

# CMGA UPDATE

**March 2018**

*An update on projects, programs & activities*

## **2018 AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on June 14, 2018 by webcast. CMGA members will be able to connect live from their computer or tablet and attend the virtual meeting. On the agenda: annual treasurer's report, committee activity reports, presentation of new directors, winners of the Canadian Show Championship and Youth Points Chase, door prizes and other surprises. Take the opportunity to meet CMGA administrators and ask your questions in the comfort of your home. The estimated broadcast times are: 9:00 PM ADT (NB), 8:00 pm EDT (QC, ON), 7:00 pm CDT (MN), 6:00 pm CST-MDT (SK, AB), 5:00 pm PDT (BC). More information will be sent to you by mail and email in the coming weeks.

## **Membership Renewal, last call!**

Last chance to renew your CMGA membership! Members who have not renewed their membership by March 31, 2018 will be removed from the Association's mailing list. So to continue to receive your news, your Meat Goat Journal and all the other communications from your association click [here](#).

## **WANTED: CMGA members!**

There are still 3 positions to be filled on the CMGA Board of Directors. We received one nomination for a director position and this person was elected by acclamation. This new director will be presented to you at the AGM of the Association later this year.

Don't be shy and let your name stand to fill those positions! Interested members must send their interest to the CMGA office. They will then be nominated by the CMGA Board to sit on the Board for one year until 2019 AGM. Then, if they would like to continue, they will be eligible for elections. We will have 4 terms to fulfill in 2019: two 2 years term and two 3 years term.

The year 2018 will be a crucial year for the CMGA. In the fall, your Board of Directors will meet for a few days to revise the Association's Strategic Plan. In this meeting, Board members will discuss the relevance and priority of each of the programs and services offered by your association while keeping in mind its mission and vision. If you have ideas, a vision for the future of your association, if you want to participate in this great brainstorming, it's time to get involved in the board of your association. Please contact the office at [info@canadianmeatgoat.com](mailto:info@canadianmeatgoat.com) or by phone at (418) 315-0777 to apply or simply to get more information about your involvement within the CMGA Board.

## **Advertise Your Business in the Meat Goat Journal**

You want to advertise your business in the Meat Goat Journal? The 2018 advertising campaign has begun! Whether for a business card format or a full page, there is something for every format and every budget! Check out the details of available advertising space and pricing by clicking [here](#).

### **New CMGA Policy for Accounts Receivable**

Last November, the CMGA clarified its policy for accounts receivable. The main purpose was to establish a process by which Article III of the CMGA By-Laws could be articulated. To see an overview of this policy, click [here](#).

### **Identification and Traceability Program for Goats**

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has published a first newsletter developed by the Regulatory Implementation Committee to keep us abreast of regulatory developments. Proposed amendments to the Regulations include:

- That the allowable time to report the movement or death of animals to the responsible administrator will be reduced to seven (7) days from 30 days;
- That certain information will be required to accompany a load of animals and/or animal carcasses being transported. The format on which the information should be provided will not be prescribed within the regulations but could include paper or electronic forms.
- That persons who own or have the care of livestock would be required providing the premises identification number for the location where approved indicators are applied to their animals. Should the animals be moved to a new location, outside of the farm operation (shows for example), the premises identification number for the destination location would also need to be provided.

The bulletin states that the proposed regulations are expected to be published in the spring or fall of 2018. Following the publication of the proposed regulations in Part I of the the Canada Gazette ([www.gazette.gc.ca](http://www.gazette.gc.ca)), stakeholders will have 75 days to review and provide comment. CFIA will review and consider all comments received prior to finalizing the regulation amendments and publishing them in the Part II of the Canada Gazette. Once published in Part II of the Canada Gazette, the regulations will be considered final and immediately come into force.

To learn more about the Livestock Identification and Traceability Program, as well as the latest updates to the Animal Health Regulations, visit [www.inspection.gc.ca/traceability](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/traceability).