

## CMGA Annual General Meeting

February 7, 2015 • 1:30 pm

Regina, SK

# AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Directors and General Manager
3. Adoption of 2015 Agenda
4. Review of 2014 AGM Minutes
5. Committee Reports:
  - a) Treasurer
    - adoption of treasurer's report and 2015 budget
    - appointment of auditor
  - b) Breed Standards
  - c) CNGF
  - d) Production
  - e) Show
  - f) Membership
  - g) Youth
  - h) Translation
  - i) Ad & Promo
  - j) General Manager
  - k) Constitution
6. Old and New Business
7. Items from the floor
8. Announcement of new directors
9. Adjournment

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2014 • 10:30 AM  
ST-ANSELME, QUEBEC

### Present:

#### **Board:**

Laurie Fries, Stuart Chutter, Ryan Prins, Catherine Michaud,  
Kerry O'Donnell, Karen Kolkman (*ex officio*)

#### **Members & Guests:**

Josh Barter, Lionel Bédard, Jean-Philippe Ouellet-Bernier, Gérald Bérubé, Guillaume Bouchard, Julie Bouchard, Sophie Bourgeois, Douglas Brooks, Robert Camden, Stuart Chutter, Samuel Clair-Coté, Louis Demers, Christine Fournier, Eric Harvey, Jacques Kirouac, Evelyne LaRoche, André Lavergne, Geneviève Maher, Olivier Marquis, François Massicotte, Nancy McNeil, Jean Claude Ostiguy, Patricia Pentney, Christie Prins, Martine Raté, Jessy Robichaud, Alain Rioux, Virginie Rochet, Catherine Turgeon, Patricia Turmel

#### **Votes:**

*16 CMGA members present + 4 proxies*

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### **1. Call to Order**

At 11:15 a.m. by C. Michaud

### **2. Introduction of Directors and General Manager**

### **3. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:** To adopt the 2014 AGM agenda as presented. *A. Lussier / G. Bouchard.*  
*CARRIED.*

### **4. Review of 2013 AGM Minutes**

### **5. Committee Reports:**

- a. Treasurer – see report
  - **MOTION:** To adopt the Treasurer's Report and 2014 budget as presented. *J.C. Ostiguy / G. Bouchard. CARRIED.*
  - **MOTION:** To appoint Collins-Barrow of Yorkton, Saskatchewan to perform CMGA's audit of the 2014 year. *L. Julien / J. Rousseau. CARRIED.*
- b. Breed Standards – see report
- c. CNGF – see report

- presented in part by Robert Camden, CNGF board member
  - discussion of recent detection of Scrapie in Ontario goat herd
- d. Production Committee – see report
  - e. Show Committee – see report
  - f. Membership Committee – see report
  - g. Youth Committee – see report
  - h. Translation Committee – see report
  - i. Ad & Promo Committee – see report
  - j. General Manager – see report
  - k. Constitution Committee – see report

**6. Old and New Business - none**

**7. Items from the floor**

- S. Clair-Coté (Animal Health Technician) - opportunities available for possible research projects in Quebec for meat goats
- Discussion re: pigmentation

**8. Announcement of new directors**

- Olivier Marquis, St-Alexandre-de-Kamouraska, QC – 3 years
- Kerry O'Donnell, Yorkton, SK – 3 years

**9. Adjournment – *Motion to adjourn at 12:30 pm by J. Barter.***

*Minutes: K. Kolkman, CMGA GM*

# Treasurer's Report

by Kerry O'Donnell

On the following page is the 2015 CMGA budget and income expense comparisons for review by membership.

Due to the early date of this year's meeting, fully approved audited financial statements are not available at the AGM. These will be prepared in the upcoming months, approved by the Board of Directors and then published in the Summer Canadian Meat Goat Journal for review.

The CMGA has been very cost-conscious over the past number of years in attempts to achieve a balanced budget.

As of February 1, 2015, balances in the CMGA accounts are as follows:

CIBC: \$10,307.57

Annaheim Credit Union: - Chequing: \$70,399.95  
- Term deposit: \$5332.74  
- Term deposit: \$5248.39

PayPal: \$165.24

## 2015 CMGA Budget:

This budget was approved by the CMGA Board via email on January 29, 2015.

### INCOME

Overall, income is anticipated to remain relatively unchanged from 2014.

**MEMBERSHIP** – CLRC saw a changeover in their General Manager and a restructuring of staff responsibilities in 2014. As a result, CMGA membership reminders were not sent out as usual prior to year end in 2014 resulting in lower than budgeted numbers for 2014.

**SHOW FEES** – This item line reflects sanctioning fees for CMGA shows. In 2014, an increase in income was seen from the Judges' Licensing forum held in Alberta.

**SALES** – This item line reflects subscriptions to the Canadian Meat Goat Journal. Individuals contacting the CMGA office are encouraged to take out a full CMGA membership rather than just a subscription.

### EXPENSES

**AGM** – Note that income and expense for the AGM is the same. It has been the position of the Board of CMGA for a number of years now to attempt to ensure that the AGM's costs are fully covered by its income.

**CMGA Board Expenses** – In accordance with the by-laws, the CMGA Board must meet no less than every 110 days. With the exception of the AGM, all meetings of the Board are held by teleconference. \$381.25 was spent in 2014 for a CMGA representative to attend the CLRC AGM where the review of the Animal Pedigree Act was being discussed.

**CMGA Shows** – This line reflects the cost to the CMGA office to purchase ribbons for CMGA sanctioned shows. Ribbons are purchased in bulk every two years due to the cost savings in ordering in this manner. A 2-year ribbon supply was last purchased in 2013, resulting in 0 being budgeted and spent in 2014, and \$2000.00 being budgeted for 2015 to replenish ribbon supplies.

**Type Evaluation Program** – This program is provided as a service to membership. Fees to participate (reflected in income) are set to simply cover the actual costs of delivering the program.

**Membership Expenses: CLRC levies** – Reflects the costs directed to CMGA by CLRC for registrations, transfers, membership renewals, etc. CLRC has instituted some small increases in their fees to CMGA for 2015, which we anticipate will be within the proposed budget.

**Membership Expenses: CLRC Charges to set up Kiko Registry** – On January 1, 2014, CMGA became the registering body for Kiko goats in Canada. This item line reflects the cost paid to CLRC for establishing the database for this new registry service.

**Membership Expenses: Miscellaneous** – Reflects the amounts CMGA is charged for credit card administration and additional mailing costs (primarily annual membership renewal reminders).

**Office Expenses: Accounting and Legal** - This reflects the cost of the CMGA to have the books of the association audited. This is an annual cost incurred by the association in accordance with the Animal Pedigree Act under which we are incorporated. In addition, in the event CMGA was to apply for AAFC grants, 2 years' worth of financial statements are required as part of the application process.

**Office Supplies and Equipment** - The budget line for office supplies and equipment is increased for 2015 because the printer at the CMGA office requires replacing.

**Registration Expenses: DNA Testing** – In 2014 CMGA switched the service provider for our DNA verifications from Quantum Genetix (formerly GenServe) to UC Davis, due to the technical challenges Quantum was experiencing in testing DNA samples. As a result of the switch over to a new DNA verification provider, the number of parentage verifications performed in 2014 was artificially low and will be reflected in the 2015 budget.

### SUMMARY

For the 2015 year, CMGA is anticipating a deficit in income over expenses of \$50.00. No increase in charges to members for services provided by CMGA are anticipated.

	<b>2014 BUDGET</b>	<b>2014 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
<b>Income / Revenu</b>			
ADVERTISING / PUBLICITÉ	6,500.00	4,727.50	5,000.00
AGM Income / Revenu de l'AGA	5,850.00	6,108.00	5,300.00
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	5,450.00	3,446.00	5,000.00
MEMBERSHIPS / COTISATIONS	15,500.00	11,565.00	15,000.00
OFFICE COST REIMBURSEMENT / REMBOURSEMENT FRAIS DE BUREAU	500.00	85.52	150.00
SHOW FEES / FRAIS D'EXPOSITIONS	1,000.00	2,175.00	1,000.00
PAID TO CMGA / PAYÉ À L'ACCB	100.00	0.00	0.00
REGISTRATIONS / ENREGISTREMENTS	46,000.00	49,995.92	48,000.00
SALES / VENTES	200.00	54.69	150.00
INTEREST / INTÉRÊTS	150.00	127.71	150.00
CREDITS WRITTEN OFF / CRÉDITS RADIÉS	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income / Revenu total</b>	<b>81,250.00</b>	<b>78,285.34</b>	<b>79,750.00</b>
<b>Expense / Dépenses</b>			
ACCOUNTS WRITTEN OFF / COMPTES RADIÉS	50.00	0.00	50.00
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION Advertising/Publicité; Production and printing of promotional items / Production et impression d'articles promotionnels	1,500.00	646.50	500.00
<b>Total ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>646.50</b>	<b>500.00</b>
AGM / AGA	5,850.00	6,115.33	5,300.00
CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA Telecon Expenses / Conférences téléphoniques	500.00	430.19	500.00
Travel / Déplacements	500.00	381.25	500.00
<b>Total CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>811.44</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB Show Ribbons / Rubans	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Judges Licensing Forums	0.00	2,196.31	0.00
<b>Total CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,196.31</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification Evaluator Fees & Expenses / Frais et dépenses des évaluateurs	5,000.00	4,596.77	5,000.00
Forms & Handbook / Formulaires et manuels	450.00	387.45	0.00
<b>Total CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification</b>	<b>5,450.00</b>	<b>4,984.22</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE Salary / Salaire	22,000.00	21,720.00	22,000.00
GENERAL MANAGER - Other - DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE - Autre	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE</b>	<b>22,000.00</b>	<b>21,720.00</b>	<b>22,000.00</b>
MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE Ad. sales commissions / Commissions sur les ventes de publicité	1,000.00	801.24	800.00
Coordination of content / Coordination du contenu	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
MGJ Postage / Envoi postal	1,100.00	850.45	1,000.00
MGJ Printing / Impression	4,000.00	3,633.13	4,000.00
MGJ Shipping/Handling / Port et manutention	350.00	298.70	350.00
Production and artwork / Production et graphisme	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE</b>	<b>8,850.00</b>	<b>7,983.52</b>	<b>8,550.00</b>
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION CLRC Levies / Charges SCEA	19,000.00	19,211.76	20,000.00
CLRC Charges to set up Kiko Registry / Charges SCEA pour enregistrement Kiko	700.00	660.00	0.00
CLRC Miscellaneous / Divers SCEA	1,300.00	486.61	700.00
CLRC Credit Card Admin. / Admin. de Carte de crédit SCEA	900.00	852.66	900.00
CLRC DNA Sample Storage / Stockage d'Échantillon ADN SCEA	4,400.00	4,032.00	4,000.00
<b>Total MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION</b>	<b>26,300.00</b>	<b>25,243.03</b>	<b>25,600.00</b>
OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU Accounting and Legal / Comptabilité et frais juridiques	3,000.00	2,625.00	3,000.00
Office supplies and equipment / Matériel	800.00	663.31	950.00
Postage / Poste	2,000.00	1,049.65	1,200.00
Telephone - Internet / Téléphone	1,300.00	1,260.47	1,300.00
Website / Site Internet	800.00	485.10	600.00
<b>Total OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU</b>	<b>7,900.00</b>	<b>6,083.53</b>	<b>7,050.00</b>
REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS DNA Testing / Testage ADN	1,500.00	274.66	2,000.00
<b>Total REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>274.66</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES Bank Service Charges / Charge service bancaire	90.00	41.40	50.00
Cheque order / Commande de chèques	50.00	0.00	50.00
CNGF Membership / Cotisation FCNC	500.00	500.00	500.00
GST UNCOLLECTED / TPS NON RÉCLAMÉE	0.00	0.00	0.00
PayPal Fees / Frais PayPal	100.00	6.97	50.00
<b>Total UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES</b>	<b>740.00</b>	<b>548.37</b>	<b>650.00</b>
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE Youth Project expenses / Dépenses Projet jeunesse	50.00	0.00	50.00
Youth Project prize / Récompense Projet jeunesse	100.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>Total Expense / Dépenses</b>	<b>81,240.00</b>	<b>76,606.91</b>	<b>79,800.00</b>
<b>Net Income / Revenu net</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>1,678.43</b>	<b>(50.00)</b>

# Breed Standards Committee

by Catharine Michaud

January 1, 2014 marked an exciting time for CMGA and Canadian Kiko breeders, as this date marked the official start date of CMGA assuming responsibility for the registration of Kiko goats in Canada. Prior to this time, Canadian Kiko breeders had to register with foreign registries, as no other option existed for them.

From January 1 to July 31, 2014, the first Canadian Kiko Herdbook was established. During this time, all animals transferred from a foreign registry to the Canadian Kiko herd book received a discounted registration fee and the parentage verification requirement was waived. After July 31, all animals registered with foreign registries had to be parentage verified before being admitted into the Canadian herdbook. In 2014,

96 Purebred Kiko goats (NZPK, DPK) and 2 crossbred Kikos (CBK) were registered. Combined transfers of Boers and Kikos were up to 967.

Kiko breeders now have the opportunity to have their goats registered in Canada according to Canadian Breed Standards. Also, all DNA results are now owned by breeders which was not (and still is not) the case when DNA tests are done through foreign registries.

Thank you to our General Manager Karen Kolkman for all her hard work in seeing this new initiative to success, as well as to the Kiko committee consisting of Catherine Michaud, André Lavergne and Kerry O'Donnell.

# Canadian National Goat Federation

by Stuart Chutter

## TRACEABILITY

The CNGF submitted a grant application to AAFC under the AgriMarketing: Assurance Systems arm to request funding to complete the necessary items for traceability implementation in the goat industry. At the time of writing this report, no approval for the request has been received.

The Canadian National Goat Federation's Goat Traceability and Identification Project includes the elements necessary to prepare the Canadian goat industry for mandatory national identification and traceability, namely: identification and testing of new and existing identifiers that conform to the new CFIA tag approval framework; establishment of a database administrator and distributor for identifiers; confirmation of movement and reporting requirements; consultation and communication with producers; participation in national traceability meetings; cost analysis of administrative options and development of administrator agreement; and development of an implementation plan for an identification and traceability system based on proposed regulations.

Financially, the Canadian National Goat Federation has a very limited budget. Special consideration was requested to allow for no cash contribution from CNGF because this project is in response to requirements of regulations designated by government.

At the time of writing, the timeframe for phase 2 of government consultation on proposed regulation will begin in Spring 2015 and CFIA is communicating an expected traceability implementation date for early 2016.

## SCRAPIE

CNGF has cooperated on working on a National Scrapie

Eradication Plan, a copy of which is available through CNGF or Scrapie Canada. CNGF is also a member of the Scrapie Working Group, which serves as a discussion forum between CFIA and the sheep and goat industries.

Scrapie cases discovered in Ontario now total seven premises, with two being commercial scale enterprises. All cases were epidemiologically linked and found due to trace out of the original case. The goal of any scrapie investigation is to stop the further spread of scrapie in the national herd.

CNGF continues to work with CFIA in regards to importation regulations regarding the importation of live bucks from the U.S. At the time of writing, new regulations for live buck imports from the U.S. to Canada have not yet been finalized, nor has CNGF been given a definite timeline for the proposed changes to take effect.

## CMGA BOARD CONCERNS

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Meat Goat Association wrote to the CNGF Board and all member organizations to express our concern regarding some of the challenges the Canadian National Goat Federation is facing, specifically the lack of finances to secure a paid staff person and the lack of engagement of board members.

The CMGA has defined traceability as a priority project and has been committed to supporting the efforts of the CNGF in this regard. However, we do not believe that it is reasonable or fair to expect significant progress on a file with the magnitude of traceability in the absence of financial resources and support from member organizations. For 2014, the CNGF operated solely on a volunteer basis with no paid staff person and the CMGA representative functioned not only as

CNGF president, but also as treasurer and secretary.

With these issues in mind, on October 19 the CMGA Board of Directors approved a proposal be submitted to the CNGF Board that suggested a significant increase in membership fees to address the problem of insufficient operating funds and to suggest the addition of a director term limitation in the CNGF bylaws to address the problem of disengaged board members.

At their teleconference on November 18, 2014, the CNGF Board of Directors discussed this proposal. The Alberta Goat Association, Ontario Dairy Goat Cooperative and CMGA were the only associations, at the time of that call, in full support of the CMGA proposal. The CMGA demonstrated their commitment to financially support our industry; however this commitment was not shared by all CNGF member organizations.

The CMGA then hosted a Board to Board call between the CMGA and the CNGF boards to discuss these concerns and plans moving forward. The desired purpose of this call

was to discuss alternative solutions given that the submitted proposal was not accepted.

After this call and after exhausting all effort to make changes on the CNGF Board, Stuart Chutter resigned as CMGA representative to the CNGF, citing inadequate solutions at the CNGF level to meet the needs of our growing industry.

Over the past year, the CMGA has made tremendous effort to take a leadership role with CNGF to drive progressive change. This effort has included formal letters to provide strategic direction, an engaged CNGF representative volunteering substantial time, a formal proposal to influence financial planning and governance, as well as a proposed increased financial commitment from the CMGA to help move forward. With little support from CNGF member organizations for realistic financial planning, the CMGA Board of Directors, at the time of writing, now questions the benefit in aligning itself with organizations that are unwilling to invest in our industry.

## Production Committee

by Kerry O'Donnell

### 1) TYPE EVALUATION PROGRAM 2014

2014 marked the 7th year the CMGA Type Evaluation Program was offered to membership. 2014 also offered an opportunity for the CMGA Type Evaluators to hold a valuable face-to-face meeting at the Judges' Licensing Forum in Alberta and review the program, as well as review the data they have acquired to date. As a result of that meeting and the data review, some minor changes were made to the scoring on the Type Evaluation software.

Type Evaluation utilizes a linear appraisal system to "score" an animal (and its 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 (EX) – 90 and over
- Very Good (VG) – 85-89
- Good Plus (G+) – 80-84
- Good (G) – 75-79
- Fair (F) – 70-74

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

For the 2014 year, evaluations took place in Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec and Alberta with 155 animals being evaluated.

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

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

CMGA would like to thank all of our members for participating in this year's program, and encourage members to take advantage of this opportunity in 2015. 2014 Type Evaluation Participants:

- Olivier Marquis (Ferme du Sillon)
- Kerry O'Donnell (Kae Ronne)
- Evelyne La Roche & Nancy McNeil  
(Chèvrerie du Biquet)
- Merna Gisler (Gisler Boer Goats)
- Anna Haupt & Mark McCutcheon  
(Springvalley Boer Goats)
- André Lussier (Ferme Galiman)
- Jean-Philippe Ouellet-Bernier
- Sophie Bourgeois (Fermette Harbour)
- Ken & Cindy Lischka (Venture 2)
- Shannon Thurston (Staveley Farms)

## 2) GHIP 2014

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 data base 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.

In 2013/2014, a total of 18 producers submitted data to the GHIP program. Thank you to:

Blain Albin  
Joshawa Barter  
Lionel Bédard  
Jean Pierre Bériault  
Lise Brais  
Stuart Chutter  
Jared Clarke and Kristen Martin  
Helle Fisher  
Anna Haupt & Mark McCutcheon  
Mathieu Kiefer  
Évelyne La Roche & Nancy McNeil  
André Lavergne  
Kerry O'Donnell  
Brian & Katie Payne  
Ryan & Christie Prins  
Ruth Ryckman  
Shannon Thurston  
Michael Walder

## Show Committee

*by Anna Haupt*

It's hard to believe that another show year has come and gone. It has been a great experience serving as the Show Committee Chair this past year.

2014 began with a teleconference meeting of the current CMGA sanctioned Judges, Apprentice Judges and Show Committee representatives. This was a great opportunity for discussion on how to continue to offer great show opportunities across the country. Several points for improvement were discussed and a few changes were made to address these points:

- An update to the Judge's packages was made to highlight scorecard differences for foreign judges invited to judge CMGA shows.
- A Show Committee Checklist and CMGA Show Organization Guidelines were developed in order to assist show committees hosting sanctioned shows with both pre-show and show day organization.
- The scorecard also saw some minor revisions under the category of general appearance where a 1 point

maximum weighting for colour and 1 point maximum weighting for pigmentation were assigned. The change was made in order to take some of the onus off of the judge when determining how much weighting to give to these particular traits.

- Another change that was made to CMGA show rules was to allow the electronic verification of registration at shows in exceptional instances where the original certificate is not present. Specifically, the new show rule states: "To allow electronic verification of CLRC registration for show purposes, as a secondary and back up verification method only. Paper registrations are still preferred, but in the event of an oversight or an omission, the CLRC website can serve as verification. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide the electronic device and internet access. If for any reason this is unavailable, the animal cannot be shown without original paper certificate."
- The CMGA board also voted to set a deadline for bids



for hosting the National Shows of May 1st of the given year. This deadline allows for successful bids to be awarded with enough time for show committees to begin planning the event as well as allowing the events to be advertised in the summer edition of the Meat Goat Journal. All show information including current scorecards and forms required for hosting sanctioned shows can be found on the CMGA website under the “Shows” tab.

There were a total of nine sanctioned shows that took place across the country in 2014. The breakdown of sanctioned shows by province was as follows: Saskatchewan - 3, Ontario - 3, Quebec - 2, Alberta - 1.

Overall the number of animals exhibited at shows decreased from the previous year with a total of 385 animals being shown (down from 416 in 2013). This year’s National Shows were held at Canadian Western Agribition, Regina, Saskatchewan (West National) and The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto, Ontario (East National). The West National Show saw a total of 70 animals exhibited (as compared to 80 in 2013) while the East National saw a total of 55 entries shown (compared to 91 in 2013). Despite lower number of animals being shown, the quality of stock being presented remains high across the country. Reports from shows overall were positive. Exhibitors continue to see value in shows as a means of marketing and also as a method to compare breeding programs. Spectators value seeing a wide range of genetics on display in a single location as well as the social opportunities shows offer. Shows continue to be a main source for in-person breeder interactions as well as providing a platform to showcase the industry to the public, opportunities which are not always plentiful in the meat goat industry. Thank you to all show committees, volunteers, exhibitors and spectators for making the 2014 show season a success!

Tabulation of results from shows across the country resulted in the naming of this year’s CMGA Canadian Show Champions. Results are as follows:

- 2014 Canadian Show Champion Purebred Doe:  
**TWELVE ACRE 141X** – Venture 2, SK
- 2014 Canadian Show Champion Percentage Doe:  
**CALICO CREEK SEQUENCE** – Calico Creek, SK
- 2014 Canadian Show Champion Purebred Buck:  
**SG2 WESTON’S LIMITLESS 685Y**  
Ferme du Sillon, QC

A BIG congratulations to all the winners on exhibiting 2014’s Canadian Champions!

2014 saw a total of three Judges’ Licensing Forums being held. Results of the JLF’s were as follows:

- St. Anicet, Quebec, held in May – 16 participants
- Innisfail, Alberta, held in July – 8 participants
- Wooler, Ontario, held in October – 2 participants

The CMGA wishes to congratulate the following new apprentice judges: Stuart Chutter, Johanne Cameron, Vincent Nadeau Morissette, Ryan Prins and Chritie Prins, as well as one re-certified apprentice: Landon Spokowski. We would also like to sincerely thank all those that organized, ran and hosted this year’s JLF’s. A lot of work goes into events like these and your willingness to contribute your time and effort for continued betterment of the industry is appreciated and commended.

The CMGA would also like to congratulate Tineille Clark, Joshawa Barter and Kerry O’Donnell on successfully fulfilling all the requirements and being welcomed as new CMGA sanctioned judges! A complete list of sanctioned judges including contact information can be found on the CMGA website.

2014 saw the addition of a new Permanent Champion, Calico Creek Sequence, a percentage doe bred and owned by Landon Spokowski of Yorkton, Saskatchewan. Congratulations Calico Creek on breeding and exhibiting this fantastic doe! The requirements for becoming a permanent champion as well as a list of all permanent champions can be found on the CMGA website.

It has been a pleasure working as the show committee chair this past year. As a newer breeder and an exhibitor myself I have really come to value my time spent at the various shows. I have learned so much from fellow breeders and enjoyed the opportunities to showcase my animals and see where they fit in amongst some of the best. I hope to see more people, both seasoned breeders and newcomers taking advantage of the benefits of attending shows. My hope for the future is also to see more youth classes being offered by show committees and sponsored by the industry. The enthusiasm of youth is unmatched and should be embraced and harnessed as insurance for the future vibrancy of our industry.

# Membership Committee

*by Paul Marshall*

In response to member feedback, CMGA offered a number of changes to the services being offered to membership in 2014.

The process of registering animals with CLRC was streamlined. A multiple animal registration form was created by CMGA and is now available for members' use when registering animals with CLRC. The new form enables members to register up to six animals with the same sire at one time thus reducing the time our members spend on the registration process and postage expenses. A similar form was created to facilitate the transfer of up to six animals on

the same form. Both forms are available in Microsoft Excel format on the CLRC and CMGA websites. We are hopeful that members find the new forms helpful and welcome feedback on your experiences using the new forms.

The CMGA animal pedigree section on the CLRC website also saw changes in 2014. For animals who have been evaluated under the CMGA Type Evaluation Program, all animals with a Type Evaluation Score of VG 85 and above have their scores displayed on the website. Along with ownership, breeder, and pedigree data, official CMGA Type Evaluation scores are now for viewing on the CLRC website.

# Youth Committee

*by Anna Haupt*

There were no youth projects received by the CMGA office in 2014. In an effort to showcase the youth that are involved with our industry, the youth committee introduced the "Spotlight On Youth" column in the Meat Goat Journal. In each issue a CMGA junior member is featured and shares a bit about how they got involved in the industry and their future aspirations. Anyone who knows a youth member who would make a great feature for the "Spotlight on Youth" profile is encouraged to submit the individual's name to the CMGA. The Youth Committee also welcomes any members at large

with fresh ideas, (including youth members) who would like to be involved in this committee. We welcome any ideas or thoughts on how the association can encourage and support youth involvement. We also welcome submissions of pictures and stories about youth in the industry for inclusion in the Meat Goat Journal.

In 2015 let's all give some thought on what each one of us can do to help brighten the future of the meat goat industry by supporting and drawing attention to youth that have a passion for meat goats!

# Advertising and Promotion Committee

*by Olivier Marquis*

In 2014 the CMGA Ad and Promo Committee looked into different funding opportunities to promote our industry. One of the things we looked at was our options for a marketing campaign. We discovered that the requirements to qualify for funding under the Market Development Stream of the AgriMarketing Program for Growing Forward 2 were very complicated; CMGA had to become a member of the Canada Brand and supply documents that demonstrate usage of the Canada Brand and have a multi-year Long-Term International Strategy (LTIS) in place. The positive point was that a marketing campaign would conform to requirements that activities increase domestic market share, but unfortunately we were not sure about the feasibility of Canada Brand membership for CMGA and the significant

time requirement for (or feasibility of) the development of the LTIS strategy. Our industry is not at the point right now where goat meat supply is well coordinated across the country, like the dairy industry for example.

But that's not the end of it. Other ad and promo ideas are on the table such as a chevon meat cuts chart and a recipe book to promote goat meat to the end consumer, as well as to the agri-food industry in general.

In 2014 we also created and printed two new CMGA roll up banners (one for the East and one for the West), which were displayed at the AGM in Quebec as well as at the West National Show in Regina and the East National Show in Toronto.

# Translation Committee

by Catherine Michaud

2014 brought another year of translation challenges for CMGA communications! The Translation Committee has been busy mostly with the translation of the Canadian Meat Goat Journal.

The translation of CMGA official communications

is always a challenge because the team doesn't have a lot of members! Fortunately, this year, I still had a lot of help from Karen, our General Manager.

If you have skills in English to French translation, help is always most welcome!

# Constitution Committee

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 from membership for 2014.

# General Manager's Report

by Karen Kolkman

## MEMBERSHIPS & SUBSCRIPTIONS

Memberships and subscriptions for 2014 are shown below, with 2013 values in brackets:

- Active (includes Junior) – 212 (229)
- Associate – 22 (22)
- Subscriptions – 4 (5)

As in 2014, the annual list of CMGA members will be included in the summer issue of the Canadian Meat Goat Journal. Only those members who renew prior to May 15 can be published in the membership listing. The most current list of CMGA members is continually updated on the CMGA website.

## REGISTRATIONS

Registration figures for Boer and Kiko goats for 2014 are shown below, with 2013 values in brackets. The new Kiko registry opened on January 1, 2014.

- Purebred Boer registrations (TR, R, CR, RCR) – 977 (975)
- Percentage Boer registrations (GR) – 356 (310)
- Purebred Kiko registrations (NZPK, DPK) – 96
- Crossbred Kiko registrations (CBK) – 2
- Transfers of Boers and Kikos – 967 (1143).

## ANIMAL PEDIGREE ACT

Early in 2014 the CMGA Board sent a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food expressing that the repeal of the Animal Pedigree Act would be very detrimental to our association and to our industry. The Board also had a teleconference with John Ross (Director, Animal Industry Division, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada) in the summer. As of late 2014, according to John Ross, AAFC have completed their stakeholder consultations, the results of which reflected a very uniform response from the various pedigree associations. They have not finished analysis yet but hope to move something forward through AAFC's system in the near term.

## STRATEGIC PLAN

Prior to the 2014 AGM, the CMGA Board of Directors met to formulate a new strategic plan for the association. These meetings involved a reassessment and review of the previous strategic plan from 2011, a SWOT analysis (which identifies the CMGA's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats), and a review of survey responses received from CMGA members. As a result of these meetings, the Board created a new Strategic Plan, which sets a direction for the

Canadian Meat Goat Association for the next three years. The Plan is available on the CMGA website, as well as in the Fall 2014 Canadian Meat Goat Journal.

### **CANADIAN MEAT GOAT JOURNAL**

In 2014, two new regular columns were added to the Journal – the Breeder Profile, which features breeders from across Canada sharing details about their management and facilities, and Spotlight on Youth, which highlights young CMGA members.

### **CLRC**

As of September 15, 2014, Jim Washer is the new CLRC General Manager. Jim brings to CLRC a vast experience in community development, program management, board leadership, budget administration, as well as stakeholder partnerships.

The possibility of electronic registrations has been discussed with CLRC and at this point it is not feasible because of the CMGA's requirement of the submission and storage of DNA samples at registration. Allowing electronic registrations for purebreds with our current system would mean that registrations submitted electronically would need to be held until DNA samples are received; this involves more staff time and costs to CMGA would increase rather than decrease. The only way around this issue would be to make a bylaw change to remove the storage sample requirement for registrations and put the onus on breeders to keep their own samples.

In 2014, a New Members Package for Juniors was added to the CMGA fee schedule; this includes an annual junior membership, herd name and tattoo letters for the reduced rate of \$45.

### **NEW FORMS**

The Type Evaluation buck and doe forms and the Type Evaluation manual were revised and updated in the summer. English and French versions of the manual are available on the CMGA website.

Electronic multiple registration and multiple transfer forms were developed and are also available for download on the CMGA website.

### **DNA TESTING**

In 2014, CMGA switched laboratories from Quantum Genetix (formerly GenServe) to the University of California, Davis because Quantum was no longer able to process goat DNA samples. All Boer and Kiko DNA samples are now sent to UC Davis for genotyping and parentage verification.

### **WEBSITE**

Like many other websites, the CMGA website was affected by the Heartbleed virus in the spring, but that issue was quickly resolved and the site is now secure.

New additions to the CMGA website include: Kiko Breed Standards, Boer Breeders Guide, Show Committee Checklist, Show Organization Guidelines, CMGA Strategic Plan 2014-2017, electronic multiple registration form and electronic multiple transfer form. The CMGA website still includes information about all of the CMGA's programs, including downloadable brochures and recipe cards, back issues of the Canadian Meat Goat Journal, and a downloadable version of the Members' Directory, as well as quarterly goat industry statistics from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Information is constantly being updated, so check back regularly!

To keep current with all CMGA happenings, I'd like to again remind all members to please be sure that I've got your email address on file – industry updates and time-sensitive events are frequently sent to the membership via email. Check the membership listing online ([canadianmeatgoat.com/index.php/site/members](http://canadianmeatgoat.com/index.php/site/members)) to see if your email address is listed correctly. If not, please let me know at [info@canadianmeatgoat.com](mailto:info@canadianmeatgoat.com).