

MINUTES

CANADIAN LIVESTOCK RECORDS CORPORATION (CLRC)

2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The one hundredth and first Annual Meeting of Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (formerly Canadian National Live Stock Records) was held at the Executive Royal Inn, Calgary, Alberta on April 1, 2006.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dan Stephenson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. following the annual luncheon. and welcomed those in attendance.

IDENTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS

After introducing Ron Black, CLRC General Manager, and Sheryl Blackburn, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Stephenson asked those present to introduce themselves. Voting representatives were present from 23 member associations as follows:

Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Ass'n: Myrna Flesch
Canadian Brown Swiss and Braunvieh Ass'n: Doug McDermand
Canadian Dexter Cattle Ass'n: Ruth Stone
Canadian Donkey and Mule Ass'n: Sharon Cooke
Canadian Galloway Ass'n: Bob Airth (CLRC Director)
Canadian Goat Society: Danin Brown, Leila Cranswick
Canadian Guernsey Ass'n: Larry Lybbert
Canadian Highland Cattle Society: Lesley Jackson, Barbara Proudfoot
Canadian Icelandic Horse Federation: Catherine Seale
Canadian Katahdin Sheep Ass'n: Greg Sebree
Canadian Llama & Alpaca Ass'n: John MacLeod
Canadian Maine-Anjou Ass'n: Keith MacMillan
Canadian Percheron Ass'n: Don Swanston
Peruvian Horse Association of Canada: Sherry Rosia
Canadian Red Poll Cattle Ass'n: Roger Fleming
Canadian Sheep Breeders Ass'n: Murray Emke (CLRC Director), Mike Rieberger, Geri McNeil
Canadian Shorthorn Ass'n: Dan Stephenson (CLRC Director), Sheryl Blackburn (CLRC Director)
Canadian Sport Horse Ass'n: Kim Berlie, Barbara Jackson
Canadian Speckle Park Ass'n: Rodney Remin
Canadian Swine Breeders Ass'n: Don Dietrich (CLRC Director)
Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse: Jane Mueller
Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Ass'n: Chris Gould, Brandy Yeager
Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada: Mary Cork (CLRC Director)

Also present: Ron Black (CLRC General Manager), David Trus (Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada), Jill Stephenson, Heather Hartmann, Val Sebree, Linda Lapraire, Linda Norstrom, Ted Jansen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Don Dietrich/Greg Sebree – That the agenda be approved as presented, with the deletion of the Workshop Report. Carried.

At this time there was a **MOMENT OF SILENCE** for those breeders who had passed away during the past year.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

In his remarks, Chairman Stephenson noted that there is finally an upturn in registrations and transfers after three years of steady decline. He stated that CLRC had faced a lot of challenges in delivering service to its members over the past few years, but he was pleased that we were able to maintain service with very little cost increase during that period. He expressed his thanks to Ron Black and the staff for their commitment in providing service to the members and for the personal sacrifices that had been made through reduced work hours and layoffs. He also thanked the members of the Board of Directors for their support and the time they had given to conference calls and meetings.

Mr. Stephenson also acknowledged the financial contribution of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce toward the expenses of the meeting.

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING

MOTION: Murray Emke/Don Swanston – That the minutes of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation Annual Meeting held April 2, 2005 in Ottawa, Ontario be approved as circulated. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes to be acted upon.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Ron Black expressed his welcome to those present and presented his report as follows:

“I am glad to see all of you here today, and I thank you for taking time from your busy schedules to show an interest in the affairs of your registry office, that has now completed the first year of its second century of service.

Certainly a high point in 2005 for me was the celebration of our centennial in Ottawa a year ago.

The support we received for that event from a great many people was indeed appreciated.

As the year unfolded, the Board, the staff and I were encouraged as the volume of business steadily increased throughout the year, such that we finished the year having increased our work volume by 15.8% over 2004. All of the species groups experienced increases that ranged from 10.5% for Goats to 25.7% for Swine.

As reported in my Report in the Annual Report, there were a total of 115,264 animals registered and 21,283 transfers. The latter number is an 11.4% increase over 2005, and is encouraging as it shows that animals were moving again in increasing numbers.

These very positive trends have continued into the first 3 months of 2006, with total volumes being up by 8% over the same period last year, again with increases in all species except sheep. I am

pleased to report, as well, that the average turnaround time is much improved this year over last year.

The funding received from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada under the Sustaining the Genetic Quality of Ruminants Program, or Genesis as it is known to some, has been put to use by the various breed associations in numerous ways, many of which have had a direct benefit to CLRC. Several associations have offered credits toward memberships and registrations, or reductions of the fees for those, and that has resulted in big increases in activity in some associations. Others have chosen to use the funding for promotion and advertising which one hopes will play out in the longer term into more activity for those breeds as they reach new buyers.

During the year we completed the development of the registry for the Canadian Speckle Park Association, and are pleased that that association is now a full fledged member of CLRC, and that we have a part in the work of the Speckle Park Association as they progress from status as an evolving breed work to that of a distinct breed. At this point in time, we are in the process of assuming responsibility, on a contract basis, for the registry work for the American Galloway Breeders Association, and later in the year will be setting up the registry for the newly incorporated Canadian Connemara Pony Society.

During the year, the landlord completed some renovations and improvements to the exterior and the common hallways and washrooms of the building in which the office is housed, which is much appreciated by the staff.

This morning you heard me talk about some of the many services that CLRC offers, and I just want to remind all of you again that CLRC is here to assist and serve your associations in many different ways. If your association has a need or an idea, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In closing, it was a year of progress for CLRC. In that regard, I wish to acknowledge the loyal and dedicated staff of CLRC for their professionalism. Secondly, I wish to sincerely thank Dan Stephenson and the Board of Directors for their leadership and support during the year. They were faced with some tough decisions at times, but have given several evenings through the year for teleconferences to discuss important issues. Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to the Boards, the staff, the representatives, and indeed the members of all the member associations for their confidence in CLRC. We have an organization that is a world leader in the field of livestock registry, and it is all of us working together that continues to make us that world leader.”

AUDITOR’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Ron Black presented the Auditor’s Report and the Financial Statement for 2005. He stated that Newton and Co., the auditors had been very complimentary regarding the financial position and management of CLRC, given the difficult period that has been experienced. He explained the major variations from the previous year in certain line items. In particular, the per unit recoveries from breed associations had increased by \$117,000 due to the increase in the number of units as well as a small increase in the unit cost. One employee was terminated in November, 2005, and she received a severance payment of \$34,562. The Financial Statement showed a deficit for the year of \$3,529; however, the overall financial position improved by \$55,000, as reflected by the reduction in the deficit in the General Reserve Fund, during the year. Mr. Black indicated that the outlook for 2006 at this point is for a continuing improvement in the financial position. He responded to a few questions from the floor.

MOTION: Don Dietrich/Bob Airth – That the Financial Statement for 2005 be accepted as presented. Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

MOTION: Myrna Flesch/Mary Cork – That Newton and Co. be appointed as auditors for 2006. Carried.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MOTION – Sheryl Blackburn/Mary Cork – That David Trus and Heather Hartmann be appointed as scrutineers. Carried.

Chairman Stephenson stated that there were three directors to be elected for a two-year term. The directors whose terms were expiring were Bob Airth, Murray Emke and Dan Stephenson. He announced that, because of other commitments, Murray Emke was not seeking re-election. Mr. Stephenson called for nominations.

Don Dietrich nominated Mike Rieberger.

Don Swanston nominated Bob Airth.

Mary Cork nominated Dan Stephenson.

Bob Airth nominated Myrna Flesch.

MOTION: Don Swanston/Roger Fleming – That nominations cease. Carried.

Each of the nominees accepted the nomination and briefly addressed the meeting.

Upon return of the scrutineers, David Trus reported that Mike Rieberger, Bob Airth and Dan Stephenson had been elected.

MOTION: Geri McNeil/Barbara Jackson – That the ballots be destroyed. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Stephenson asked if there was any new business to be brought forward.

Catherine Seale spoke of new regulations which may require the presence of a veterinarian for more procedures of horse care.

Don Swanston expressed appreciation to Ron Black and the staff for the sacrifices they had made during the difficult BSE period. Applause followed his remarks. Ron Black indicated that he would convey the sentiments to the staff.

Sharon Cooke asked whether CLRC is, or would be, providing ISO standard microchips. Ron Black responded that these microchips are available from AVID Canada, but thus far, AVID has been unable to supply the readers. Associations using microchip as identification devices accept both ISO and Fecava microchips.

Ron Black mentioned that CLRC is happy to add any breed association information to its website. Dan Stephenson added that breeders should be sure to inform CLRC of their e-mail and website addresses so that these links will appear on the website as well.

David Trus remarked that there were some very well presented applications under the Sustaining the Genetic Quality Ruminants Program, with projects that did indeed focus on breed improvement, which should be an objective of every association. He also spoke of enforcement of the Animal Pedigree Act with regard to ownership issues and how animals are presented for sale. Ownership is established under contract law. He stated that when a registered animal is transferred, it is a “transfer of registration” or “transfer of certificate”, not an actual “transfer of ownership”.

Ron Black suggested that breed associations may wish to look at holding their annual meetings in conjunction with the CLRC meeting, which might help to increase attendance at both meetings.

Don Swanston mentioned that breed representatives are often not sure of what their role actually is. Representatives were encouraged to share all information received from CLRC as widely as possible within their respective associations.

In his closing remarks, Dan Stephenson thanked Murray Emke for his service on the Board of Directors.

It was announced that the 2007 Workshop and Annual Meeting will take place in the Toronto area on Saturday, April 14, 2007. This is a week later than normal since Easter falls on the first weekend in April in 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Barbara Jackson.