



2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual Report

February 29th, Three Sisters Hall, Canada Museum of Agriculture and Food

Ottawa, Ontario

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AGENDA
FEBRUARY 29TH • OTTAWA, ONTARIO

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Board of Directors and staff
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Review and approval of 2019 AGM Minutes
5. Committee Reports:
 - 5.1 Financial
 - 5.1.1 Presentation and adoption of 2019 Financial Report
 - 5.1.2 Presentation of 2020 Budget
 - 5.1.3 Appointment of the Auditor
 - 5.2 Production Committee
 - 5.3 Show Committee
 - 5.3.1 Presentation of Winners
 - 5.4 Youth Committee
 - 5.4.1 Presentation of Winners
 - 5.5 Ad & Promo Committee
 - 5.6 General Manager's Report
 - 5.7 Constitution Committee
 - 5.7.1 Presentation, discussion and vote on the proposed amendment to CMGA Bylaws regarding DNA storage/testing
 - 5.7.2 Presentation, discussion and vote on the proposed amendment to CMGA Boer Breed Standards regarding colour patches
 - 5.8 Report from the CNGF
6. Introduction of 2020 CMGA Board of Directors
7. Items from the floor
8. Adjournment

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President's Welcome

Welcome CMGA Members and Industry Leaders!

2020 is here! I am very excited that this meeting is local to me and that this is a face to face AGM! Having the opportunity to see and speak to you all today is such a great networking experience for us all! I can't think of a better way to spend the day than learning from our great speaker line up, enjoying a great locally produced meal, and getting to socialize with fellow goat people.

2020 will once again bring some changes to the organization. A new look at our registration process, a new up to date website, and a board full of fresh outlooks. We all want what is best for our industry and I think we will do well working together in this upcoming year and into the future.

I would personally like to thank Catherine our GM. Without her support our jobs as a Board would be much more difficult. I would also like to thank every one of our Board members. We all work as volunteers and the time and effort that goes into everything they do is much appreciated.

Financially we will be looking at a potential deficit this year, BUT with progress brings a small financial sacrifice. We welcome any ideas that will help us to get back into a balanced budget! What is putting us in a deficit position you ask? This AGM is a cost that we as an association are incurring in order to offer an educational and fun networking day that should be extremely beneficial to our attendees. When AGM's are held via a webinar platform the cost is significantly lower, however the networking and educational opportunities are lost. The other item contributing to the deficit is our new and improved website update. A new website will be easier to navigate and be welcome for new and old users alike

Regrettably 2019 wasn't a great year when it came to the Type Evaluation program, but I hope 2020 will see the return of this valuable program. I really hope to see a bigger population take advantage of the programs available. GHIP and Type Evaluation are great programs to take advantage of. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask! What else will be new in 2020? Additional information will be coming regarding the Traceability Program, and I look forward to our speaker this afternoon who will be updating all of us on this topic.

All in all I look forward to the continuation of this year. I enjoy seeing the continued involvement of our youth as they learn and grow along side us adults! I hope to try and create a few fun and interactive producer days in the future. I look forward to continuing to make new contacts and continuing with the association well into the future. I hope you all enjoy today.



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.

On October 10, 2018, the Association turned 25 years old. 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.

2019 Board of Directors

President

Sarah James

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Kerry O'Donnell

Vice President

Becky Vissers

Treasurer

Anny Martin

Secretary

Marshall James

Directors at Large

Jasmin Bautz

Myriam Landry

Rob Schill

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 carrying out of a credible system of 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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4. 2019 AGM Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Canadian Meat Goat Association AGM February 28, 2019

**Canadian Meat Goat Association
Annual General Meeting
February 28th, 2019
Webinar**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:27 pm EST by Kerry O'Donnell.

2. Introductions of Board and staff

Kerry welcomed the participants and he gave the floor to Catherine for her to explain how the webinar platform works and how participants will be able to participate to the meeting.

Catherine explained how the meeting will be translated in both English and French, how the webinar platform works, and she went through the Annual Report. She also encouraged participants to participate to the poll at the end of the meeting.

Kerry introduced each of the CMGA Board members and staff.

3. Approval of the Agenda

There were no proposed additions to agenda.

IT WAS MOVED BY Anny Martin and SECONDED by Sylvie Dionne that the agenda be approved as presented.
The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

4. Approval of the 2018 AGM Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY Shannon Thurston and SECONDED by Rick Patterson that the minutes from the 2018 AGM be approved as presented.
The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

5. Committee Reports

Kerry indicated that the various committee reports were included in the Annual Report.

a. Financial

Catherine presented the Financial report. A copy of the 2018 reviewed Financial Statements were provided and reviewed as part of the Treasurer's report.

- *Approval of the Treasurer's report*

IT WAS MOVED BY Rob Schill and SECONDED by Myriam Landry that the Treasurer's report be adopted as presented.
The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

- *Approval of the Auditor appointment*

IT WAS MOVED BY Rick Patterson and SECONDED by Shannon Thurston that Raymond-Chabot-Grand-Thornton (RCGT) in La Pocatière be appointed as the 2019 auditor for the CMGA.
The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

4. 2019 AGM Meeting Minutes continued...

Minutes of the Canadian Meat Goat Association AGM February 28, 2019

- **Approval of Budget and Fee Schedule**

IT WAS MOVED BY Anny Martin and SECONDED by Ruth Ryckman that the Budget and Fee Schedule be adopted as presented.

The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

- b. Production**

Kerry presented the Production report.

- c. Show Committee**

Becky presented the Show Committee report.

Catherine announced the 2017 CMGA Canadian Show Champions as follows:

Purebred Buck: Du Biquet Cool Play, owner Chevrerie Du Biquet

Purebred Doe: Du Biquet Escapade, owner Chevrerie Du Biquet

Percentage Doe: Flat Hill Fiona, owner Flat Hill Farms

Commercial Doe: Epic Youngin, owner Pine Haven Farms

- d. Youth Committee**

Sarah presented the Youth Committee Report.

Sarah announced the winners of the Youth Point Chase award:

Honourable mention: Lucas Cairncross

Runner up: Lea Bernier

First place: Gabrielle Bourdages

The Youth Point Chase will continue for 2019. Attendees were encouraged to get youth involved in showing goats.

- e. General Manager's Report**

Catherine presented the General Manager's Report.

6. 2019 Board of Directors

Kerry introduced the 2019 Board of Directors: Rob Schill, Becky Vissers, Laura Smith, Anny Martin, Sarah and Marshall James and the newly elected Myriam Landry. Kerry will stay on the board as Past-President.

7. New business

None.

8. Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY Myriam Landry that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00pm EST.

5.1 Financial Report

Notes regarding 2019 revenue and costs:

Income

- We have almost reached our target for revenue from advertising in the Journal. We hope that next year we can reach our goal. This would permit to pay for a bigger part of the Journal's expenses. Thanks to all Journal advertisers who continued to purchase an add in our Journal for 2018!
- The number of members declined in 2019, from 187 in 2018 to 137 in 2019, an historic low for CMGA. But because the costs in the fee schedule increased on April 1st, we were able to stay on budget with revenue from membership and even to make a little more than expected. Same with registrations, transfers and other related transactions, even if the transactions number declined in 2019, we were able to stay on budget with revenue from membership and even to make a little more than expected. The membership and registration figures are presented in the General Manager's report.
- Profit generated by CMGA membership and registration activities is the only source of revenue to pay for all other CMGA costs such as General Manager's salary, office costs, AGM, and most lines you see in the expenses section of the budget.
- We have sales that were not budgeted because we decided to make the 2020 CMGA calendar. We have about \$500 of those sales that are related to the calendar, the balance is due to ad sales in the calendar and to Meat Goat Journal subscriptions (3).
- The Type Evaluation Program didn't run in 2019 due to lack of participation, so we have no revenue from this item.
- We had about \$5,219.48 less revenue than what was expected, but if we subtract the TE Program expected revenue, we are about \$1,380 over budget.

Expenses

- The ad and promo expenses are coming from the calendar. As you can see, we didn't quite cover our expenses from the revenue we expected from calendar sales. This item will be discussed in the Ad & Promo Committee Report.
- The predicted expenses for 2019 AGM done via webinar were even lower than what we expected. The experience turned out great and using a webinar platform for AGM is really a good way to save money.
- We had more Board expenses than expected because it was decided to hold a teleconference once a month in the hope of reducing the duration of the calls, but it just didn't happen. We had more teleconferences of the same length, about 1:30 to 2:00.
- Show fees were about the same than expected. And with the show revenue we were able to cover our show costs.
- As previously mentioned, Type Evaluation Program didn't run in 2019. This is a program where the price charged to participants should cover for all related expenses and that's how it was budgeted for 2019.
- General Manager's salary was lower than expected because all budgeted hours were not used.
- The expenses for the Journal were lower than budgeted.
- Membership expenses were higher than expected because CMGA had to support DNA storage cost increase until April 1st and we used the CLRC services to send membership renewal notices by email and postage to our members. We even sent reminders to our 2018 members who didn't renew their membership in 2019. This had a cost, but it paid because we received a lot of renewals from those ex-members.
- Office expenses were about the same than expected, the same for DNA testing.
- About DNA testing, we had 17 DNA testing requests sent to UC Davis in 2019. 9 were mandatory and related to our bylaws and 8 were requests sent by breeders.
- The bank service charges are lower than expected because we now deposit our cheques via the online BMO platform by taking a picture instead of renting a cheque scanner for \$25 per month. A lot of payments are also done by interac transfer which has a minimal cost.

- We had 2 unexpected expenses in 2019: CNGF membership and a participation into the National Farmed Animal Care Council (NFAAC) Goat Code Development Committee. We felt that it was important that as a national organisation we promote national goat initiatives. So this is why the Uncategorized expenses total is much higher than what we budgeted for.
- Youth project expenses were a little higher than expected. CMGA has a special account for youth projects and expenses and there's still about \$1,000 in that account.
- Total expenses were about \$4,409.22 less than budgeted. But if we do the same math with the TE Program that didn't run and remove those expenses from the total, we are a little more than \$2000 above budget. However, even if we had more expenses than what was budgeted, because our revenue was higher than expected, we can still present a balanced budget with a small profit of \$680.36.

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2019 Adopted Budget vs 2018 Actual	PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET		2019 ACTUAL
Income / Revenu			
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$ -		\$ -
ADVERTISING / PUBLICITÉ	\$ 1 500,00		\$ 1 265,00
AGM Income / Revenu de l'AGA	\$ -		\$ -
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	\$ 6 600,00		\$ -
MEMBERSHIPS / COTISATIONS	\$ 12 600,00		\$ 12 830,00
OFFICE COST REIMBURSEMENT / REMBOURSEMENT FRAIS DE BUREAU	\$ -		\$ 2,16
SHOW FEES / FRAIS D'EXPOSITIONS	\$ 690,00		\$ 620,00
PAID TO CMGA / PAYÉ À L'ACCB	\$ -		\$ -
REGISTRATIONS / ENREGISTREMENTS	\$ 35 550,00		\$ 36 219,36
SALES / VENTES	\$ -		\$ 784,00
INTEREST / INTÉRÊTS	\$ -		\$ -
CREDITS WRITTEN OFF / CRÉDITS RADIÉS	\$ -		\$ -
Total Income / Revenu total	\$ 56 940,00		\$ 51 720,52
Expense / Dépenses			
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION	\$ -		\$ 1 467,00
AGM / AGA	\$ 833,74		\$ 597,32
CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA			
Telecon Expenses / Conférences téléphoniques	\$ 250,00		\$ 372,15
Travel / Déplacements	\$ -		\$ -
Total CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA	\$ 250,00		\$ 372,15
CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB			
Show Ribbons / Rubans	\$ 600,00		\$ 613,55
Judges Licensing Forums	\$ -		\$ -
Total CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB	\$ 600,00		\$ 613,55
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification			
Evaluator Fees & Expenses / Frais et dépenses des évaluateurs	\$ 6 600,00		\$ -
Forms & Handbook / Formulaire et manuels	\$ 230,00		\$ -
Total CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	\$ 6 830,00		\$ -
GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE			
Salary / Salaire	\$ 18 346,32		\$ 17 071,60
GENERAL MANAGER - Other - DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE - Autre	\$ -		\$ -
Total GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE	\$ 18 346,32		\$ 17 071,60
MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE			
Ad. sales commissions / Commissions sur les ventes de publicité	\$ -		\$ -
Coordination of content / Coordination du contenu	\$ -		\$ -
MGJ Postage / Envoi postal	\$ 510,00		\$ 322,46
MGJ Printing / Impression	\$ 900,00		\$ 744,00
MGJ Shipping/Handling / Port et manutention	\$ 730,00		\$ 870,00
Production and artwork / Production et graphisme	\$ 1 700,00		\$ 1 570,00
Reimburse MGJ advertisers	\$ -		\$ -
Total MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE	\$ 3 840,00		\$ 3 506,46

2019 Adopted Budget vs 2018 Actual (continued)	PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET	2019 ACTUAL
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION		\$ 503,72
CLRC Levies / Charges SCEA	\$ 13 800,00	\$ 13 948,37
CLRC Miscellaneous / Divers SCEA	\$ 300,00	\$ 371,50
CLRC Credit Card Admin. / Admin. de Carte de crédit SCEA	\$ 950,00	\$ 1 029,83
CLRC DNA Sample Storage / Stockage d'Échantillon ADN SCEA	\$ 3 110,00	\$ 3 710,00
Total MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION	\$ 18 160,00	\$ 19 563,42
OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU		
Accounting and Legal / Comptabilité et frais juridiques	\$ 2 550,00	\$ 2 500,00
Office supplies and equipment / Équipement et matériel de bureau	\$ 200,00	\$ 32,35
Postage / Poste	\$ 550,00	\$ 695,19
Telephone - Internet / Téléphone	\$ 460,32	\$ 541,56
Website / Site Internet	\$ 350,00	\$ 226,90
Quickbooks	\$ 440,00	\$ 460,00
Enterprise Registrar / Registraire entreprises	\$ -	\$ -
Total OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU	\$ 4 550,32	\$ 4 456,00
REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS		
DNA Testing / Testage AND	\$ 600,00	\$ 691,72
Total REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS	\$ 600,00	\$ 691,72
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES		
Bank Service Charges / Charge service bancaire	\$ 564,00	\$ 467,84
Cheque order / Commande de chèques	\$ -	\$ -
Interest Charges	\$ -	\$ -
CNGF Membership / Cotisation FCNC	\$ -	\$ 750,00
PayPal Fees / Frais PayPal	\$ 60,00	\$ 2,19
NFACC Code developpement committee	\$ -	\$ 600,00
Total UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES	\$ 624,00	\$ 1 820,03
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE		
Youth Project expenses / Dépenses Projet jeunesse	\$ -	\$ -
Youth Project prize / Récompense Projet jeunesse	\$ 315,00	\$ 380,91
Youth Support Fund / Fond de support à la relève	\$ 500,00	\$ 500,00
Total YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$ 815,00	\$ 880,91
Total Expense / Dépenses	\$ 55 449,38	\$ 51 040,16
Net Profit (Loss)	\$ 1 490,62	\$ 680,36



2020 Budget

The 2020 budget was discussed and approved by the Board of Directors via an email motion adopted on February 24th, 2019. It is presented on pages 13 and 14.

Factors influencing decisions surrounding the 2020 budget include:

- ⇒ A plan to be determined to recover the website expenses over a certain period of time
- ⇒ Recruiting more advertisers for the Canadian Meat Goat Journal.
- ⇒ Organising a face-to-face AGM with producers education opportunities.
- ⇒ Manage decreasing memberships and registrations.
- ⇒ Maintaining the CMGA programs offer in 2020 including Type Evaluation.
- ⇒ Working towards a new website with an online payment option.

It is a deficit budget, but it allows the organization to be more visible, more accessible to its members, and to better promote the meat goat industry.

Increase in CLRC unit cost for 2020

CLRC has increased their unit cost fees for the second year in a row. Beginning January 1, 2020, our unit cost rose to \$7.50 from \$6.40.

CMGA reviewed and increased the fees charged to members for CLRC related activities such as registering animals, transfers, memberships, etc. in 2019 in order to insure a stable budget. There are no fee increases for members anticipated for the 2020 year, however, the Board will be reviewing the impact this fee increase has as 2020 evolves.

The CLRC Unit Cost System

The unit cost system by which CLRC charges member breed associations for work performed was implemented in 1987 in response to requests from the members associations for charges based more accurately on the exact cost of providing the various services. An addition to the system was made in 1992 with the introduction of a volume factor.

The base "Unit" is defined in the CLRC by-laws as "the unit of business required for the production of a standard two-generation certificate of registration bearing only the information specifically outlined in section 29 of the Animal Pedigree Act as being the minimum information required on a certificate". This means a certificate for an animal identified by tattoo markings, official ear tags or electronic implants.

All other services are prorated to the standard unit, either as a fraction or a multiple thereof. The prorates are determined according to the amount of time required and the material needed to perform each type of transaction. Unit values are revised from time to time, as changes occur in the procedures involved in processing the various transactions.

And finally, in order to provide a discount to larger volume associations in recognition of the efficiencies created in processing larger volumes of the same type of work, there's also a multiplier factor that is used. In 2018, CMGA activities generated around 2,413 units. For the first 500 units, the volume factor used was 1.2 and for the next 1,500 units the factor was 1.1. At 8,000 units, the factor is 1.0.

The unit cost is set each year by the CLRC board of Directors at the budget meeting in October of the previous year.

CANADIAN MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

PROPOSED 2020 Budget

Income / Revenu	
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$ -
ADVERTISING / PUBLICITÉ	\$ 1 500,00
AGM Income / Revenu de l'AGA	\$ 4 250,00
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	\$ 6 830,00
MEMBERSHIPS / COTISATIONS	\$ 11 000,00
OFFICE COST REIMBURSEMENT / REMBOURSEMENT FRAIS DE BUREAU	\$ -
SHOW FEES / FRAIS D'EXPOSITIONS	\$ 620,00
PAID TO CMGA / PAYÉ À L'ACCB	\$ -
REGISTRATIONS / ENREGISTREMENTS	\$ 35 000,00
SALES / VENTES	\$ 1 500,00
INTEREST / INTÉRÊTS	\$ -
CREDITS WRITTEN OFF / CRÉDITS RADIÉS	\$ -
Total Income / Revenu total	\$ 60 700,00
Expense / Dépenses	
ACCOUNTS WRITTEN OFF / COMPTES RADIÉS	\$ 585,05
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION	\$ 1 500,00
AGM / AGA	\$ 8 000,00
CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA	
Telecon Expenses / Conférences téléphoniques	\$ 220,00
Travel / Déplacements	\$ -
Total CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA	\$ 220,00
CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB	
Show Ribbons / Rubans	\$ 366,95
Judges Licensing Forums	\$ -
Total CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB	\$ 366,95
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	
Evaluator Fees & Expenses / Frais et dépenses des évaluateurs	\$ 6 600,00
Forms & Handbook / Formulaire et manuels	\$ 230,00
Total CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	\$ 6 830,00
GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE	
Salary / Salaire	\$ 18 345,60
GENERAL MANAGER - Other - DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE - Autre	\$ -
Total GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE	\$ 18 345,60

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PROPOSED 2020 Budget (continued)

Expense / Dépenses	
MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE	
Ad. sales commissions / Comissions sur les ventes de publicité	\$ -
Coordination of content / Coordination du contenu	\$ -
MGJ Postage / Envoi postal	\$ 400,00
MGJ Printing / Impression	\$ 800,00
MGJ Shipping/Handling / Port et manutention	\$ 900,00
Production and artwork / Production et graphisme	\$ 1 600,00
Reimburse MGJ advertisers	\$ -
Total MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE	\$ 3 700,00
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION	\$ 500,00
CLRC Levies / Charges SCEA	\$ 13 000,00
CLRC Miscellaneous / Divers SCEA	\$ 370,00
CLRC Credit Card Admin. / Admin. de Carte de crédit SCEA	\$ 1 100,00
CLRC DNA Sample Storage / Stockage d'Échantillon ADN SCEA	\$ 3 500,00
Total MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION	\$ 18 470,00
OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU	
Accounting and Legal / Comptabilité et frais juridiques	\$ 2 600,00
Office supplies and equipment / Équipement et matériel de bureau	\$ 30,00
Postage / Poste	\$ 1 000,00
Telephone - Internet / Téléphone	\$ 542,00
Website / Site Internet	\$ 10 430,00
Quickbooks	\$ 600,00
Enterprise Registrar / Registraire entreprises	\$ -
Total OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU	\$ 15 202,00
REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS	
DNA Testing / Testage AND	\$ 700,00
Total REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS	\$ 700,00
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES	
Bank Service Charges / Charge service bancaire	\$ 500,00
Cheque order / Commande de chèques	\$ -
Interest Charges	\$ -
CNGF Membership / Cotisation FCNC	\$ 937,00
PayPal Fees / Frais PayPal	\$ 3,00
NFACC Code developpement committee	\$ 600,00
Total UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES	\$ 2 040,00
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	
Youth Project expenses / Dépenses Projet jeunesse	\$ -
Youth Project prize / Récompense Projet jeunesse	\$ 400,00
Youth Support Fund / Fond de support à la relève	\$ 500,00
Total YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$ 900,00
Total Expense / Dépenses	\$ 76 859,60
Net Profit (Loss)	-\$ 16 159,60

5.2 Production

By Kerry O'Donnell

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 on farm.

The CMGA Type Evaluation system was modeled along the lines of similar programs offered by other breeds of livestock (i.e. 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 are published in the Canadian Meat Goat Journal as well as being published on the CMGA website.

The program did not run in 2019, however in 2018, evaluations took place in Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Quebec with 226 animals being evaluated.

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2016	2018
# Farms Participating	9	13	18	12	12	10	11	14	13
# Animals Evaluated	134	160	180	148	299	236	155	220	226

Plans are underway to explore the possibility of running the program in 2020. If you have questions, or would like more information, please contact the CMGA office.

GHIP 2019

The Goat Herd Improvement Program 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 as a result of CMGA’s desire to build on existing programs, and to provide extra value to membership in regard to data for selection of breeding stock. Our show program and Type Evaluation program provide feedback to producers on animals in regard to phenotype and conformation to breed standards, whereas 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 data base to create benchmarks for important production traits such as number of kids born, birth weights, average weaning weights, etc.

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

In 2019, a total of 8 producers submitted data to the GHIP program.

Thank you to:

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2019 GHIP DATA

The tables below contain data collected from our Canadian herd from 2013-2019. Please note that the overall numbers and averages contain data from prior to 2013 as well.

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
2018	374	7.75	316	93.89	44.51	0.39	43.19	49.26
2019	474	7.76	No data	89.16	43.86	0.41	44.58	51.09
Overall	4877	7.79	3555	92.59	41.30	0.37	41.03	46.23

Dam Data

YR	N	Litter size	BWT	Kids WN/doe	WN WT	90D WT	ADJ WT	DOE WT	EFF RATIO
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
2018	160	2.08	16.02	1.80	77.94	75.30	85.65	115.36	65.40
2019	238	1.98	14.78	1.79	78.16	80.10	91.65	113.8	74.03
Overall	2392	1.98	14.97	1.70	73.09	71.37	80.71	114.5	65.40

Sire Data

YR	# head	# born	BWT	# weaned	WN WT	90D WT	ADJ WWT
2015	32	16.16	8.18	15.34	43.77	39.56	44.99
2016	33	20.75	7.99	16.69	46.18	43.14	48.80
2017	26	8.96	7.75	8.36	47.16	47.62	54.39
2018	29	12.28	7.88	10.62	47.76	45.78	51.04
2019	29	17.00	7.59	14.93	43.09	44.0	49.78
Overall	285	15.95	7.89	14.21	43.48	42.44	47.68

5.3 Show Committee

By Becky Vissers

This years show season showed an increase in numbers yet again. Looks like showing is making a climb again! As with last year, we saw new breeders coming out to sanctioned and non sanctioned meat goat shows. Our animal count was up from 344 to 362 this year.

Shows	Purebred Boer Does	Percentage Boer Does	Purebred Boer Bucks	Commercial Does	Market Kids
<i>Expo Calixa Lavalee</i>	29	0	11	0	0
<i>Expo St.Hyacinthe</i>	52	0	25	0	0
<i>Brome Fair</i>	71	0	28	0	0
<i>Norfolk County Fair</i>	16	6	7	6	2
<i>RAWF</i>	50	14	22	21	2
Totals for 2019	218	20	93	27	4
2018 Comparison	212	21	73	32	6

2019 Show Champions of the Year

Purebred buck: SHOW ME BOERS RED TAIL ARISING, owned and shown by CHEVRERIE DU BIQUET, Warwick, Quebec

Purebred Doe: DU BIQUET CELEBRITE, owned and shown by CHEVRERIE DU BIQUET, Warwick, Quebec

Percentage Does: FLAT HILL FIONA, owned and shown by CANDICE SAUDER, Gads Hill Station, Ontario

Commercial Does: COUNTRY STRONG CORONATION, owned and shown by COUNTRY STRONG BOER GOATS, Carleton Place, Ontario

Congratulations to you all!

We are looking forward to this year show season. We have a new list of classes to put some uniformity in shows and to make entering easier for breeders. Keep an eye out for the list of shows to be posted for this year! It is a great way to market, network and just have fun with our goats.



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5.4 Youth Committee

By Sarah James

Another successful year for our youth! Its always incredibly encouraging to see all these young smiling faces out at the shows and of course on the farm! Our youth is our future and we need to cultivate and nurture this. I look forward to their successes in the future.

This year we are happy to say we had a large number of 63 legged kids participating with their 4 legged kids in shows!

We are very pleased to announce the winners of the 2019 **Youth Point Chase**:

Our **Honourable Mention** is Lea Bernier, from Quebec, well done! Our **Runner-Up** is Lucas Cairncross, from Ontario, great job! Our **Winner** is Sarah Kay, also from Ontario, congratulations! I look forward to seeing all your new projects throughout the year.

Something we encourage is the D.I.Y style of life farming and instilling confidence in our youth that they can in fact make decisions and act on them. Therefore, we offer the **Youth Support Fund**. This year our applicant was Sarah Kay. Sarah wanted to buy a papared buck to continue breeding her does to. We were happy to award Sarah the money to pursue her passion of raising Boer goats. For more information on the Youth Fund feel free to contact us.

The Youth Support Fund is an excellent way for our youth to receive aid in reaching their goals in the Meat Goat field. The CMGA believes in the importance of getting young people involved in the meat goat industry. The CMGA will award up to \$500 annually to the recipient that has applied and has been awarded to youth members who are actively involved in the meat goat industry. The number of successful applicants and the amount awarded to each will be at the discretion of the selection committee.



5.5 Ad and Promo Committee

By Myriam Landry

The Ad & Promo Committee had one main project for 2019, the 2020 CMGA Calendar. It was the first edition and we would like to pursue the project for the following years.

We launched our first edition by a photo contest. Members we're invited to send their best meat goat picture to the office and the 12 best pictures were going to be selected for the calendar. The winning pictures were selected by a professional animal photographer, well known here in Quebec, for being the official photographer for main fairs. We received a total of 17 pictures.

We sent out for printing 200 copies of the calendar. The cost of each calendar was \$12.16, and we were selling them \$18.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. Turned out we only sold 33.

Came February and the price got down to \$15.00 per calendar and 2 for \$26.00. We announced it on our website, but it looked like it wasn't advertised enough. March coming, we should sell them at cost price. They will be selling at AGM and they will also go for participation/door prizes.

For 2020, it's expected to repeat the experience starting the same way, with a photo contest that should be announced in Spring when kidding is under way and "wintery" pictures can still be taken. These will make great pictures! The contest will go until September. Winners should be announced mid-October and printing is expected for early November. The objective is to have them selling at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto and before Christmas. They make great Christmas gifts!

We're planning on printing less to lower the price (covering costs), because we shouldn't make so much money out of it, its more for promoting and advertising. It should pay for itself with paid ads and breeders advertisements. As its going to increase in popularity, I'm hoping breeders will want to advertise more. Its a great visibility for a cheap price.

2019 was the starter year and we hope 2020 will see better sales.

There are also some projects on the table for 2020 such as biosecurity signs and redoing the type evaluation poster.

Any ideas or comments, Myriam, Ad and Promo Committee Chair, at volets-verts@hotmail.com.



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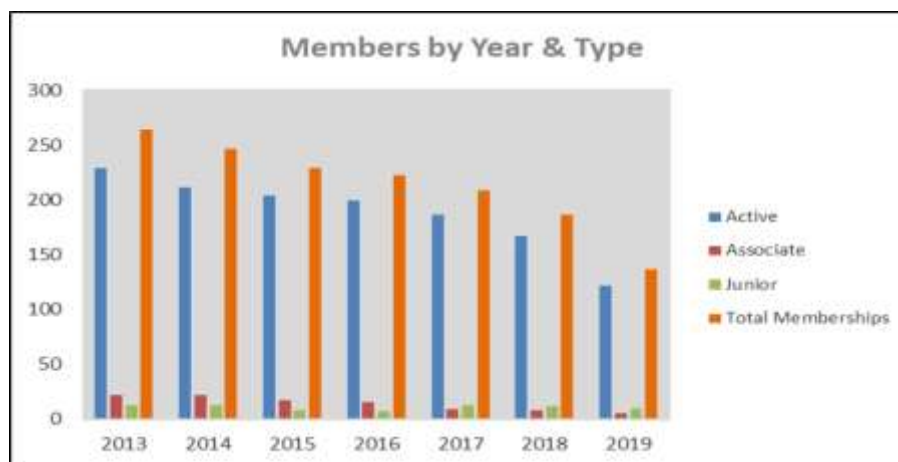
After 2018, year of transition, year 2019 was the one where things got back up to speed at the CMGA office. Working with a full board, I continued to find ways of cutting expenses and increasing revenues. Not all had a conclusive result, but at least we tried.

In 2019, the publication of the Journal continued with two editions in July and December, many electronic mailings through out the year and increased use of our Facebook page. The December Journal had 56 pages instead of 48. I made it a special health issue and could not bring myself to cut some very interesting articles that I had received from writers all around North America.

The association's program offering also continued in 2019. Unfortunately, Type Evaluation didn't run, but we will be offering it again in 2020 in the hopes to recruit more participants. The office received many requests for information about the Goat Herd Improvement Program (GHIP) which continued to be offered in 2019, and many meat goat shows were sanctioned.

Membership

Membership numbers has continued to decline from 187 in 2018 to 137 in 2019, a historic low since CMGA foundation. We encourage our members to provide us with their comments and expectations regarding their association. At the end of the year, we sent membership renewal notices to 2018 members as well and it had great results seeing some of those members who did not renew their membership for 2019, coming back to CMGA for 2020. As we speak today, we have a little over 100 members for 2020 and I know that some 2019 members just forgot to renew for 2020. So far, it's looking better for 2020.



The list of CMGA members is still available on the CMGA website. Updates are made as members renew their membership or as new members join the organization. Please ensure your contact information is up to date by contacting the office with any changes. I had a lot of demand from potential buyers about breeders raising specific breeds, so could you also please update your breed code.

Registrations

The number of purebred Boer goats' registrations dropped in 2019, while the number of crossbred Boer goats registered was a little higher than 2018. The number of Kiko goat registered stayed the same even if the number of purebreds registration declined. This was due to the increased registration of crossbred Kikos. Since 2015, the number of registered purebred Kikos declines while the number of crossbred Kiko registered increases. I also know that we had problems at CLRC registering the Kikos in a timely manner, so at least 12 Kikos ready to be registered in 2019 were still not registered early 2020. They will figure on this year report.

The registration figures for Boer and Kiko goats from 2015 to 2019 are shown on the next page.

Breeds	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Purebred Boer registrations (TR, R, CR, RCR)	698	824	820	806	845
Percentage Boer registrations (GR)	138	129	167	204	226
Purebred Kiko registrations (NZPK, DPK)	5	12	19	22	31
Crossbred Kiko registrations (CBK)	27	21	8	10	-
Transfers of Boers and Kikos	622	657	823	831	1040

I have also compiled data for the number of registration activities since 2001 in the following graphic, i.e. goats registered, and goats transferred. We can note that overall registration activities declined over the last years.



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. For those who don't raise purebred stock, you surely need a purebred buck occasionally to put on your commercial females. A buck with proven performances and an excellent conformation if you want it to breed your females efficiently and to give you fast growing kids. The CMGA GHIP and Type Evaluation programs will tell you what you need to know about that buck. A nice-looking buck does not always guarantee good performances.

And then my message is, registration, transfers and membership are the main source of income for the CMGA. If the income decreases year after year, how will we be able to keep all our programs alive? How will the CMGA be able to continue adding value to membership and registration and to help the meat goat industry grow? I'll leave you on this question.

Registration Problems at CLRC

In 2019, Laura Lee Mills, the long-time meat goat registrar, has been on a leave for several months. Oh, how we missed her! Meat goats registration process was entrusted to Sandra Languet who made her best to learn the whole thing. I detected several billing errors and was able to have the corrections made by working with her. I would not have liked to be in her shoes! As Laura Lee has returned, I hope that things will get back to normal.

So, when you contact Laura Lee by email or phone, please be patient and make sure that you take a few seconds of your time to thank her for her good work and tell her how much you appreciate what she does for you. It's often when you lose some one that you realise how important that person was.

Savannah Registration

Last year we have sent to the meat goat breeders community a link to a survey asking questions about their will to include Savannah goats into the Canadian registry. We received 21 answers from 21 breeders. 4 of them were Savannah goats breeders. 19 of them were CMGA members. The majority were in favor of a Canadian Savannah registry.

The inclusion of a new breed in the Canadian registry is a lengthy and time-consuming process. If we have only 4 interested Savannah goat breeders in the whole country, is it worth it? We don't even have a Savannah breeder on the CMGA board or on any CMGA committee. So, until we receive more interest from the Canadian Savannah breeders, the project is put on hold.

A Kiko Registration Story

In 2019, I had a call from a Canadian Kiko breeder, a CMGA member, who bought a Kiko buck from another Canadian Kiko breeder, not a CMGA member, still registering his goats in the US even if there's a Canadian Kiko registry since 2014. This breeder said that it was cheaper to register his goats in the US. The problem was that for the buyer to register his "American" buck into the Canadian registry, he needed hair samples from the sire and the dam of this buck. But because in the states they don't require DNA testing, well the seller had no hair samples from either the sire nor the dam and he didn't have the animals anymore on his farm. So, the buyer could not register his buck in the Canadian registry, and he had sold progeny from that buck already. What a mess!

So, breeders be careful when buying Kiko goats from breeders who don't register their goats in Canada. Make sure you buy the animal with the hair samples from its sire and dam. The Animal Pedigree Act obligates sellers to specify when advertising and selling an animal that it is registered in a jurisdiction other than Canada. There should be no surprise to the buyer.

5.7 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. "

The Board of the CMGA proposes the following by-law amendment for consideration at the 2020 AGM: Removing the requirement for submission of DNA samples on all Purebred Boer animals to be registered and removing the requirement for random full DNA parentage verification testing on at least 1% of all Purebred animals being registered each year.

Rationale: The requirement for DNA submission and random parentage testing was instituted at the time the breed was first introduced to Canada and breeding stock commanded a high price. As time has passed and the Boer breed has become established in Canada, CMGA would like to align with the current practices of other similar breed associations regarding what is required to register purebred stock. Neither the Canadian Goat Society or the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association require DNA submissions for the registration of the multiple breeds they are responsible for and CMGA proposes that we move in the same direction. Removing the requirement of DNA submission will benefit breeders from both a cost and time perspective.

Testing only 1% of all purebred animals registered in a year is a minimal number and does not ensure a high level of confidence in the purity of the stock being registered. In 2017 and 2018 approximately 700 purebred animals were registered with the herd book. Under the current bylaw where 1% of those animals were tested with at least 75% being buck kids and the remaining being

doe kids, that equates to 7 animals in total being tested with 6 of those being bucks and 1 being a doe. The remaining 683 animals were registered with no parentage testing.

Proposed articles to remove from the CMGA by-laws are in red.

Current bylaws:

ARTICLE XVIII

GENERAL RULES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR BOER GOATS

Registration in the Canadian Meat Goat Association shall be granted to any foreign or domestic Boer Goat provided that it meets the appropriate Rules of Eligibility listed below.

b) Foundation Stock is defined as animals born to embryos imported prior to December 31, 1995. Animals will be recognized by country of origin and must be accompanied by a registration certificate approved by the Boer Goat Association of the exporting country at the time of the opening of the Canadian Meat Goat Association Herd Book.

c) At the expense of the owner, a sample of DNA source material on all Foundation Stock will be sent to a lab specified by the Board of Directors of the Canadian Meat Goat Association. All moneys will be administered through the Association and the information will be kept on file by the laboratory and the Association.

d) As part of the requirements of animal registration with the Canadian Meat Goat Association, the owner of any goats being registered under any of the Purebred Boer classifications must submit a sample of DNA source material taken from the animal to be registered, of a source approved by the Board of the CMGA (e.g. blood or hair sample). The sample must be submitted to the Registrar at the same time as the application for registration, for storage and possible use in the random DNA Parentage Verification Test described below. The Registrar must receive the DNA sample before proceeding with any Purebred Boer registration.

Beginning in 1999, the CMGA will complete a randomly selected full DNA parentage verification test on at least 1% of all Purebred animals being registered each year. This testing program will be administered as follows:

DNA PARENTAGE VERIFICATION TEST FOR PUREBRED BOER GOATS

i) Animals to be verified will be randomly selected by the Registrar and will consist of a minimum of 75% buck kids, and the remaining percentage for doe kids. The Registrar will inform the owner of the required test and the results. The Test will be completed as soon as possible by a lab appointed by the Board of Directors of the CMGA.

ii) If the animal passes the test, the Registrar shall issue a registration certificate for the animal, provided all other criteria of the Bylaws of the Canadian Meat Goat Association are met.

iii) If the animal fails the test, no registration certificate can be issued. The owner shall be informed of the results and may submit another sample of DNA source material from the same animal for re-testing, at the owner's expense.

iv) If the animal passes a second test, registration may be granted. If, however, the animal is not re-tested or fails the second test, the owner will be informed that the animal has not passed and that the owner has the option of not registering the animal or, if one parent qualifies, registering the animal as follows: does will be registered as ½ Canadian Boer.

v) The owner may appeal and re-test at his/her own cost, but the results of the testing must satisfy the Registrar as to the animal's eligibility before a registration certificate can be issued.

The Board of Directors may direct that a breeder undertakes such additional DNA verification tests as it deems necessary at the breeder's expense.

In the event that DNA testing is not completed by the applicant as requested, the Board of Directors shall act as it deems necessary to enforce compliance including the withholding of registrations of the request for additional full DNA parentage verification testing or suspension or expulsion from membership in the Association.

There would also be other bylaw amendments to change with this proposed amendment;

ARTICLE XVIII

The Canadian Meat Goat Association recognizes the following rules to facilitate the breeding up of goats of non-Boer origin to a

level where they can be registered as Purebred Canadian Boer Goats.

- i) A percentage bred female doe kid, that has either the sire or dam registered as a Purebred Boer in the Canadian Meat Goat Association Herd Book, may be registered as a one-half (1/2) Percentage Boer doe.
- ii) Provided that a properly registered Purebred Boer buck is used as a sire and mated to a 50% or higher Boer doe, the percentage make up of the progeny is the average of the 2 parents. For example, (100% buck + 75% doe) / 2 = 87.5% offspring.
- iii) There is no requirement to have a sample of DNA source material placed on file nor any requirement for random DNA parent verification testing, on registered percentage Canadian Boer does, prior to them reaching the level of fifteen-sixteenths (15/16).
- iv) At fifteen-sixteenths (15/16), a percentage Boer doe may be registered as a Canadian Purebred Boer (CR) provided the animal satisfies the requirements of these Bylaws. If the animal fails to meet the Traditional Boer requirements of Article XVIII 1 g) ii), the animal must be registered as Recorded Canadian Purebred Boer (RCR).
- v) At thirty-one thirty-seconds (31/32), a percentage Boer buck may be registered as a Canadian Purebred Boer (CR) provided the animal satisfies the requirements of these Bylaws. If the animal fails to meet the Traditional Boer requirements of Article XVIII 1 g) ii), the animal must be registered as Recorded Canadian Purebred Boer (RCR). Bucks that are less than 31/32 Boer are unregistrable.
- vi) Provided that a properly registered Purebred Boer buck (of any classification) is used as a sire, the guidelines of sections (iv) and (v) apply to the registration of the offspring of Canadian and Recorded Canadian Purebred Boer parents.
- vii) The offspring of a Canadian Purebred or Recorded Canadian Purebred Boer parent and a Traditional Purebred or Purebred Boer parent will be registered as a Canadian Purebred or Recorded Canadian Purebred Boer provided the offspring otherwise meet the requirements of the Bylaws.
- viii) In all cases of purebred registration, a sample of DNA source material from the animal must be placed on file and stored at a lab specified and approved by the Board of Directors of the Canadian Meat Goat Association, and pass the random DNA Parentage Verification test as set out in these Bylaws, if selected for testing.

5.8 Report from the CNGF

CNGF Report on:

- Traceability for goats in Canada
- Canadian Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Goats
- Scrapie Working Group



Traceability for goats in Canada

This report was provided by Nilos Korodimas, Sector Specialist, Traceability Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

- The Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) was selected by the goat sector to be their Responsible Administrator, and they formalized that relationship.
- CNGF was working with CFIA and CCIA to have tags available to producers prior to the regulations coming into force to minimize any last-minute surge of requests or confusion. Tags are available on CCIA's webstore.
- Communications such as pamphlets were developed to support these activities by both CNGF and CCIA. There was a strong push to get Premises Identifications (PIDs) and have these on the Canadian Livestock Tracking System accounts.
- There was progress to prepare for the upcoming regulations and those discussions were held through the CFIA's Regulatory Implementation Committee (RIC). The RIC also distributed communication items to the membership that have been distributed further through the CNGF.
- The RIC is continuing its work in preparing for the regulations. There will be a RIC meeting in Ottawa/Gatineau March 3-4 with an Industry Government Advisory Council (IGAC) meeting on March 5, 2020.

- CNGF received the IGAC invite. With the regulations anticipated to be moving forward this year (Spring 2020), the IGAC will focus on “what comes next”. They will be having a workshop to have that discussion, but industry should be thinking about how their work will support providing Assurances to buyers domestically and internationally. The interoperability gap from slaughter to customer is likely where attention is needed.

Goat Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Farm Animals

This report was provided by Amy Vingerhoeds, Goat Industry Liaison

At the end of January 2020, the Goat Code Development Committee held our third of seven meetings. Six of the 13 members of this committee, formed last spring, are actually commercial goat milk, meat, or fibre producers. We fully understand that we will have to live and work with the new Code on our own farms.

We are currently working on the “nuts and bolts” of the new Code to outline minimum standards of care for goats. We have to think beyond practices that we consider for production and think about REQUIREMENTS - things that we absolutely must do to provide responsible care for our goats: feed and water needed for survival, goat management needed to minimize injury, pain, stress, and discomfort, and even how to understand and accommodate natural goat behaviours. Chapter drafts on health, feed & water, housing, husbandry, euthanasia, emergency management and pre-transport fitness have been written and discussed. Over the next 3 to 4 months, the content and wording of all sections will be refined many times over until the committee feels that we have it right!

Meanwhile, the four animal science and veterinarian researchers (plus our science writer), who make up our Goat Code Scientific Committee, have been working hard reviewing goat and small ruminant literature on the priority welfare issues (PWI) agreed upon by the Code committee last spring. Topics include lameness, space allowance, euthanasia, pain, kid health, and natural behaviours. The Code committee gets an early look at the draft versions of the developing science report so that the science can also inform us in writing relevant requirements and recommended practices. The full report is on schedule and should be ready for scientific peer review by March 2020.

Once the goat Code has been drafted to the satisfaction of the Code Development Committee, the contents will be made available to everyone in Canada (and even beyond!) to provide feedback. The purpose of the “Public Comment Period” is to ensure that the Code committee does not forget to consider any important topics. The public (which includes all interested contributors from the goat industry) will have 60 days to offer feedback on-line (or offline, if requested). This will be your chance to have input into Code.

The Scientific Report will be released no later than the launch of the public comment period.

The exact date of this launch has not been set in stone, but is expected to be in late summer or early fall. Watch for an announcement this summer on NFACC’s website, from CNGF, or your local goat organization. For more information, follow the link below.

<https://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/goats>

Scrapie Update

This Report was provided by Geraldine Goodman, British Columbia Goat Association, Scrapie Working Group member

There have been no meetings of the Scrapie Working Group. Many meetings were held before the import from US policies were set a few years ago and those issues were settled. There will be a review coming up but no date has been set for that.

The US still has not implemented importation policies for what they call ‘other ruminants’ such as sheep, goats etc. There is an expectation that this may not happen until there is a trade settlement with China. The waiting for this has been going on for many years, and the US has not given any indication on when it can be expected.

The regulations of our scrapie program have been harmonized with USDA scrapie program, and the US has agreed to the equivalency. When anything is changed with the scrapie program, the implications for the harmonization will have to be considered.

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