

MINUTES

CANADIAN LIVESTOCK RECORDS CORPORATION (CLRC)

2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The one hundred and fourth Annual Meeting of Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (formerly Canadian National Live Stock Records) was held at the Westin Bristol Place Toronto Airport Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, on April 25, 2009.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bob Airth 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 himself, Mr. Airth asked those present to introduce themselves. 17 voting representatives were present from 12 member associations as follows:

American Saddlebred Horse Association of Canada: David Brent
Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association: Marcel Lachance
Canadian Galloway Association: Bob Airth (CLRC Director)
Canadian Goat Society: Doug Wherry
Canadian Highland Cattle Society: Terri Barr, Tony Onufer
Canadian Morgan Horse Association: Tina Collins, Jack Reeves
Canadian Pony Society: Lionel Purcell
Canadian Sheep Breeders Association: Mike Rieberger (CLRC Director),
Canadian Shorthorn Ass'n: Dan Stephenson (CLRC Director), Sheryl Blackburn (CLRC Director)
Canadian Sport Horse Association: Lee Bennett, Soo Olafsen
Canadian Swine Breeders' Association: Scott Robinson
Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada: Mary Cork (CLRC Director), David Williams

Also present: Ron Black (CLRC General Manager), Brian Sullivan (Secretary-Manager, Canadian Swine Breeders' Association), Martin Mason (Canadian Shorthorn Association)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Tony Onufer/Dan Stephenson – That the agenda be approved as presented.
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 Bob Airth referred to his report printed in the 2008 Annual Report, which he had entitled "Challenges". Subsequent to his writing the report, CLRC had faced another major challenge in the form of a computer system failure. He was able to report, however, that the system

was up and running, and that he hoped everything would be fully back on track in the near future. He said that ever since 2000, agriculture has been faced with one challenge after another, and after a while, this becomes very wearing on people, but hopefully somewhere down the road there is still a rosy future for the industry. Right now, however, he has concerns for the viability of agriculture in much of the country, especially those areas near large population centres, where the value of land for development purposes compared to what can reasonably be paid to use the land for farming is causing many farms to be sold and lost to agriculture.

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING

MOTION: Sheryl Blackburn/Mary Cork – That the minutes of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation Annual Meeting held April 4, 2008 in Calgary, Alberta, 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 his thanks for their having attended the meeting and demonstrated their interest in CLRC, on such a beautiful day. In his report, he noted that although the breeding stock industry and CLRC has not been immune to the economic downturn that developed in 2008, in the end, there was only a modest decrease of just over 1000 in the total number of animals registered for all breeds at CLRC compared to 2007. In spite of a small decline in the total volume of business, CLRC did record a modest surplus on the year's operations. During 2008, the Canadian Meat Goat Association, faced with an outdated computer system and the resignation of the registrar, made the decision to join CLRC. The registry is now in the final stages of implementation.

At the fall Board meeting, the Board had approved purchase of a new server to further update the computer system. This had been acquired, and was fully put into service as part of the restoration of the system following the recent failure due to a virus attack. The restoration has now been completed and staff is proceeding to catch the work up to date.

In 2009, the Canadian Border Collie Association, also due to an outdated computer system and resignation of the registrar, has become a member of CLRC. The switchover will occur during the summer of 2009.

He expressed appreciation to the breed associations and their members for the understanding and patience displayed during the computer challenges of the last two months. He also acknowledged the loyal staff at CLRC, and the support and leadership of Bob Airth and the Board of Directors, all of whom contribute to making CLRC the world class registry service that it is.

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Ron Black presented the Auditor's Report and the Financial Statement for 2008, as prepared by Newton & Co. He explained the major variations from the previous year in certain line items. The Financial Statement showed a surplus for the year of \$23,441, which increased Net Assets by that amount.

MOTION: David Brent/Mary Cork – That the Auditor's Report and Financial Statement for 2008 be accepted as presented. Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

MOTION: Dan Stephenson/Lionel Purcell – That Newton and Co. be appointed as auditors for 2010. Carried.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Airth stated that there were three directors to be elected for a two-year term. The directors whose terms were expiring were Sheryl Blackburn, Mary Cork and Don Dietrich. He indicated that, due to ill health, Mr. Dietrich would not be seeking re-election. He called for nominations.

Dan Stephenson nominated Mary Cork.
Mike Rieberger nominated Sheryl Blackburn
Sheryl Blackburn nominated Scott Robinson.

Chairman Airth called three times for further nominations, after which Lionel Purcell moved that nominations be closed. The Chairman declared the nominees to have been elected by acclamation. Each then briefly addressed the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Sheryl Blackburn reported that the Board of Directors had made a decision during its meeting the previous day to make some major changes to the computer software in use at the CLRC office in order to update it, make it easier to use by staff, and provide greater electronic access by breeders to the CLRC system. David Bates has been engaged to implement these changes together with Systems Manager Glenn Clark.

Scott Robinson inquired whether it had been determined where the virus that attacked the computer system had come from. Ron Black responded that it is assumed that it had come in over the Internet, but the exact source had not been determined. He explained that it was the operating systems that had been compromised, but fortunately, the data, including the registration and related programs, had not been affected. The comment was made from the floor that things could have been much worse. As a result of having to rebuild the system, the planned migration of the database to the new server had been accomplished as well. Brian Sullivan commented that, as manager of a large database himself, he could not imagine having to deal with such a problem, but that he complimented CLRC for having restored the system and service as quickly as was done. Ron Black acknowledged the valuable assistance provided by the staff of Integra Networks who had been engaged to perform the recovery.

Mary Cork inquired whether there are breed associations where some members have concerns over contact information being displayed on the Internet. It was pointed out that contact information is not displayed on the CLRC website if the individual has so requested. It was suggested that a space be added to membership applications and renewal forms where members could request that their contact information not be displayed.

Tony Onufer complimented the Board of Directors on having chosen a later date for the meeting. Bob Airth responded that the Board had realized, however, that the meeting was being held too late, in that the by-laws require that the Annual Meeting be held no later than April 30th each year. Had a quorum not been present, there would have only been five days left to hold another meeting.

Bob Airth announced that the 2010 Annual Meeting will take place in Calgary on Saturday, April 10, 2010.

Bob Airth expressed appreciation to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce for their sponsorship of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Bob Airth called upon Scott Robinson to receive a scroll on behalf of retiring Director Don Dietrich in appreciation for Mr. Dietrich's service on the Board of Directors. Mr. Airth stated that Mr. Dietrich had made a valuable contribution during his time on the Board, and that the Board wished him the best with his health issues. In accepting the scroll, Mr. Robinson said that he knew Mr. Dietrich would be very pleased to receive the scroll, and that he would convey the sentiments expressed to him.

Bob Airth also presented a scroll to Sheryl Blackburn in recognition of her service as Chairman of Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Sheryl Blackburn – That the meeting be adjourned.