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CLA Annual General Meeting Highlights

The Canadian Limousin Association (CLA) held the CLA 48th Annual General Meeting in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba on July 29, 2017 in conjunction with the Canadian Junior Limousin Association Impact Show.

At this Annual General Meeting, there were four Director positions up for election as President Terry Hepper (Saskatchewan) had completed two 3 year terms and was ineligible for re-election, Director Jim Richmond (Alberta) had completed two 3 year terms and was ineligible for re-election, Director Mark Angus (Manitoba) had resigned after completing two years of his first 3 year term, and Director Erin Kishkan (British Columbia) had completed one 3 year term and was eligible for re-election to the Board.

Five individuals allowed their names to stand for election: Dan Darling (Ontario), Mike Geddes (Ontario), Erin Kishkan (British Columbia), Amanda Matthews-Haywood (Alberta), and Cody Miller (Alberta). Three 3 year terms were available, as well as one 1 year term replacing Mark Angus. Of the four individuals elected, the person with the least number of votes of those four is to serve the 1 year term with the ability to run for re-election for a 3 year term at the next Annual General Meeting.

The individuals elected to the CLA Board of Directors are:



**Erin Kishkan
(British Columbia)**
Re-elected for a second 3 year term



**Mike Geddes
(Ontario)**
Elected for a 1 year term



**Dan Darling
(Ontario)**
Elected for a 3 year term



**Cody Miller
(Alberta)**
Elected for a 3 year term

Upcoming Events



Canadian Beef Industry
Conference
August 15-17
Calgary, AB

Livestock Gentec Field Day
August 22
Lacombe, AB

Central Ontario Limousin
Showcase
August 27
Barrie, ON

Maritime Junior Limousin Show
& Maritime Limousin Association
AGM
September 9-10
Great Village, NS

Markham Fair
September 28-October 1
Markham, ON

Olds Fall Classic
October 6-8
Olds, AB

Livestock Gentec Conference
October 17-18
Edmonton, AB

Stockade Roundup
November 1-4
Lloydminster, AB/SK

Limousin Feeder Sale
November 3
Stettler Auction Market
Stettler, AB

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair
November 3-12
Toronto, ON

Farmfair International
November 8-12
Edmonton, AB

Canadian Western Agribition
November 20-25
Regina, SK

Following the Annual General Meeting, the CLA Board of Directors held a board meeting to elect the Executive of the CLA. Erin Kishkan (British Columbia) was elected as President. Eric Boon (Saskatchewan) was re-elected as Vice-President and Bill Zwambag (Ontario) was re-elected as Treasurer. Tim Andrew (Alberta), Joe Cooper (Nova Scotia), and Matthew Heleniak (Ontario) remain as Directors.

The Canadian Limousin Association sincerely thanks Terry Hepper for his leadership and dedication as President, as well as Jim Richmond and Mark Angus for their time on the Board. We welcome the new Directors and look forward to what lies ahead for the leadership of the Canadian Limousin Association!

At the Annual General Meeting, the proposed by-law amendments were all approved. They will not be effective until approved by the Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. The complete proposed by-law amendments that were approved can be reviewed on the CLA website.

Major and important changes to the way in which CLA members will vote in director elections or on by-law amendments include:

- Proxy voting removed, all voting will be done by mail in ballot for the election of directors and by-law amendments

- At least 30 days and not more than 150 days written notice of the date, time and place of each Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be sent to each Member

- A quorum for the election of Directors by mail-in ballot shall be twenty-five (25) Voting Members casting ballots

- Board of Directors will be comprised of a minimum of 7 and a maximum of nine (9) Directors

- Nominations for any election of Director shall be received by the Association no later than 120 days prior to the AGM in the form prescribed by the Board

- Each ballot package will consist of the following:

- (i) The ballot, marked with one or more unique identifiers which will ensure the validity of the ballot but which are not associated to any individual Member;

- (ii) A declaration form, marked with one or more unique identifiers which ensure that the ballot package is valid and has been assigned to a Member, that must be signed by the Member;

- (iii) An inner ballot secrecy envelope, into which the Member will seal their ballot; and

- (iv) A return pre-addressed envelope, into which the Member will place their ballot secrecy envelope, containing their ballot, and their signed declaration.

- Ballots will be mailed to all Members at least 90 days prior to the AGM

- Members must return their completed ballot to the Association, sealed in the ballot secrecy envelope, and the signed declaration, both in the pre-addressed return envelope provided to them, by mail postmarked at least 60 days prior to the AGM

- A Member whose ballot has been lost or spoiled may, no later than 75 days prior to the AGM request a replacement ballot from the Association
- The outer envelopes will be opened by the General Manager (or such other person as may be appointed by the General Manager) to review the declarations and separate the declarations from the ballot secrecy envelopes.
- The unopened ballot secrecy envelopes received from Voting Members will be secured in sealed boxes in a locked location at the Association's office until the date the ballots are to be counted
- The ballot secrecy envelopes received from Voting Members shall be opened and counted any time after 50 days prior to the Annual General Meeting at the Association office by the General Manager (or in the General Manager's absence by someone appointed by the Board) in the presence of two (2) scrutineers approved by the Board of Directors.

Check with CLA Office Before Using Semen or Embryos from Older Cattle

The CLA Board of Directors and staff wish to forewarn members that very old bulls and cows may not have a usable genotype on file and they may also not have DNA on file anymore which can, in some cases, make it impossible to sire/parentage verify their progeny. Many of the more prolific sires and dams were converted to SNP genotypes, however some of the lesser used sires and dams may have no genotype or DNA on file. Please contact the CLA office before using an older AI sire or implanting older embryos to ensure there will be no DNA issues.

DigitalBeef Tip: Why Didn't My Certificates Print?

On occasion, you may be expecting to receive a registration certificate on an animal or group of animals and it doesn't arrive. The best thing to do is to contact the CLA office, however, the following tips may help you to ensure you do receive your registration certificates if you wish to have them mailed to you:

- 1) Ensure you click "Send me the Certificate?" for all animals you wish to receive paper certificates on.
- 2) Once you have committed your birth data to the registry a screen will come up that will give you the option to click all or some of the calves you have registered and put them into the weaning queue. If you click to put calves in the weaning queue their registration papers will not print until after their weaning data has been entered.

Remember: If you choose not to print certificates when registering your calves, you still have the option to print them at a later time at no charge.

Limousin Wins 4-H Alberta Carcass Competition

A Limousin steer has won the prestigious 4-H Alberta Carcass Competition that was extra special this year as it is 4-H Alberta's Centennial! Nearly 50 calves were slaughtered in the competition. Emily (13), Mackenzie (11) & Samuel (10) Plante live on a mixed farm that focuses on quality Limousin cattle. They and their parent's Leonel and Lacey Plante have Nor-Alta Limousin at Kinuso, Alberta. All three are members of the Kinuso Lakeside 4-H Club and were very proud that their winning carcass steer was a Limousin!

