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ANNUAL REPORT OF



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Executive for 2009

President William F. (Bill) Paulishyn

Vice-President Crystal King

Secretary Tammy Turner

Treasurer Susan Frazer

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Agenda

Manitoba Goat Association
2009 Annual General Meeting
To Be Held On November 14, 2009
At The Portage La Prairie Industrial Exhibition Building
Portage La Prairie, MB

- CALL TO ORDER
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 2008 AGM
- REPORTS FROM:
 - PRESIDENT
 - SECRETARY
 - TREASURER
 - CNGF REPRESENTATIVE
-
- CORRESPONDENCE
- OLD BUSINESS
- ELECTIONS
 - PRESIDENT
 - SECRETARY
 - CNGF REPRESENTATIVE
-
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

Annual Meeting, October 25, 2008

The AGM was preceded by a seminar presentation called A Veterinary Perspective on Herd Management, attended by 28 participants given by Dr. Reuben Neumier. Afterwards there was a draw for door prizes. Rebecca Lange won handmade pottery donated by Pat Farquhar, Jerry Sanduliak won homemade soap donated by Beth Peers, Dr. Mohammad won horseshoe hooks donated by Arnold & Gladys Marsh. Gladys Marsh won a MGA coffee mug and cookbook donated by the MGA.

Members present- Jerry Sanduliak, Crystal King, Gladys Marsh, Bill Paulishyn, Dan Meisner, Ian Cottingham, Mamoon Rashid, Tammy Turner, Susan Frazer, Pat Farquhar, Beth Peers

- Beth Peers called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with 11 members present.
- **Motion:** Bill Paulishyn/Dan Meisner to accept the agenda. Carried.
- Minutes of the 2007 AGM were read by Pat Farquhar. **Motion:** Ian Cottingham/Tammy Turner to accept the minutes as read. Carried.
- Report of Offices were read as follows: President
Secretary
Treasurer
CNGF

See attached copies.

Motion: Bill Paulishyn/Jerry Sanduliak to accept the reports as presented. Carried. Bill Paulishyn suggested that next year he will print the reports free of charge. He would also like to see the new fact sheets sent to all members. Mamoon Rashid volunteered to do this.

- Correspondence
 - a) Invitation to attend the Canadian Animal Health Coalition on Oct. 2. Unfortunately, the notice arrived one day ahead of the meeting and no one was able to attend. Beth has requested that meeting material be forwarded to the MGA
 - b) Invitation from the Manitoba Cattle Producers to have a display at their Grazing School. Declined due to cost and volunteer support.
- 6. Old Business
 - a) Strategic Plan- Beth reviewed how we are carrying on with our goals.
 - b) Promotional items grant- Beth talked about the items that were purchased with this grant money.
- 7. Elections- Pat Farquhar chaired this portion of the meeting.
There was a request from Dan Meisner to have voting done by secret ballot. Request granted.
Mamoon Rashid was appointed as scrutineer and abstained from voting.
Pat Farquhar served as the elections officer. Pat asked for nominations for the following:

President: This is for 1 year to complete the 3 year term.

Dan Meisner/Ian Cottingham nominated Bill Paulishyn .

Susan Frazer/Gladys Marsh nominated Beth Peers .

Motion: to cease nominations. Bill Paulishyn/Dan Meisner. Carried

While collecting ballots, the scrutineer was given 12 proxy voting slips by Bill Paulishyn. According to our constitution the proxy must be signed and dated by the member. It was found that 4 of these proxy votes did not have signatures and were therefore discarded.

Bill Paulishyn elected.

Vice President: for a 2 year term.

Bill Paulishyn nominated Dan Meisner but there was no seconder.

Beth Peers/Pat Farquhar nominated Crystal King.

Susan Frazer/Jerry Sanduliak nominated Beth Peers. Declined.

Motion: to cease nominations. Bill Paulishyn/Dan Meisner. Carried

Crystal King elected.

Secretary: This is for a 1 year to complete the 3 year term.

Pat Farquhar/Beth Peers nominated Tammy Turner.

Motion: to cease nominations. Bill Paulishyn/Dan Meisner. Carried

Tammy Turner elected.

Treasurer: for a 2 year term.

Pat Farquhar/Jerry Sanduliak nominated Susan Frazer.

Motion: to cease nominations. Bill Paulishyn/Dan Meisner. Carried

Susan Frazer elected.

Motion: to destroy the ballots Bill Paulishyn/Dan Meisner. Carried

8. New Business

A) Winter Fair- Those in attendance agreed that having a presence at the Fair is important and that it was a success last year. We were unhappy with the location due to the dust. There was discussion about joining the Manitoba Farm Animal Council so we would be eligible to have a space in the "Through the Farm Gate" section of the Fair. A membership with the MFAC will be looked into further.

b) Farm Tour 2009- Discussion about possible locations for a tour.

c) CNGF 2009 membership fees- **Motion:** Bill Paulishyn/Dan Meisner not to pay the 2009 CNGF fees. Discussion , motion rescinded.

Motion: Crystal King/Bill Paulishyn to pay the CNGF membership for 2009 with appropriately worded letter expressing our concerns. Carried.

d) Agricultural Sustainability Initiative grant (seminar speaker): M. Rashid directed us to funding to assist with the seminar A Veterinary Perspective on Herd Management. Reporting to the funder will be handled through Mamoon's office.

e) Food Manitoba membership: **Motion:** Bill Paulishyn/Ian Cottingham that the new executive pursue a membership in the Food Manitoba. Carried

f) It was decided that the MGA constitution should be reviewed and bylaws added.

g) **Motion:** Dan Meisner/Ian Cottingham for the AGM to be held in November. Carried

9. Marketing and Breeding Schedule: Mamoon Rashid (MAFRI) spoke prior to the call for order.

10. Adjournment: **Motion:** to adjourn made by Crystal King at 6:50 pm.

President's Report

November 14, 2009 Annual General Meeting

As I begin to write my first report to the membership of the Manitoba Goat Association as your president I look back at the year 2009 and have a feeling that the industry has moved forward in 2009.

As president of your Association I have chaired three executive meetings, one a face to face meeting in Brandon and two as conference call meetings.

I have attempted to fulfill the needs and requests of the membership as I was able.

At the 2008 AGM you requested that the AGM be held in November and so we are here this November in Portage la Prairie for our 2009 AGM. Another motion was passed that we attempt to become a member of Food Manitoba. This request has been completed and the Manitoba Goat Association is now represented on the Food Manitoba web site. Here you are able to view recipes, food facts and other interesting material about our Association and chevon.

Our Association was present at the Manitoba Royal Winter Fair with a display in March 2009. I attended the President's Luncheon at this Fair representing the association. Here I was able to meet with Dr. Alan Preston ADM of MAFRI and discuss our industry and its needs.

Our Association was also represented at the Red River Exhibition in Winnipeg. The Hog producer's had made the decision to withdraw from this venue with the appearance of H1N1 so we filled in at their location. Thousands of patrons visited the "Touch The Farm" area and our goat display, two does with two kids each was very well accepted. One set of kids by the end of the Exhibition had lived longer at the exhibition than at home on the farm.

As your President I also worked at producing a cleaner information brochure that goes out to new members.

In later June, member Dan Meisner, along with a representative from the Manitoba Sheep Association initiated a Sheep and Goat Symposium discussing Scrapie, parasites, Premis ID, On Farm Food Safety and the use of the FAMACHA card. The MSA have purchased the FAMACHA cards and one needs to take the training to be able to purchase the card. This symposium was a great success, sixty-two people attended in Ericksdale, MB. This symposium was the start of a trend as the MGA and MSA then jointly held three more such symposiums, Kleefeld 35 attended, Notre Dame de Lourdes

5 attended, and Miniota 5 attended.

In March of 2009 myself, Mamoon Rashid and Dan Meisner took it upon ourselves to see if it was possible to have Fresh Manitoba grown Chevon available in Winnipeg stores. After many ups and downs we now have fresh Manitoba grown Chevon available to the buying public in four Winnipeg stores. The demand for fresh chevon is strong. To date in excess of two hundred Manitoba raised goats have been slaughtered at Provincially inspected abattoirs since March and sold in Winnipeg stores. In April of this year the MGA provided a goat to the Canadian Chef's Association for their April meeting. The Chevon was prepared by Deluca's and some eighty chefs and friends got a taste of local Manitoba Chevon. Dan Meisner and I attended this meeting and the Manitoba Chevon was a hit.

As your president I have attempted to keep you informed via my president's report in the regular GoatKeeper.

Personally I am also representing the Goat industry on the Steering Committee of Growing Forward for Unique Animals, Goats, Sheep, Bison and Elk. I have also been sitting on the CNGF Traceability Committee at the request of the chair to represent producers in Canada. I have attended one face to face meeting in Ottawa and we may have tags available for use by January 2010. With this possible action pending the Growing Forward committee has passed a motion permitting goat producers to apply for funding via "Growing Forward" to purchase wands and software to read and keep data via RDIF tags. This funding is a 90% - 10% sharing with the Growing Forward Fund forwarding 90% to the producer. A limit of \$1 000.00 is available at this time, once the Goat industry has an OFFS program the remaining \$1 000.00 will be available.

Respectfully submitted

William F. (Bill) Paulishyn
President

**Secretary Report
Manitoba Goat Association
Annual General Meeting, 2009**

Our current membership as of October 31st stands at 95 members. Membership numbers have remained fairly steady between 90 and 100 over the last year. Cookbooks are still available for sale and a number of them have been sold and mailed out over the last year. Please contact a member of the executive if you are interested in purchasing one. The MGA website has an ad section that is free to members and can be used for both sale and wanted ads. The executive discussed the possibility of an MGA member taking over the upkeep/managing of the website. If anyone has knowledge in this area and would like to help, please contact a member of the executive.

The Manitoba Goat Association helped to host two meetings in March in regards to the CNGF traceability program. Traceability and premise ID are issues that will affect us all as producers and it is important to stay informed.

The MGA set up and manned displays at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair in Brandon as well as the Red River Ex in Winnipeg. A new banner was purchased for the display. These are wonderful opportunities to promote goats and the goat industry in a positive light to the public. A BIG thank you to all who helped make this possible.

The MGA sponsored the Virden goat show, the last remaining goat show in Manitoba.

The MGA partnered with the Manitoba Sheep Association and MAFRI in parasite management workshops that taught FAMACHA. These were wonderfully educational free seminars available to members with only a \$10 charge for a FAMACHA card if a member wished to purchase one afterwards.

2008 saw a huge change in the executive, with three out of four of the executive being new to the board. The executive for the past year consisted of Bill Paulishyn as president, Crystal King as vice-president, Tammy Turner as secretary, and Susan Frazer as treasurer. Distance is an obstacle when it comes to an association covering a province the size of Manitoba but fortunately we have email as well as an offer from Mamoon Rashid, government sheep and goat specialist, to hold monthly conference calls. This is a wonderful opportunity for the executive to further communication and I hope it will be taken advantage of as much as possible.

I was excited to work with the MGA but as it turned out, this was a bad year for me to get involved. I am dealing with some medical issues and can not let my name stand for re-election. I hope that in the future I can get more involved but it just isn't possible at this time.

I wish the future executive all the best and I wish all MGA members Happy Goating.

Tammy Turner

Treasurer's Report

MANITOBA GOAT ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT – NOV 2009

●Opening Balance Oct 16/08 \$ 7562.46

?INCOME

Memberships	\$ 3010.00	
Fundraising	\$ 37.00	
Grants	\$ 700.00	
Misc	\$ 412.31	
Total	\$ 4159.31	\$ 11721.77

?EXPENSES

Goatkeeper	\$ 1360.81	
Seminars/Meetings	\$ 1095.87	
Office Expenses (postage, website, banner)	\$ 314.86	
Misc	\$ 308.96	
Show Sponsor(2008&2009)	\$ 260.00	
Total	\$ 3340.50	\$ 8381.27

Closing Balances Sept 30/ 09

Chequing	\$ 1380.59	
Plan 24 interest	.68	
Fixed Redeemable	\$ 7000.00	\$ 8381.27

**CNGF Report to MGA
-submitted by Beth Peers**

October 30, 2009

The CNGF Annual General Meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2009 and will be held via teleconference. In addition to the member organization's representative on the CNGF Board (the Director), CNGF extends an invitation to its member organizations to have one more representative on the call.

?Traceability and National ID

CNGF finalized the tag manufacturer and distributor agreements with Ketchum. At a meeting in Ottawa in early September, some clarification by government was wanted regarding the decision points. The decision points have been revised and said revisions were presented to the CNGF Board for approval. The agreement with CCIA is also nearing completion, so the traceability program should be up and running very shortly. Premise ID, which is under provincial jurisdiction, is not mandatory in all provinces and may hinder uptake/function of traceability.

Information meetings for producers related to the voluntary traceability program for goats were held in March of this year.

?Scrapie

The US is putting further pressure on Canada re: typical scrapie eradication. Reps from the sheep sector and goat sector met to discuss this issue further. In principal, the goat industry supports eradication of typical scrapie. Input from goat and sheep producers is needed to support the case for continued importation of live bucks and rams from the US so that producers can continue to gain access to American genetics.

The CFIA voluntary scrapie surveillance program resulted in the application of 4450 tags in total. There are only got a handful of samples because CFIA collected them only at federal facilities. Ontario has requested that CFIA also work with provincial facilities to increase the sample size.

●OFFS

OFFS Technical Review Part I has been submitted to CFIA for their review.

●Veterinary Drugs Committee

This committee, chaired by Geraldine Goodman, has provided a comment letter regarding Preparation of Veterinary Abbreviated New Drug Submissions--Generic Drugs as per the Consultations-Veterinary Drugs Directorate Policy to the Regulatory and International Affairs Division Veterinary Drugs Directorate of Health Canada. The letter spoke of the urgent need for approving and labelling of more drugs for use in goats. It also pointed to the importance of reciprocal agreements between Canada and other countries to recognize drug approval processes being of great assistance to the goat sector.

●Letters of Support

CNGF supplied Advancing Canadian Goat Improvement (ACGI), who made a presentation to the CNGF Board at its February meeting, with a letter of support for its proposed project on improving genetics. The Board also invited ACGI to take out a membership in CNGF.

CNGF was asked to provide support to the Laboratory for Small Ruminant Research based at the University of Guelph. The Board agreed to write a letter of support.

CNGF received correspondence from a business firm called Nature's Next Best asking for support to develop an infant formula using goat milk. CNGF provided a letter of support for initiatives that aim to develop new markets for goat milk.

CNGF provided a letter of support for the Canadian Sheep Federation's funding application to AAFC for the National Scrapie Eradication Plan under the Agricultural Flexibility fund. Included in the proposed National Scrapie Eradication Plan is a national scrapie prevalence study. Cervids will also take part in the proposed project, as some funding will go toward the administration of a National Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance Program in Ontario, a program open to deer and elk farmers.

Other News

CNGF has an associate membership (non-voting) with the Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF), and the two organizations will work mutually on issues that have an affect on sheep and goats. Myrna Coombs (Alberta) is the CNGF liaison.

Communication has continued to improve, with CNGF news sent to GoatKeeper and to a wide array of venues, including Goats Across Canada. In addition, CNGF has decided to work with another webmaster and expects improvements with the CNGF website.

CNGF is continuing with its review of its by-laws, and will make this item a priority over the coming months. As well, the strategic planning process is underway with CNGF Board members.

CNGF submitted its first financial contribution to the West Hawk Lake program. The first year contribution, in a five year contribution level, was in the amount of \$63.

CNGF was made aware of a potential Biosecurity project on behalf of the Canadian Animal Health Coalition. The goal of the project is to assess the value/impact of particular biosecurity measures on farm. The objective is to develop a model, apply various biosecurity measures and assess outcomes. This project is driven by a number of things ...

- There is concern that biosecurity practices are intuitive and not science based.
- There is concern about the cost of multi-levels of biosecurity practices with unknown outcomes
- There is a question about whether the assumption that biosecurity can result in measurable changes in disease levels is true ... based on some US corporate info.
- The anticipated move by AAFC to require auditable biosecurity practices as a condition of financial compensation – lack of scientific basis for measuring effectiveness
- The move to disease insurance which carries a requirement for biosecurity practices being in place – lack of scientific basis for measuring effectiveness

CNGF requested more information about this potential project.

The representative for the Saskatchewan Goat Breeders Association is Darlyne Hoberg.

CNGF received a letter from Rare Breeds Canada concerning the “inability to import breeding females” which has a negative impact on goat breeds such as the Oberhasli, which is on the critical list. CNGF replied to this letter, stating: “Contrary to the assumption of many of your breeders, the Canadian border is open to importation of breeding stock (male and female) from many countries. However animals considered for importation into Canada, together with the farms these animals are imported from, must meet certain standards regarding health status and protocols before being allowed into Canada. Further protocols may be imposed on the importing farm to allow for continued monitoring of the health status of the imported animals.” The CNGF Board also agreed to write a letter to CFIA expressing the concerns outlined by Rare Breeds Canada about goat breeds on the critical list and regulations regarding imports.