

MINUTES

CANADIAN LIVESTOCK RECORDS CORPORATION (CLRC)

2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The one hundred and ninth Annual Meeting of Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (formerly Canadian National Live Stock Records) was held at the Executive Royal Hotel North Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, on April 5, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dan Stephenson called the meeting to order.

IDENTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS

After Mr. Stephenson introduced himself, those present introduced themselves. 30 voting representatives were present from 24 member associations as follows:

Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association: Myrna Flesch (CLRC Director)

Canadian Brown Swiss and Braunvieh Association: Calvin Raessler

Canine Federation of Canada: Paula Campbell

Canadian Dexter Cattle Association: Adrian Hykaway

Canadian Galloway Association: Jim King

Canadian Goat Society: John Henderson

Canadian Hays Converter Association: Dan Hays

Canadian Highland Cattle Society: Barbara Proudfoot

Canadian Icelandic Horse Association: Maria Badyk

Canadian Katahdin Sheep Association: Mike King

Canadian Lowline Cattle Association: Ted Jansen

Canadian Luing Cattle Association: Glenn Webber

Canadian Meat Goat Association: Jared Clarke

Canadian Morgan Horse Association: Arlene MacKenzie, Cecilia Watson

Canadian Palomino Horse Association: Jill Stephenson

Canadian Percheron Association: Kathy Ackles

Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association: Trenholm Nelson, Glen Parker, Stacey White (CLRC Director)

Canadian Shorthorn Ass'n: Dan Stephenson (CLRC Director), Sheryl Blackburn (CLRC Director)

Canadian Speckle Park Association: Rod Remin

Canadian Sport Horse Association: Lisa Murphy

Canadian Swine Breeders' Association: Jim Donaldson (CLRC Director)

Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse: Dianne Little

Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association, Charlene Bergman, Chris Gould

Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada: Mary Cork (CLRC Director). Lea Anne Kroll

Also present: David Trus and John Ross (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada),

Bob Airth, Peggy Newman and Mike Rieberger (Past CLRC Chairmen)

Ronald K. Black (CLRC General Manager)

Rita Hykaway (Dexter), Norris Sheppard (Shorthorn), Leslie Hunchuk (Tennessee Walking Horse),

Kathy Laxton and Edda Selinger (Warmblood Horse), Brenda Harder (Welsh Pony & Cob)

Grant Watson (Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society), Brenda Duckworth (Western Producer), Gloria Fantin (Alberta Beef), Michael Latimer (Canadian Beef Breeds Council)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Barbara Proudfoot/Jim Donaldson – That the agenda be approved as presented, with the addition of an update from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Carried.

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

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Dan Stephenson indicated that his report was printed in the 2013 CLRC Annual Report. He additionally commented that there continue to be many challenges in the industry. He also referred to the upcoming retirement of Ron Black and stated that the search is underway for a new General Manager.

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING

Sheryl Blackburn noted an omission in the 2013 Annual Meeting minutes in that Jill Stephenson had been present as the representative of the Canadian Palomino Horse Association.

MOTION: Jim Donaldson/Stacey White – That the minutes of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation Annual Meeting held April 6, 2013 in Ottawa, Ontario be approved as corrected. 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 welcomed everyone and noted that this would be his final Annual Meeting as General Manager. He referred to his report printed in the 2013 Annual Report, noting that there had been a decrease in work volume from the previous year, partially due to mail delivery problem in December 2013. He noted, however, that CLRC continues to enhance the information made available on its website, having added inbreeding coefficients and, more recently, ownership history information. Changes are being made to enhance the capabilities to search for animals with foreign characters in their names and animals registered in joint ownerships that are not members of an association.

Ron then stated that he has thoroughly enjoyed his 40-year career at CLRC, especially the many wonderful and interesting people he has met and worked with and the many places in Canada, especially rural Canada, to which he has been privileged to travel. He thanked everyone present for their support and their part in his career.

MOTION: Sheryl Blackburn/Myrna Flesch - That the Chairman's Report and General Manager's Report be accepted as printed in the 2013 Annual Report. Carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Ron Black presented the Auditor's Report prepared by BDO Canada LLP. He then briefly reviewed the financial statements. The financial statements showed a deficit for the year, and resultant decrease in net assets, of \$33,932. Ron explained, however, that CLRC had not had to withdraw funds from investments due to the significant accounts receivable at the end of 2013 that had been collected in 2013.

MOTION: Sheryl Blackburn/Adrian Hykaway – That the Auditor's Report and Financial Statement for 2013 be accepted as presented. Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

MOTION: Charmaine Bergman/Myrna Flesch – That BDO Canada LLP be appointed as auditors for 2014. Carried.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dan Stephenson indicated that there were three positions on the Board of Directors to be filled and called for nominations.

Glen Parker nominated Stacey White

Jim Donaldson nominated Myrna Flesch

Barbara Proudfoot nominated Dan Stephenson

MOTION: Charmaine Bergman/Glen Parker – That nominations cease. Carried.

All nominees accepted and thus were elected by acclamation.

PRESENTATION

Dan Stephenson presented Mary Cork with a certificate in recognition of her term as CLRC Chairman in 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE FROM AGRICULTURE CANADA: David Trus gave an update from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada on several subjects. First he spoke of breed associations' mandate to provide programs for genetic improvement, noting that for the dairy and swine sectors, this has been done fairly well since privatization of these programs, but for other sectors, programs are currently lacking. He also spoke about the statistical and market information available on the Agriculture Canada website and, Agriculture Canada's support of the Canadian Animal Genetic Resources Program. Regarding animal welfare, he stated that Codes of Practice have now been developed and distributed for all species sectors. Finally he spoke of trade challenges that arise in the industry, especially from the European Union, particularly with regard to genetically modified animals and germplasm. David answered several questions from the floor.

Dan Stephenson reminded everyone that CLRC is their organization and always welcomes feedback from associations and breeders. He also spoke of the advancements, such as the inbreeding coefficients, that CLRC has made.

Letters of congratulations to Ron Black on his upcoming retirement were read by members of the Board of Directors.

Dan Stephenson acknowledged the sponsorship received from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce for the luncheon.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON ANIMAL PEDIGREE ACT

After a recess for lunch, guests from the following breed associations that are not members of CLRC joined the meeting: Canadian Angus Association, Canadian Charolais Association, Canadian Gelbvieh Association, Canadian Hereford Association, Jersey Canada, Canadian Limousin Association, Canadian Llama and Alpaca Association, Canadian Kennel Club, Canadian Border Collie Association, and Standardbred Canada, as well as David Bailey and Dr. Bob Church from Genome Alberta and some other interested persons from the industry.

Dan Stephenson introduced John Ross, Director of the Animal Industry Division of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. A full transcript of the presentation and discussion, as well as the slides used by Mr. Ross in his presentation is attached as Appendix A.

Near the conclusion of the session, the following motion was put forth:

MOTION: Glen Parker/Mike King- That CLRC officially contact the Government of Canada on behalf of all incorporated breed associations and indicate that the associations do not want the animal Pedigree Act to be repealed. Carried with unanimous support from the representatives of CLRC Member associations, and with 1 opposed and 3 abstentions from other attendees.

Jim Donaldson thanked John Ross for attending and participating in the discussion.

Dan Stephenson announced that the 2015 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 in Ottawa.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Jim Donaldson – That the meeting be adjourned.