

MINUTES

CANADIAN LIVESTOCK RECORDS CORPORATION (CLRC)

2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The one hundred and third Annual Meeting of Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (formerly Canadian National Live Stock Records) was held at the Executive Royal Inn, Calgary, Alberta on April 5, 2008.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sheryl Blackburn 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 herself and Ron Black, CLRC General Manager, Mrs. Blackburn asked those present to introduce themselves. 26 voting representatives were present from 19 member associations as follows:

American Saddlebred Horse Association of Canada: Shirley Mace

Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association: Myrna Flesch

Canadian Brown Swiss and Braunvieh Association: Ted Kostenuke

Canadian Dexter Cattle Association: Ruth Stone

Canadian Donkey and Mule Association: Dennis Flundra

Canadian Fjord Horse Association: Geri McNeil

Canadian Galloway Association: Bob Airth (CLRC Director)

Canadian Goat Society: Leila Cranswick, John Henderson

Canadian Guernsey Association: Larry Lybbert

Canadian Hays Converter Association: Dan Hays

Canadian Highland Cattle Society: Barbara Proudfoot

Canadian Llama and Alpaca Association: John MacLeod

Peruvian Horse Association of Canada: Lesa Steeves

Canadian Sheep Breeders Association: Mike Rieberger (CLRC Director), Lynn Tait, Ileana Wenger, Glen Parker

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

Canadian Speckle Park Association: Rod Remin

Canadian Sport Horse Association: Kim Berlie, Lisa Murphy

Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association: Victoria Kendall

Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada: Mary Cork (CLRC Director), Brian McClelland

Also present: Ron Black (CLRC General Manager), Dale Kelly and Chris Barker (Saskatchewan Research Council), Bob Wood (Appaloosa Horse Club of Canada), Heather Burns (Cleveland Bay Horse Society of North America), Lea Anne Kroll (Welsh Pony and Cob Society of Canada), Gloria Fantin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: John Henderson/Barbara Proudfoot – 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 her remarks, Chairman Sheryl Blackburn thanked the breed representatives for attending. She trusted that they had found the workshop sessions in the morning to be informative and interesting. She expressed thanks to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce for their sponsorship of the breakfast and of the reception that would follow the meeting. She indicated that there had been discussions at the Board of Directors meeting and during the Workshop regarding the Animal Pedigree Act. She stated that the Act is important to the industry and encouraged representatives to contact their M.P.'s in this regard. She indicated that two letters will be going to the beef breed member associations regarding additional services to be provided to them by CLRC. One will be the transmission of animal birth dates to the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency to assist in age verification, and the other will be performance recording and genetic evaluation services in cooperation with Beef Improvement Ontario. She also encouraged associations to contact the Board or the General Manager with any ideas they may have regarding services they might wish to see provided.

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING

MOTION: Mike Rieberger/Larry Lybbert – That the minutes of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation Annual Meeting held April 14, 2007 in Toronto, 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:

2007 was a successful year for CLRC in spite of a decline in the overall volume of business. While there were individual breed associations that saw increased activity, the trend in all sectors except sheep was a decrease. With the necessary adjustments made to spending, however, we managed to record a modest surplus for the year.

Statistics can be very interesting as to the breadth of the industry of which we are a part. I invite you to take a few moments sometime and peruse the Annual Report and note the wide variety of breeds represented by the CLRC member associations, and the geographic distribution of those breeds. What the report does not show in its entirety is how our industry, when you take everything together, is present in every far flung corner of this vast country of ours.

A few of the highlights for the year included:

Beginning registry work for the Canadian Connemara Pony Society
The beginning of a computer replacement program within the office
Positive movement in discussions with Beef Improvement Ontario to offer a performance recording and genetic evaluation service for beef breeds
The reopening of the US border for the import of older cattle- a positive, even though other factors have delayed any real effects from it
More associations offering the use of credit cards for payments

2008 will bring additional changes: A new server, the heart of the computer system, will be installed within the next few months.

Staffing changes due to the retirement of Jane Davy the previous day after almost 47 years of service.

He expressed appreciation to the very loyal and dedicated staff at CLRC for their exemplary work, to Sheryl Blackburn and the Board of Directors for their leadership and support, and to the member associations for their patronage.

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Ron Black presented the Auditor's Report and the Financial Statement for 2007. He explained the major variations from the previous year in certain line items. A 9% decrease in the volume of work processed had contributed to Total Revenue having declined by \$100,000 from the year before. Expenditures had also decreased by \$79,000. The Financial Statement showed a surplus for the year of \$14,909, which increased Net Assets by that amount.

He and Sheryl Blackburn responded to a question from the floor with regard to the Reserve Funds.

MOTION: Dan Stephenson/Kim Berlie – That the Financial Statement for 2007 be accepted as presented. Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

MOTION: Dan Stephenson/Barbara Proudfoot – That Newton and Co. be appointed as auditors for 2008. Carried.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Blackburn stated that there were three directors to be elected for a two-year term. The directors whose terms were expiring were Bob Airth, Mike Rieberger and Dan Stephenson. She called for nominations.

Geri McNeil nominated Mike Rieberger.
Barbara Proudfoot nominated Bob Airth.
Mary Cork nominated Dan Stephenson.
Bob Airth nominated Myrna Flesch.

Chairman Blackburn called three times for further nominations, and there being none, declared nominations closed. All nominees agreed to let their names stand, and each briefly addressed the meeting.

Sheryl Blackburn appointed Bob Wood and Heather Burns to act as scrutineers. Upon their return, it was announced that Mike Rieberger, Bob Airth and Dan Stephenson had been elected.

MOTION: Rod Remin/Geri McNeil – That the ballots be destroyed. Carried.

Sheryl Blackburn thanked the scrutineers, thanked Myrna Flesch for having let her name stand, and congratulated the three directors who had been elected.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Ted Kostenuke inquired regarding the reference that had been made earlier to the Animal Pedigree Act. Sheryl Blackburn responded that, in particular, CLRC will be approaching the appropriate Director General at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada with regard to more timely approval of by-law amendments. She suggested that associations let Ron Black know about amendments that are outstanding at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Kim Berlie inquired whether CLRC might write to the Minister on behalf of the member associations stating the importance of the Animal Pedigree Act. It was suggested that CLRC also draft a letter to make available to individual breed members to sign and send to their M.P's and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

It was noted that the Animal Pedigree Act is very important to the industry in contributing to the Canadian advantage in export markets that had been mentioned during the Workshop.

MOTION: Leila Cranswick/Kim Berlie - To express appreciation to the CLRC Board for having organized a very high-quality program for the Workshop. Carried.

Bob Wood expressed his appreciation for being allowed to attend as an observer, and indicated that the program had been very worthwhile.

Sheryl Blackburn announced that the 2009 Workshop and Annual Meeting will take place in Toronto on Saturday, April 25, 2009, explaining that the Board of Directors had decided to hold the meeting later in April in order to avoid snowy or icy weather and to avoid conflict with the meetings of some member associations.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION - Dan Hays/Ruth Stone – That the meeting be adjourned.