



CANADIAN LIMOUSIN ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday, October 5, 2020 5:00pm MST
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom (Covid-19)

CALL TO ORDER

Amanda Matthews called the meeting to order at 5:12 pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

43 voting CLA members in attendance.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

CLA past Presidents: Brian Lee, Terry Hepper, Bill Campbell, Rob Matthews, Martin Bohrson

Past CLA General Managers: Tessa Verbeek, Anne Brunett-Burgess

CLA Board of Directors: Amanda Matthews, Wayne Burgess, Cody Miller, Erin Kishkan, Matthew Heleniak, Carey Hirschfeld, Mike Geddes
Absent: Dan Darling

CLA Staff: Laura Ecklund, Shayla Chappell, Nicole Scott

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Addition of CLA Website

Moved by Eric Boon to approve the agenda as listed in the AGM booklet with the addition of the above noted item to be added to agenda.

Seconded by Cody Miller.

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

Moved by Carey Hirschfeld to appoint Martin Bohrson as parliamentarian.

Seconded by Erin Kishkan.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE 50TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Wayne Burgess to approve the 50th Annual General Meeting minutes as presented in the AGM booklet.

Seconded by Carey Hirschfeld.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising from the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Amanda Matthews

President Amanda Matthews delivered President's report as printed in the Annual Report.

- 2019 was a fantastic year with the 50th Anniversary.
- 2020 has been a hard year for all with Covid-19
- Encouraged members to support fellow breeders
- Thank you to the CLA Board of Directors and Staff

*Moved by Amanda Matthews to adopt the President's report as presented.
Seconded by Matthew Heleniak.
CARRIED*

CANADIAN JUNIOR LIMOUSIN ASSOCIATION REPORT – Samantha Kennedy

CJLA President Samantha Kennedy delivered the CJLA report as printed in the Annual Report.

*Moved by Samantha Kennedy to adopt the President's report as presented.
Seconded by Eric Boon.
CARRIED*

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT – Laura Ecklund

- 2019 Whole Herd Enrolment 7,987 and 2020 Enrolment 7,644
- Annual registrations have declined 2019: 4,213
- Transfers have remained steady
- Canadian Shorthorn Association Contract ends December 31, 2020. The Board of Director's have made the decision not to renew the contract. Shayla Chappell will be moving to Regina and will be employed as a staff member of the Canadian Shorthorn Association.
- The CLA Board of Directors gave notice to end the current lease of the office space in Calgary effective July 31, 2021. This is a financial decision and is an effort to find a more affordable office space for the current times.
- Announced the CLA Fall Webinar Series which will run from October through December. Members were excited about this series and the topics presented. Speakers will include Neogen Canada and Dr. Bob Weaber as well as Dr. Roy Lewis. Topics to include; DNA testing, Understanding EPDs, scrotal circumference in bulls and the importance of mental health.

*Moved by Chad Homer to adopt the General Manager's report as presented.
Seconded by Bill Zwambag.
CARRIED.*

FINANCIAL REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT – Cody Miller

- CLA Financials printed on pages 10-19 of the Annual report
- During the 2019 fiscal year, the Association withdrew \$20,000 from marketable investments to fund operations.
- Revenue for 2019 \$34,518
- 2019 investment portfolio performed well
- The CLA provided the OLA with \$10,000 in seed money for the 50th Anniversary. This was returned in full in 2020.
- Lab service costs decreased in 2019 when Neogen took over Delta. There was also an increase in revenue as there was an increase in members using lab services.
- Board Member Expenses decreased in 2019 from \$26,987 to \$22,284
- Staff travel significantly decreased from \$21,291 in 2018 to \$8,030 in 2019
- Limousin Voice subscriptions have increased
- Limousin Voice revenue for 2019 \$8,985

*Moved by Cody Miller to adopt the Reviewed Financial Statements as presented.
Seconded by Wayne Burgess.
CARRIED*

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

*Moved by Wayne Burgess, to appoint Kenway Mack Slusarchuk Stewart as auditors of the review engagement for the year ending December 31, 2020.
Seconded by Bill Zwambag.
CARRIED*

CLA PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS – Erin Kishkan & CLA Board of Directors

- Erin Kishkan provided the background on why the board of directors has proposed the by-law amendments
- The proposed by-law amendments are to protect the integrity of the Limousin herdbook. The breed is only as strong as the herdbook.
- The pedigrees in the herdbook are only as good as the data submitted by the breeder
- Based on industry data 15-20% of pedigrees could be incorrect
- Erin provided an example of a common incident where two cows switch calves at birth. In this case if the breeder doesn't know it happened the pedigrees of those calves would be incorrect
- The board of directors have spent a great deal of time discussing the needs of the associations and how best to handle DNA requirements

Proposed Bylaw Amendment #1

- All donor dams with a flush date on or after January 1 2021, must be PARENT VERIFIED and must have a protoporphyria genotype on file with the Canadian Limousin Association.
- Flushes that were done prior to December 31 2020, require sire verification and protoporphyria on file.
- If the sire or dam of a donor female with the CLA is found to be excluded after six years from the date of registration of such animal in the CLA, and parentage cannot be established, the pedigree of such animal as shown on the records shall remain as recorded without change.
- If the sire or dam of a Donor female with the CLA is found to be excluded after January 1, 2021 and parentage cannot be established and the rule above does not apply, such animal will have its pedigree changed to denote an unknown parent. In addition, all progeny of the animal will be changed to reflect an unknown ancestor in their pedigrees. Any costs associated with reissuing corrected registration papers are the responsibility of the breeder of the animal that does not parent verify. In the event the breeder of the animal is no longer in business, the CLA will cover costs of reissuing corrected papers.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment #2

- All walking herdsires born on or after January 1, 2021 must be PARENT VERIFIED prior to breeding in order for their progeny to be eligible for registration.

Additional Proposed Bylaw Amendments

- General wording updated in the bylaws to account for the proposed DNA bylaws
- A section to allow for virtual meetings to be added
- The ability to vote online or by mail in ballot to be added
- Random DNA testing will be defined in the bylaws

Discussion:

- Question was brought forward; how will older Donor dams be handled if her dam is deceased?
- Prior to breeding rule regarding herd sires was discussed. For the later bull sales end of March/April there wouldn't be time to have DNA completed before the bull is put out for breeding
- Are National Sale Cattle to be Parent Verified? No they must be Sire Verified.
- The proposed DNA bylaw changes will aid in eliminating error in pedigree
- This is a step in the right direction

- This will add more genotypes and integrity to the herd book
- Does this mean that members will need to do more parentage DNA in the future? The current board can not speak to what future boards may decide.

LIMOUSIN LEGACY GENETIC ADVANCEMENTS PROJECT – Amanda Matthews

- The CLA Board is please to announce the Limousin Legacy Genetic Advancement Project in partnership with Neogen Canada
- This is an opportunity to complete DNA on your cow herd and sale bulls at a significant discount
- Whole Herd Enrolled Females and Bulls qualify for he project at a testing price of \$20/head for the GGP100K test from October 6, 2020- December 31, 2021
- There is a maximum number of 3,000 animals that can be completed on the project
- As a breed this is an opportunity to gather a larger number of genotypes and improve the accuracy of the EPDs through genomically enhanced EPDs
- This is an important project for our breed
- If the proposed bylaws are passed this DNA project will offer a cost savings to complete parentage testing on the required animals
- This sounds like a good project, but is genomically enhanced EPDs what members want?

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANADIAN LIMOUSIN ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS ELECTED BY MAIL-IN BALLOT

Laura Ecklund announced the incoming CLA Directors. Congratulations to new board members Travis Hunter and Ashton Hewson and re-elected director Cody Miller. Travis and Ashton will both be serving three terms. Cody will be serving his final three-year term on the board.

PRESENTATIONS

Matthew Heleinak thanks outgoing directors for their years of service on the CLA Board. This can be a tough volunteer role.

Outgoing CLA Directors

Erin Kishkan- Served 6 years on the board, 2 as the President. Erin will sit on the board for one additional year as the current Past- President

Dan Darling- Served 3 years on the board

Joe Cooper- resigned from the board after 4 years

CLA Industry Award of Distinction Award- Wayne Burgess presented the 2020 award to Masterfeeds for their long time commitment to the breed and to the Show Cattle of the Year Awards.

CLA Award of Distinction Award- Amanda Matthews presented the 2020 award to Scott and Jackie Payne for being committed Limousin breeders who have excelled in the breed.

2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2021 AGM will take place July 30th in Spencerville, Ontario in conjunction with the CJLA Impact Show.

ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Eric Boon to adjourn the AGM at 7:37pm.