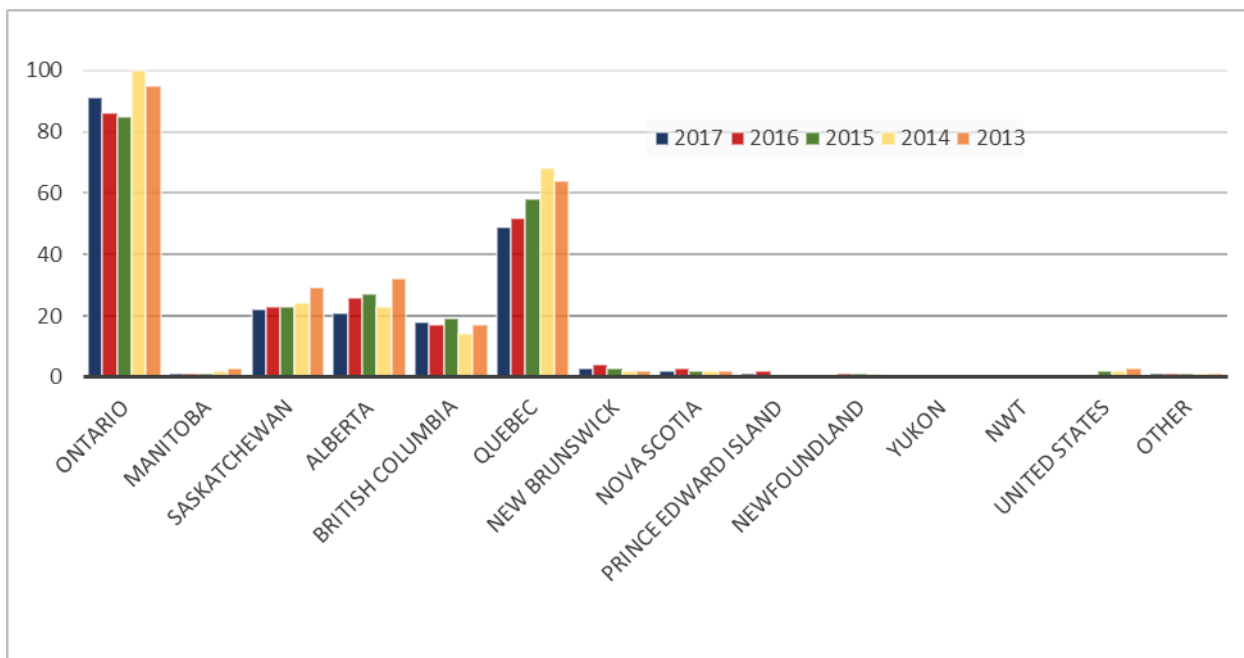
Membership in 2017 had a slight decrease over 2016, from 216 to 209 members. Hopefully this year the membership number continues to grow as breeders recognize the importance of working together to improve the Boer and Kiko breeds. Ontario still leads the membership numbers followed by Quebec.

The annual list of CMGA members is now available on the CMGA website. Updates are made as members renew their membership or as new members are joining CMGA. Please make sure your contact information stays up to date by contacting the CMGA office with any change.

**Membership By Type:**



**Membership by Province:**



## Registrations

Boer registration numbers increased over 2017, but didn't get back to the 2013 and 2014 figures, while Kiko registrations numbers declined. Registering your meat goats helps with developing your breeding programs, especially for those who take part in Type Evaluation. You can't manage what you don't measure. Remember registering your goats is a great way to maintain records and help build on your herd genetics.

Registration figures for Boer and Kiko goats for 2017 - 2013 are shown below. The Kiko registry opened on January 1, 2014.

<b>Breed</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Purebred Boer registrations (TR, R, CR, RCR)	820	806	845	977	975
Percentage Boer registrations (GR)	167	204	226	356	310
Purebred Kiko registrations (NZPK, DPK)	19	22	31	96	-
Crossbred Kiko registrations (CBK)	8	10	-	2	-
Transfers of Boers and Kikos	823	831	1040	967	1143

## F. CMGA Constitution

In accordance with Article XII of the CMGA by-laws,

“This constitution may be amended by a resolution at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Association by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present voting in person or by proxy as stipulated in ARTICLE IV (1) (b). Notice of all proposed amendments shall be given to the President and/or General Manager in writing ninety (90) days in advance of a General Meeting. All proposed amendments will then be subject to a by-law review process by the Constitution Committee which shall include, but shall not be limited to, consultations with Agriculture Canada. The Constitution Committee shall provide the Board with a report containing the results of its review and a copy of such report shall be sent to each of the said proposing members. Once reviewed and approved by the Board, in accordance with previously-established policy and procedures, amendments shall be included in the notice calling the General Meeting, otherwise the meeting shall have no power to deal with same. “

No amendments to the CMGA by-laws were received for the 2017 AGM.

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