

MINUTES

CANADIAN LIVESTOCK RECORDS CORPORATION (CLRC)

2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The one hundred and eighth Annual Meeting of Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (formerly Canadian National Live Stock Records) was held at the Southway Hotel and Conference Centre, Ottawa, Ontario, on April 6, 2013.

The meeting was preceded by lunch and a celebration in honour of the impending retirement of General Manager Ronald K. Black in October, 2014. In attendance at the lunch were Ron's wife Sue, their family, all CLRC staff members and spouses, former CLRC Managers Douglas Lousley and Arnold Kittle, and some former CLRC staff members, as well as the CLRC Directors, breed association representatives and guests noted below. Congratulatory messages from several CLRC member associations were read by CLRC Board members, and Chairman Mary Cork read a short biography of Ron. Ron was then presented with a Robert Bateman limited edition print by the Directors. Ron thanked all present for coming and celebrating with him. He stated that he has very much enjoyed the many wonderful people he has worked with and come to know and the opportunities he has had to visit so many interesting places in Canada as a result of his work at CLRC.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mary Cork called the meeting to order.

IDENTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS

After Mrs. Cork introduced herself, those present introduced themselves. 17 voting representatives were present from 13 member associations as follows:

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

Canadian Brown Swiss and Braunvieh Association: Renald Dumas

Canine Federation of Canada: Linda Brookes

Canadian Dexter Cattle Association: Adrian Hykaway

Canadian Galloway Association: John McIlwraith

Canadian Goat Society: Glenn Davis

Canadian Hays Converter Association: Gib Drury

Canadian Highland Cattle Society: Donna Lampron, Morgan Bayliss

Canadian Morgan Horse Association: Nancy Kavanagh, Linda Ross

Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association: Stacey White (CLRC Director), Colleen Acres

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

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

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

Also present: David Trus (Animal Registration Officer, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada), Dwayne C. Acres (Past Chairman), Arnold Kittle (Retired General Manager), Glenn Clark (CLRC Systems Manager), Matt Templeton (BDO Canada LLP), Brian Sullivan (Canadian Centre for Swine

Improvement), Rita Hykaway (Dexter), Ian Payne (Dexter), Floyd Blackburn, Jill Stephenson, Sue Black.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Dan Stephenson/Sheryl Blackburn – 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

Chairman Mary Cork thanked everyone for attending the meeting and referred to her report printed in the CLRC Annual Report for 2012. She remarked that this is both the best of times and the worst of times in agriculture and we just have to put one foot in front of the other and move forward.

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING

MOTION: Dan Stephenson/Jim Donaldson – That the minutes of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation Annual Meeting held March 31, 2012 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 also welcomed everyone. He referred to his report printed in the 2012 Annual Report, noting that while the number of registrations and transfers was down slightly from the previous year, work volumes were still strong. Two new breed associations from the United States and Australasia were set up for registry in 2012. Extensive renovations were carried out in the CLRC office late in the year. Another major accomplishment was the development of a program to calculate the inbreeding coefficients for all animals in the database and display them on the CLRC website. He expressed appreciation to the Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement and to Shawn Snider, both of whom were of great assistance with this project.

He closed his remarks by expressing his appreciation to the CLRC member associations, staff and Board members.

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Matt Templeton of BDO Canada LLP presented the Auditor's Report. He noted that CLRC had adopted mandatory new accounting standards for not for profit organizations for 2012, which resulted in some changes in the presentation of the financial statements. These changes included showing an opening balance for the prior year and additional notes to disclose information that the standards now require be disclosed. Matt indicated that the audit had, however, been conducted in a similar manner to previous years.

Ron Black then reviewed the financial statements. He explained the major variations from the previous year in certain line items. The financial statement showed a deficit for the year, and resultant decrease in net assets, of \$14,870.

MOTION: Adrian Hykaway/Gib Drury – That the Auditor’s Report and Financial Statement for 2012 be accepted as presented. Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

MOTION: Dan Stephenson/Myrna Flesch – That BDO Canada LLP be appointed as auditors for 2013. Carried.

AMENDMENTS TO CLRC BY-LAWS

Two motions to amend the By-laws of Canadian Livestock Records Corporation had been put forth by the Board of Directors.

AMENDMENT 1.

MOTION: Sheryl/Blackburn/Stacey White

To provide for appointment of a Financial Secretary on the Board of Directors:

Amend Section 4.06 as follows:

Title of section: Change it to read: “Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Financial Secretary”

Section 4.06.01: Insert the words “and may elect a Financial Secretary” so that the section then reads:

“The Board shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, **and may elect a Financial Secretary**, from among the directors at its first meeting immediately following the annual meeting of the Corporation. They shall hold office for one year and until their successors are appointed.”

Add a new section 4.06.04 entitled “Duties of Financial Secretary”.

“The Financial Secretary, if one is elected, shall be responsible for overseeing the financial affairs of the Corporation. He shall receive monthly reports from the General Manager and shall review all invoices, payments, and other transactions as is determined to be necessary”

The motion was carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT 2:

MOTION: Sheryl Blackburn/Jim Donaldson:

To amend Section 13 Amendments to allow amendments to be submitted electronically and remove requirement for registered mail, that is not used anyway.

Amend the first sentence of the second paragraph to read: “Notice of all proposed amendments shall be sent **by mail, facsimile, or electronic means** to the Secretary ninety (90) days in advance to any annual or special meeting

David Trus indicated that, with the rapid development of electronic means of communication, it might be desirable to specify that the means used be approved by the Board of Directors.

MOTION: Dan Stephenson/ Myrna Flesch – That the words “as approved by the Board of Directors” be added immediately following “electronic means”.

The amended motion was then carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Dan Stephenson nominated Sheryl Blackburn

Myrna Flesch nominated Jim Donaldson

Adrian Hykaway nominated Mary Cork.

MOTION: Sheryl Blackburn/Myrna Flesch – That nominations cease. Carried.

All nominees accepted and thus were elected by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Mary Cork announced that the 2014 Annual Meeting will be held in Calgary on Saturday, April 5, 2014.

MOTION: Sheryl Blackburn/Myrna Flesch – That the letters of congratulation to Ron Black be included in the minutes of the meeting. Carried.

There was no other new business brought forward.

PRESENTATIONS

CLRC Systems Manager Glenn Clark, using the CLRC website, explained and demonstrated the inbreeding coefficients that are now being calculated for animals in the CLRC database, and the utility that is now available on the website to calculate the inbreeding coefficient of any potential mating. The website includes a list of repeating ancestors for each animal and a record of how many times each occurs in the pedigree. The mating utility can be used to calculate the coefficient for mating an animal with a single animal of the opposite gender or with all animals of the opposite gender in a particular herd. Glenn responded to a few questions.

David Trus gave an update from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada on several subjects. Animal welfare continues to be a hot issue. Codes of Practice are being updated and some will bear watching. He said that breeders represent a particular segment of each commodity group so it will always be important to watch out for key issues that may impact the breeding sector. Animal biotechnical issues have been quieter this year as the EnviroPig project has ended without seeking regulatory approval. The only work currently being done involves salmon so is not an AAFC concern directly. He warned, however, that there may be a need to watch in the future for imports from countries such as China which are investing heavily in research into genetically engineered animals.

Within his office, he informed the group that Clair Williams is no longer with AAFC, so clerical support may be lacking for some time. Statistics on registrations and transfers are now being put into a comprehensive database along with imports and exports, slaughter statistics, etc. This information and reports will be accessible to the public.

David then reminded those present that when associations change secretaries/office staff, it is important that the breed secretary's manual, and other information regarding the Animal Pedigree Act and the processes involved be passed on. He also stated that before by-law amendments are presented to the members for voting, that it is usually advisable to check with AAFC regarding the proposals, as he or his staff may be able to ask critical questions or make suggestions on how to improve the amendments and/or the wording. Although this is not pre-approval, he can at least let associations know if something will not be acceptable as proposed or presented. Finally he reminded associations that by-law amendments should be sent in to AAFC for ministerial approval as soon as possible after the meeting at which they are passed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Jim Donaldson – That the meeting be adjourned.

Ron Black Biography

Ron Black joined the staff at CLRC on September 30, 1974.

Ron was born on July 21, 1949 to parents Kenneth Black and Reva Campbell. He was raised in Cainsville, Ontario near Brantford on a Holstein dairy farm.

He attended Pauline Johnson Collegiate Institute in Brantford and graduated in 1968. After completing an honours BA degree in Geography summa cum laude at McMaster University in 1972, he received a Teaching Certificate from Althouse College in London in 1973.

Ron met his future wife Sue Faris while a student teacher in Burford Ontario. They married on July 31, 1976 in Bradford Ontario, Sue's hometown. They established residence in Bell's Corners in Nepean where they raised their three children, Becky, Ruth and Paul. Becky later married Trevor Cullen and they gave Ron his two grandchildren, Tyler and Hayley.

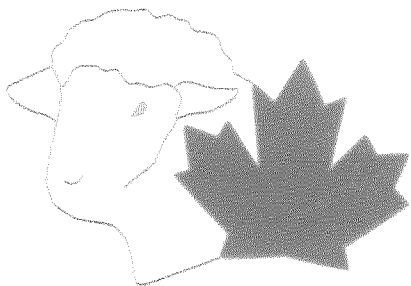
Ron enjoys spending time with his family and he is an active member of Bromley Baptist church. Ron's other interests include bowling, skating on the Rideau Canal, working in his two allotment gardens, cheering on the Ottawa Senators and traveling with his wife. They are planning a cruise on the Baltic Sea this summer.

At the peak of the Exotic beef breed boom, CLRC was experiencing considerable staff turnover. Ron became aware of a job opportunity through CLRC Chairman Andy Telfer.

After joining CLRC, Ron received his training in the Hereford department before moving to the Exotic breed department where he took on responsibility for several breeds including Maine-Anjou, Chianina, and Salers.

Upon the retirement of long-time Swine Registrar, Ernie Williams, Ron took on that position for several years. Ron took great pride in being the Swine Registrar and he had a great relationship with the membership. He later advanced to the position of Floor Supervisor and then Assistant General Manager.

In 1999, Ron was appointed General Manager. He is to be commended for stabilizing the business at a difficult time, and attracting several new customers. Ron also opened up CLRC to foreign associations and established secretarial services as a new type of business. Ron has served as Secretary for several associations and has been an excellent liaison between the associations and CLRC. Ron has taken on a wide range of responsibilities and completed the numerous tasks with professionalism and a smile.



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La Société Canadienne des Éleveurs de Moutons

February 22, 2013

Dear Ron,

The Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association would like to thank you for your years of dedicated work at the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. Your contribution to the sheep industry, and many other livestock industries, has not gone unnoticed.

The Canadian sheep industry's system of record keeping and pedigree management is highly respected around the world and its reputation could not be maintained without the work of the CLRC.

On behalf of the current board of directors, and the 997 CSBA members across Canada, I would like to wish you the best of luck with your retirement in 2014.

In appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trenholm Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Trenholm Nelson
CSBA President

Sheryl Blackburn

From: Darrell Gotaas <gotaasfamily@rogers.com>
Sent: March 7, 2013 3:40 PM
To: sblackburn.welch@bellnet.ca
Subject: well wishes

Hello Sheryl,

Please forward our best wishes to Ron from the Canadian Lowline Cattle Association. We thank him for all of his assistance and patience over the years and wish him well in his upcoming retirement.

We may still have to bug him before he leaves though!

Thanks for very much,

Darrell Gotaas

Best wishes from the Canadian Blonde Association.

also,

M. Glesch.

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March 13th 2013

On behalf of the Canadian Luing Cattle Association I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr Ron Black for the service he has given our Association over the years. Our breed Association was re-formed in 2005 after a period of inactivity and the assistance Mr Black provided throughout that process helped us greatly. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Ron all the best in his future endeavours.

Sincerely,
Iain Aitken

Secretary/Treasurer

Sheryl Blackburn

From: shyann xplornet.ca <shyann@xplornet.ca>
Sent: March 19, 2013 10:09 PM
To: sblackburn.welch@bellnet.ca
Subject: Rons retirement

Congrats Ron on your pending retirement. Thanks for your years of service. All the best from Randy Scott and Arlin Strohschein and the Canadian Welsh Black Cattle Society.