
Canadian Meat Goat



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2016 ANNUAL Report

President's Welcome

Welcome to the 2017 Canadian Meat Goat Association Annual General Meeting and Producer Education Day! I am very excited to be in Ontario for such a great networking event to meet other producers from across the country.

As we review 2016 and look to the future during our AGM, we have seen a lot of changes for our association and our industry. 2016 brought new staff, new board members and a new fee structure, among other changes for the CMGA. Industry-wide, we also see changes to our breeding stock in Canada as buyers more actively seek out performance evaluations, phenotypic appraisals and focused, developed breeding strategies. Seed stock buyers are no longer interested in pedigree-only purchases and our CMGA programs are evolving and improving to fill this need.

I would like to thank Christie, Tiffany, Becky and all the Alliance staff for their efforts in coordinating this year's event. It takes a lot of hard work to plan and organize this event. As you visit during the AGM, please be sure to thank them. I would also like to thank the sponsors. Your support is essential to hosting our producers and putting together a valuable agenda.

On behalf of the CMGA Board of Directors, I wish you a great day or stay in Port Hope. Be sure to meet as many new faces as possible and take advantage of this great networking and social event. If we have never met before please find me to say hello and introduce yourself. I'd really like to meet you.

Best regards,



Stuart Chutter, CMGA President

About the Canadian Meat Goat Association

In 1992, an enterprising group of Canadian entrepreneurs was instrumental in the importation of Boer goat embryos into Canada from New Zealand and France, and later directly from South Africa. On November 27, 1993, the Canadian Boer Goat Association was formed through an ad hoc process involving 7 charter members. On October 10, 1995, this Association was officially incorporated by Agriculture Canada under the Animal Pedigree Act, with official by-law approval coming on January 3, 1996. This approval provided sole authority as the only association approved to register Boer and Boer cross goats in Canada. The newly incorporated association, which had begun its registration process under the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, moved to Canadian Beef Improvement Inc., and eventually began self-registry out of the Association office in Glenwood, AB, Canada.

From the very incorporation of the Association, the requirement was put in place for mandatory DNA sampling on every purebred registration. The purpose of this was to build a data bank of DNA from which a program of random parentage verification testing could be based. Presently, random testing is done on 1% of all purebred registrations submitted. The Canadian Boer Goat Association is the only Boer goat association in the world to have such a program, which is designed to maintain the integrity of Canadian Boer goat pedigrees.

The first CBGA-sponsored Boer Goat Sale was held in November of 1998 in connection with the Boer Goat Show at the Canadian Western Agribition in Regina, SK. Sanctioned shows with Canadian Boer

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Goat approved judges were started in 1999 with the first in July 1999 at Yorkton, SK. The Association has a judges training program to develop Canadian judges across the country.

In 2001, the Association office was relocated to eastern Ontario, and bilingual services became available to Francophone producers. Since then, the Association has been working hard to offer all of its written materials, including the quarterly Canadian Meat Goat Journal and the web site, in both official languages.

In 2004, the membership of the CBGA voted to change its name to the Canadian Meat Goat Association and to expand its mandate to the broader meat goat industry in Canada. Since then, the Association has been developing educational and marketing tools for both commercial meat goat and purebred seed stock producers.

Other CMGA activities have included: a youth program, a buck test station, development of a type evaluation (classification) program, and representation at agricultural events across the country. The Association's Annual General Meeting is held early in the calendar year.

In 2009, the Association office was relocated to Saskatchewan, and the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation in Ottawa was contracted to process registrations and memberships.

In February 2016, CMGA joined the Livestock Alliance and the office was relocated to Guelph, Ontario. Veal Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Goat and the Canadian Goat Society are the other partners in the Alliance.

The Association owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the early pioneers of the Boer goat industry in Canada. Untold hours of volunteer labor and expense were donated to establish an organization and structure upon which to build the future industry. To this day, the Association depends on the commitment of its volunteer Board and committee members, who keep its many programs running.

Mission

The Canadian Meat Goat Association supports the development of a profitable meat goat breeding stock and meat industry in Canada by providing animal registration, member education and industry promotion for the membership and by partnering in research and market expansion.

Vision

A long term profitable Canadian meat goat industry where dairy, fibre and meat interests work together locally, provincially and nationally for the growth and development of the meat goat industry.

Purpose

The primary purpose of the Association is the establishment of breeding standards, the keeping of pedigree records and the registration of Boer goats in Canada.

Further purposes of the Association shall be:

- ◆ to promote Boer goats as a long term, stable source of income in a diversified farming and ranching economy
- ◆ to improve Boer goat genetics by identifying superior performance
- ◆ to encourage the improvement of meat goats in general
- ◆ to enhance consumer demand for chevon (goat meat) at the retail level



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Congratulations to the Canadian Meat Goat Association on another successful year as you gather in Port Hope, Ontario, to network and explore ways to keep your industry on the cutting edge. You are part of one of the fastest-growing sectors in Canadian agriculture, thanks to the increasing diversity of Canadians – and, of course, a quality product!

The role of the Canadian Meat Goat Association in promoting breed improvement and top quality genetics is a key element in sustaining the strength of the sector. The Government of Canada is proud to support a strong Canadian goat industry through an investment of over \$345,000 to implement the Scrapie Eradication Strategic Plan, to provide goat and sheep producers with the information and tools necessary to eradicate scrapie in Canada, helping them minimize losses, regain market access, and explore new market opportunities.

As we celebrate Canada's 150th year of confederation, the future is full of opportunity for Canada's meat goat industry, and all of Canadian agriculture. Demand for our world-class food is growing, and we're working hard to ensure Canadian farmers can meet that demand, by opening new export opportunities in target markets including Europe and Asia, while investing in science and research to keep a step ahead of the competition. To build a firm foundation for future growth, I'm working with my colleagues and industry on the next framework for agriculture to be launched in 2018.

I look forward to working with you to build a strong and growing Canadian meat goat industry. Wishing you another banner year in 2017!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lawrence MacAulay".

Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, PC, MP
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A Message from the Honourable Jeff Leal

On behalf of the Government of Ontario and Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, I am pleased to contribute to the Canadian Meat Goat Association's Annual Report.

I first want to mention that I am very proud of Ontario's agri-food sector. It contributes \$36.4 billion to our GDP and supports more than 790,000 jobs. As Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Minister Responsible for Small Business, I am very proud to be representing this sector each and every day. I am working to ensure it continues to be a vibrant and competitive sector in Ontario.

I am excited about the potential growth opportunities for the Ontario goat sector. That is why I am pleased to know your sector has seen the number of kids and goats sold at auction increase by 52 per cent since 2011. I can assure you that we are dedicated to working collaboratively with the sector to support its success.

The topics you have selected for your Producer Education Day — especially around developing scrapie resistance, animal health and genetic improvements — will help the industry continue to grow and fill the increasing consumer demand for goat meat.

Please accept my best wishes for the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Jeff Leal
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs



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A. Treasurer's Report

Due to the early timing of this year's AGM, the reviewed financial statements are not yet available for review by membership. A review of the financial statements will be undertaken and that information will be available to membership once completed.

Some major changes were seen by the Association in 2016 including significant cost increases from CLRC and the move of the CMGA office across the country. A review of the internal bookkeeping of CMGA has shown that the Association managed to maintain a balanced budget.

Below is the preliminary 2016 financial report showing the proposed budget in relation to actual costs in 2016.

Notes regarding 2016 costs:

Income

Youth Project - \$500.00 was budgeted for this item based on the success of the previous year's fundraiser (Tee Spring campaign). Actual income in 2016 was substantially higher due to the generosity of Treeline Boers and their donation of an animal to the Share Your Herd Sale at the 2016 AGM and the great response from members to that offering.

Memberships – A higher than anticipated income in this category was realized from increased membership fees in response to CLRC's increased fee schedule.

Expenses

Meat Goat Journal – The former GM had been contracted to act as the editor and graphic designer for the Meat Goat Journal aside from her duties as the GM. The Association was very fortunate in employing her in this dual capacity as her fee for producing the MGJ was well below industry standard. Her resignation last year meant that a new graphic designer and printer had to be sought out to continue to magazine for 2016. Expenses for the production of the MGJ were higher in 2016 as they began to more realistically meet current costs to produce a magazine.

The 2016 preliminary report indicates an income over expenses of \$5540.49.

See breakdown on the following page.

Of note; \$2002.30 of this income was for the Youth Project, and \$150.00 was spent in 2016. Also, \$3000.00 was budgeted to compensate office staff for the writing of a grant, however this did not take place in 2016.

2017 Budget

The 2017 budget was discussed by the Board of Directors at their meeting Friday February 10th and is presented as an addendum to this report.

Factors influencing decisions surrounding the 2017 budget include a need to increase the number of hours budgeted for office staff in order to complete priorities defined by the Board and to continue to work on new initiatives. As always, maintaining a balanced budget while continuing services to members remains a priority for the Board.



| | PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET | 2016 ACTUAL |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Income / Revenu | | |
| YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE | 500.00 | 2002.3 |
| ADVERTISING / PUBLICITÉ | 3,000.00 | 3372.50 |
| AGM Income / Revenu de l'AGA | 7,425.00 | 3923.40 |
| CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification | 5,000.00 | 6407.00 |
| MEMBERSHIPS / COTISATIONS | 14,200.00 | 17480.00 |
| OFFICE COST REIMBURSEMENT / REMBOURSEMENT FRAIS DE BUREAU | 0.00 | 27.11 |
| SHOW FEES / FRAIS D'EXPOSITIONS | 1,000.00 | 1415.00 |
| PAID TO CMGA / PAYÉ À L'ACCB | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| REGISTRATIONS / ENREGISTREMENTS | 41,000.00 | 43632.70 |
| SALES / VENTES | 100.00 | 123.86 |
| INTEREST / INTÉRÊTS | 125.00 | 100.88 |
| CREDITS WRITTEN OFF / CRÉDITS RADIÉS | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE | | |
| Total Income / Revenu total | 72,350.00 | 78,484.75 |
| Expense / Dépenses | | |
| ACCOUNTS WRITTEN OFF / COMPTES RADIÉS | 50.00 | 0.00 |
| ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION | | |
| Advertising/Publicité; Production and printing of promotional items / Production et impression d'articles promotionnels | 0.00 | 52.26 |
| Total ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION | 0.00 | 52.26 |
| AGM / AGA | 7,425.00 | 3811.12 |
| CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA | | |
| Telecon Expenses / Conférences téléphoniques | 650.00 | 243.85 |
| Travel / Déplacements | 0.00 | 18.94 |
| Total CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA | 650.00 | 262.79 |
| CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB | | |
| Show Ribbons / Rubans | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Judges Licensing Forums | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification | | |
| Evaluator Fees & Expenses / Frais et dépenses des évaluateurs | 5,000.00 | 5500.00 |
| Forms & Handbook / Formulaires et manuels | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification | 5,000.00 | 5,500.00 |
| GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE | | |
| Salary / Salaire | 26,000.00 | 25999.92 |
| GENERAL MANAGER - Other - DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE - Autre | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE | 26,000.00 | 25,999.92 |

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| | PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET | 2016 ACTUAL |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE | | |
| Ad. sales commissions / Comissions sur les ventes de publicité | 0.00 | 269.40 |
| Coordination of content / Coordination du contenu | 0.00 | 350.00 |
| MGJ Postage / Envoi postal | 350.00 | 705.10 |
| MGJ Printing / Impression | 1,300.00 | 2821.37 |
| MGJ Shipping/Handling / Port et manutention | 150.00 | 523.50 |
| Production and artwork / Production et graphisme | 800.00 | 6310.00 |
| Reimburse MGJ advertisers | 250.00 | 0.00 |
| Total MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE | 2,850.00 | 10,979.37 |
| MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION | | |
| CLRC Levies / Charges SCEA | 21,500.00 | 16066.02 |
| CLRC Charges to set up Kiko Registry / Charges SCEA pour enregistrement Kiko | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| CLRC Miscellaneous / Divers SCEA | 600.00 | 1913.53 |
| CLRC Credit Card Admin. / Admin. de Carte de crédit SCEA | 900.00 | 0.00 |
| CLRC DNA Sample Storage / Stockage d'Échantillon ADN SCEA | 3,400.00 | 2168.00 |
| Total MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION | 26,400.00 | 20,147.55 |
| OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU | | |
| Accounting and Legal / Comptabilité et frais juridiques | 3,300.00 | 3100.00 |
| Office supplies and equipment / Matériel | 0.00 | 299.04 |
| Postage / Poste | 1,000.00 | 1102.29 |
| Telephone - Internet / Téléphone | 0.00 | 85.95 |
| Website / Site Internet | 800.00 | 281.25 |
| OFFICE MOVE | 1,500.00 | 0.00 |
| Total OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU | 6,600.00 | 4,868.53 |
| REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS | | |
| DNA Testing / Testage AND | 2,000.00 | 692.57 |
| Total REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS | 2,000.00 | 692.57 |
| UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES | | |
| Bank Service Charges / Charge service bancaire | 100.00 | 232.97 |
| Cheque order / Commande de chèques | 100.00 | 187.74 |
| CNGF Membership / Cotisation FCNC | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| GST UNCOLLECTED / TPS NON RÉCLAMÉE 2016 Interest Charges | 0.00 | 59.44 |
| PayPal Fees / Frais PayPal | 50.00 | 0.00 |
| GRANT WRITING FEE | 3,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Total UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES | 3,250.00 | 480.15 |
| YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE | | |
| Youth Project expenses / Dépenses Projet jeunesse | 1,105.00 | 150.00 |
| Youth Project prize / Récompense Projet jeunesse | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE | 1,105.00 | 150.00 |
| Total Expense / Dépenses | 81,280.00 | 72,944.26 |
| | (8,930.00) | 5,540.49 |

C. Production

Type Evaluation Program

CMGA was pleased to be able to offer the Type Evaluation program to membership in 2016. The program has been offered to membership every year since 2008 (with the exception of 2015 due to organizational changes that were underway). To date, our Type Evaluators have now evaluated over 1500 animals across the country.

Type Evaluation utilizes a linear appraisal system to “score” an animal (and it’s respective parts) against the “ideal” for the breed. Type Evaluation offers breeders an opportunity to have an objective evaluation performed on their animals by a trained CMGA classifier.

The CMGA Type Evaluation system was modeled along the lines of similar programs offered by other breeds of livestock (ie. Cattle, dairy goats, etc), keeping in mind the traits that are considered economically and conformationally desired in the Boer breed.

Both registered Purebred does and bucks, and registered percentage does are eligible for Type Evaluation. In order to be evaluated, does must have kidded at least once, and bucks must be at least 1 year old at the time of evaluation.

Animals are given an overall total score (out of 100), and are placed as follows:

Excellent – 90+

VG – 85-89

Good – 80-84

Those animals scoring Very Good (85) or higher have been published in the MGJ as well as being published on the CMGA website. As of 2014, the scores of animals being evaluated have also been available on the CLRC website.

For the 2016 year, evaluations took place in Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Quebec with 220 animals being evaluated.

Below is a summary of participation in the Type Evaluation program to date.

| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2016 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| # Farms participating | 9 | 13 | 18 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 14 |
| # Animals Evaluated | 134 | 160 | 180 | 148 | 299 | 236 | 155 | 220 |

Our 2016 Type Evaluation Participants:

Chevrerie De La Cote - Alex Boivin, Chateau-Richer, Quebec
Divin Calin – Jessy Lapierre Pincince, St. Fortunat, Quebec
Ferme Du Sillon, Olivier Marquis, St. Alexandre-de-Kamouraska, Quebec
Stavely Farms – Shannon Thurston, St. Anicet, Quebec
Chevrerie Du Biquet - Nancy McNeil & Evelyne LaRoche, Warwick, Quebec
Country Strong – Marshall & Sarah James, Carleton Place, Ontario
Naquabi - Tracy Juraske & Tim Case, Carleton Place, Ontario
Aftershock Boer Ranch – Josh Munro, Embro, Ontario
Treeline Boers – Greta Prins – Wooler, Ontario
Dozen Roses Farm – Becky Vissers, Bowmanville, Ontario
Epic - Austin Illman, Paris, Ontario
Rafter N Goats - Brent Nostadt, Ogema, Saskatchewan
Calico Creek Goats – Landon Spokowski, Yorkton, Saskatchewan
Kae Ronne Goats – Kerry O’Donnell, Calder, Saskatchewan

CMGA would like to thank those who participated and encourage members to take advantage of this opportunity in 2017.

Goat Herd Improvement Program

The Goat Herd Improvement Program is free of charge to members and was first offered in 2012.

The program is a collaboration with Dr. Ken Andries from Kentucky State University, whereby producers can submit data and receive standardized on farm performance data on their does, kids, and bucks.

The collaboration took place as a result of CMGA's desire to build on existing programs, and to provide extra value to membership in regards to data for selection of breeding stock. Our show program and Type Evaluation program provide feedback to producers on animals in regards to phenotype and conformation to breed standards, while GHIP adds to the equation by providing information on the productive/performance capabilities of that animal.

GHIP provides a tool that allows producers to have production records standardized and assists them in using performance data to select higher quality animals for replacements. This can result in herd improvement and increased performance without increasing production costs for producers. After submitting your data, comprehensive reports are sent back to the producer on average daily gains for the kid crop, efficiency ratios on the does, sire summary indexes, along with other valuable information.

Information submitted to the GHIP program is anonymous. CMGA does not receive back the individual results from herds that enrol in the program. Rather, at the end of each year, CMGA receives a summary of the data submitted from Dr Andries that helps us to begin to build a database to create benchmarks for important production traits such as number of kids born, birth weights, average weaning weights, etc.

For more information on this program and how you can be involved, please contact the CMGA office.

Summary data from the 2016 year will be available on the CMGA website once received from Dr Andries.

D. Show

The 2016 show season continued to demonstrate a decline in show numbers compared to most previous years. On the up side CMGA was happy to welcome a new Ontario show venue to the roster, Barrie Fair. There were a total of six sanctioned shows that were held across the country in Ontario (3), Quebec (2) and Saskatchewan (1) with the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair hosting the East National Show. The chart below is an overview of each of those shows.

| | Purebred Does | Purebred Bucks | Percentage | Commercial | Market Kids | Total animals shown |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Barrie Meat Goat Show | 9 | 4 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Expo Brome Fair | 47 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64 |
| Expo St Hyacinthe | 39 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 |
| Markham Fair | 16 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 33 |
| Royal Winter Fair | 27 | 12 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 46 |
| Canadian Western Agribition | 25 | 0 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 47 |
| TOTALS | 163 | 64 | 36 | 9 | 4 | 276 |



Showing is a great way for individual breeders to showcase their individual herds and an opportunity to promote the meat goat industry as a whole. CMGA would like to thank everyone who took the time and effort to get their animals into the show ring in 2016 and we hope to see you back again in 2017 along with new exhibitors as well!

It was great to hear about the enthusiastic 4-H goat clubs this year that were busy with shows, farm tours, and education days! Keep up the great work and don't forget to share these events with us as they happen! Thank-you to the CMGA members that are dedicating their time to sparking the interest of future meat goat producers.

2016 Show Champions of the Year:

Congratulations to the following members for exhibiting the 2016 CMGA Show Champions of the Year:

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Purebred Buck: | Belles Amours King – Sylvie Dionne |
| Purebred Doe (tie): | Sugarfield Yankee Yes Mame 0702Y – Josh Munro |
| | Du Biquet Citation – Evelyne Laroche |
| Percentage Doe: | Naquabi Tokolshe – Becky Vissers |
| Commercial Doe: | Dozen Roses Black Mocha – Becky Vissers |

For anyone interested in planning a show for the 2017 season visit: canadianmeatgoat.com/showforms to download the necessary forms (e.g. show sanctioning forms, health check forms, etc.). A handy show committee checklist and a document outlining how to go about organizing a show can also be found on the website.

Important: All show documents must be signed by the official judge and be returned to the CMGA office within 60 days of the conclusion of the show. If the documents are not sent on the time the CMGA sanctioning will be revoked.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to attend a CMGA show please try and put it on your "to-do" list for 2017. Meat goats are still such a new sector in agriculture and so many people remain unaware of our industry. Yes, shows are work, time, and effort but consider them an investment in your industry and an opportunity to educate, grow the membership, and increase the number of people consuming goat meat domestically!

Good Luck and Best Wishes to all Exhibitors at the 2017 shows!
Christie Prins - CMGA Show Committee Chair

E. Youth

What a year! With the conclusion of show season, and our second year of the Point Chase program, we are happy to see the success of the program grow with more youth participants than last year. We hope moving forward that more junior members see the opportunity in participating in the program. We would like to extend a big congratulation to this year's Point Chase Champion: Lucas Cairncross of Ontario. Runner up was Taylor Spokowski of Saskatchewan and honourable mention Jordon Spokowski of Saskatchewan. Congratulations to our winner and thank you to all the youths that participated and submitted their points. We will continue to promote the program and hope to see more youngsters in the ring this coming show season. Thanks to the Promotions Committee for donating the hoodie funds to the program.



F. Advertising and Promotion

We successfully ran our second annual CMGA youth hoodie campaign this October. We raised \$447.80 that went directly into our youth fund. We would like to continue our annual fundraiser to help offset the costs for our youth programs. Thanks to all those that purchased our promotional items. If you have any suggestions or an idea you would like to see please contact the office with your thoughts.



G. General Manager

Over the last year, the Board and staff have been working hard to transition the CMGA into the Livestock Alliance offices as part of our organizational partnership. We have been making good inroads at streamlining operations while maintaining and improving member communications. The office continues to be challenged with a number of important activities and priorities of the organization but not having the staff resources required to fulfill them.

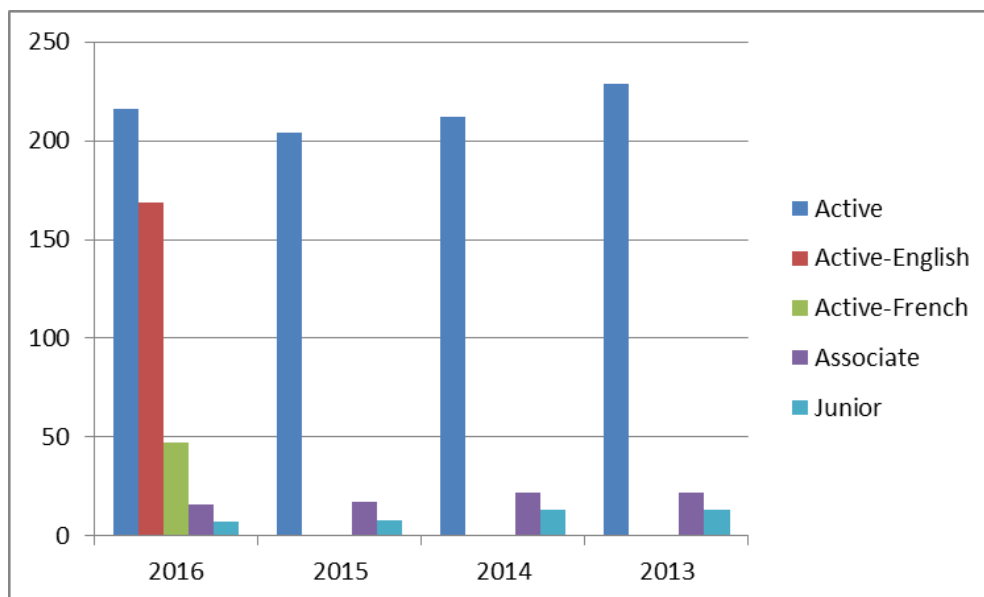
Staff organized and produced three issues of the Meat Goat Journal (MGJ) for 2016 and the Board is currently discussing the direction for 2017 of the MGJ. Staff also developed and implemented an electronic newsletter for CMGA that is sent out frequently to members via email. Staff also ensured that regular contributions were made to the Goatkeeper in order to promote the CMGA activities.

As we continue move forward we will continue to look for synergies to stream line efficiencies in both the office and with programs. Staff worked hard at ensuring continuity for all programs including type evaluation, GHIP and show sanctioning as well as liaising with CLRC on registration questions from members.

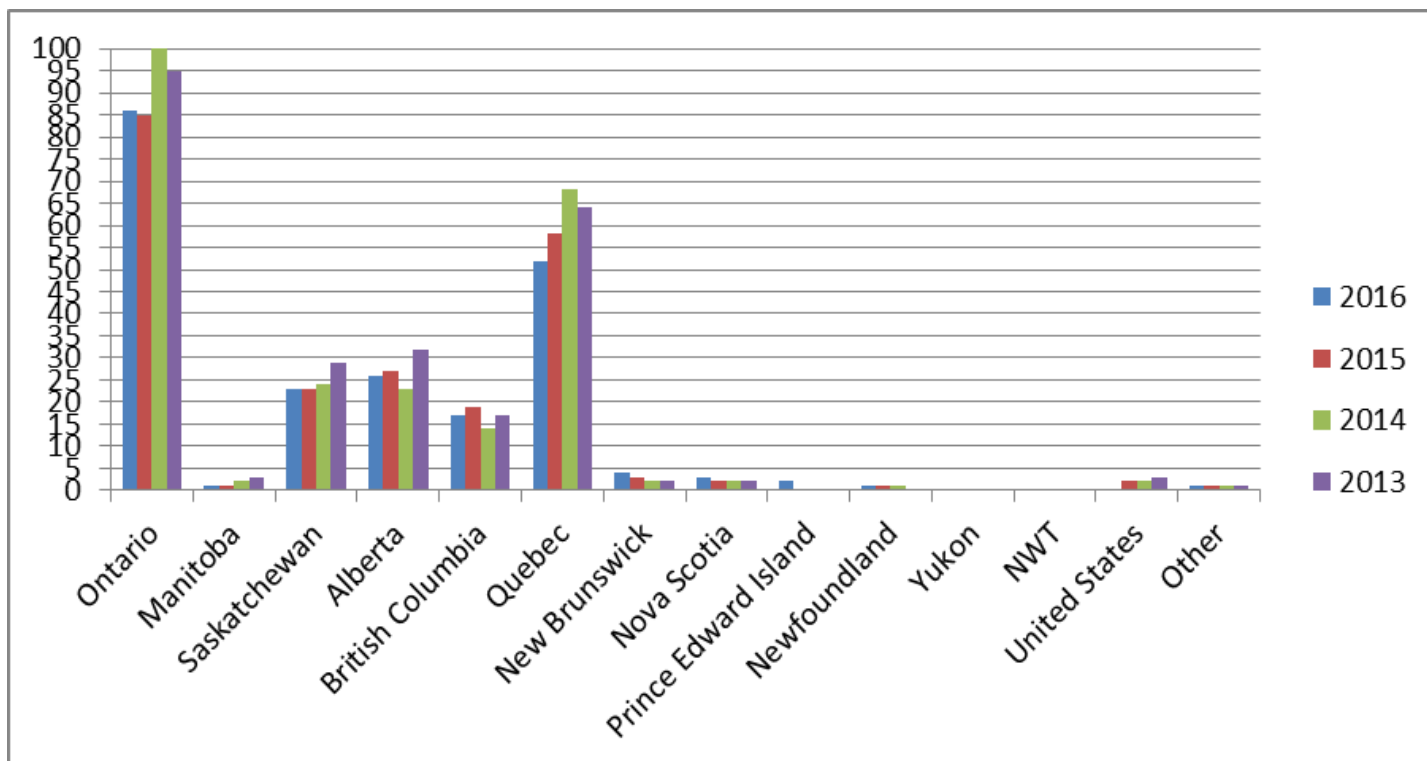
Membership in 2016 had a slight increase over 2015 but still not as high as in 2013. Hopefully this year the membership number continues to grow as breeders recognize the importance of working together to improve the Boer and Kiko breeds. Ontario once again leads the membership numbers followed by Quebec.

As in 2016, the annual list of CMGA members will be included in the summer issue of the MGJ. Only those members who renew prior to May 15 can be published in the membership listing. The most current list of CMGA members is on the CMGA website.

Membership By Type:



Membership by Province:



Registrations

Boer and Kiko registration numbers declined over 2015. Registering your meat goats helps with developing your breeding programs, especially for those who take part in Type Evaluation. You can't manage what you don't measure. Remember registering your goats is a great way to maintain records and help build on your herd genetics.

Registration figures for Boer and Kiko goats for 2016 - 2013 are shown below. The Kiko registry opened on January 1, 2014.

| Breed | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| Purebred Boer registrations (TR, R, CR, RCR) | 806 | 845 | 977 | 975 |
| Percentage Boer registrations (GR) | 204 | 226 | 356 | 310 |
| Purebred Kiko registrations (NZPK, DPK) | 22 | 31 | 96 | - |
| Crossbred Kiko registrations (CBK) | 10 | - | 2 | - |
| Transfers of Boers and Kikos | 831 | 1040 | 967 | 1143 |

H. CMGA Constitution

In accordance with Article XII of the CMGA by-laws,

“This constitution may be amended by a resolution at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Association by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present voting in person or by proxy as stipulated in ARTICLE IV (1) (b). Notice of all proposed amendments shall be given to the President and/or General Manager in writing ninety (90) days in advance of a General Meeting. All proposed amendments will then be subject to a by-law review process by the Constitution Committee which shall include, but shall not be limited to, consultations with Agriculture Canada. The Constitution Committee shall provide the Board with a report containing the results of its review and a copy of such report shall be sent to each of the said proposing members. Once reviewed and approved by the Board, in accordance with previously-established policy and procedures, amendments shall be included in the notice calling the General Meeting, otherwise the meeting shall have no power to deal with same. “

No amendments to the CMGA by-laws were received for the 2017 AGM.

Thank you to our sponsors and partners!

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