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Meat Goat



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2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual Report

February 22 by Webinar



2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AGENDA
FEBRUARY 22 • WEBINAR

1. Call to Order

2. Introduction of Board of Directors and staff

3. Approval of the agenda

4. Review of 2021 AGM minutes

5. Committee Reports:

◇ Treasurer

- Adoption of the Treasurer's report
- Presentation of 2022 budget
- Appointment of the Auditor

◇ Production Committee

◇ Show Committee

◇ Youth Committee

◇ General Manager Report

◇ CNGF Report

◇ Constitution Committee: vote on the proposed amendments and consultation

6. Review of 2020-2024 Strategic Plan

7. Introduction of 2022 CMGA Board of Directors

8. New business

9. Adjourn

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President's Message

As president of CMGA for the past year, I've had the pleasure of collaborating with wonderful people. I truly wish this could have been face-to-face and in a real space rather than a virtual one. Lock downs and restrictions have made travel uncertain for many and predicting what comes next hasn't been easy. With any luck we can meet face to face in 2023.

So, the year in review, as it were. I'm trying to avoid using the "C" word! It seems everything that doesn't work out as planned is blamed on the big "C"!

For example, Type Evaluation program didn't run in 2021 because of travel restrictions and lock downs in effect due to the big "C". My hope is we can run the program in 2022 as long as our evaluators are available.

We had some goat shows run this year. Although only one was sanctioned, it's positive. Number of judges in certain jurisdictions is still an issue so CMGA is working on potential resolutions to this end.

New website reveal is soon upon us. Catherine has been working hard at getting all content updated and on new platform. It's quite modern and easily navigated.

The integrated Genetic Services Project is well underway in partnership with sheep and dairy organizations. Part of this project is developing a genetic evaluation program for meat goats. This program will replace the GHIP program. Numbers from GHIP have already been inputted into the new system for analysis. Very exciting to see!

We were approached by a group of Kiko breeders who were trying to import new genetics from NZ. Most of their animals were registered with NKR. NKR won't recognize genetics from NZ since the copyright of Kiko name was bought at time of original import to USA. Long story short.

We partnered with them. They will transfer their NKR registered goats to the CMGA registry, take out memberships, etc. This will boost our membership plus number of registered animals.

This opened up the opportunity to import not only Kiko genetics but also Boer Genetics. Goats in NZ are primarily grass-based operations. So, they aren't as bulky as what we are used to seeing. However, the lean muscle mass is clearly evident. Wouldn't it be exciting to have completely new genetics in the north American market?

Youth fundraiser offered bunny hugs (hoodies if you're not from Saskatchewan!) prior to Christmas. These will be offered again for a limited time. So, support the youth fund and order yours!

Much of the time either in social media or news, we hear about the terrible things or things that didn't go as planned. I just want to thank everyone for all that you do!! Breeders, board members past and present, our general manager.

Thank you for your arduous work and excited to see what 2022 has to offer!

Sincerely



Rob Schill
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 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.

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 were the other partners in the Alliance.

At the end of 2017, the CMGA and the Alliance decided to separate by mutual agreement. The office was relocated to Quebec.

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.

2021 Board of Directors

President	Treasurer	Directors at Large
Rob Schill	Open	Sarah James
Vice President	Secretary	Anna Haupt
Becky Vissers	Jasmin Bautz	Brianna Miller
		Lisa James

Thank you for their involvement to Jade Pinel, Anny Martin, Nancy Mc Neil and Nikita Lantz who terminated their term before the 2022 AGM!

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, fiber 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 carrying out of a credible system of registration of Boer and Kiko goats in Canada.

Further purposes of the Association shall be:

- ◆ to promote meat goats as a long term, stable source of income in a diversified farming and ranching economy
- ◆ to improve Boer and Kiko 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



4. 2021 AGM Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Canadian Meat Goat Association AGM February 25, 2021



**Canadian Meat Goat Association
Annual General Meeting
February 25th, 2021
Webinar**

Present:

Board: Sarah James, Becky Vissers, Anny Martin, Jasmin Bautz, Rob Schill, Nancy Mc Neil, Jade Pinel, Catherine Michaud (staff)

Members and guests: Renata Bonar, Dany Bourdages, Sophie Bourgeois, Shane Britton-Carry, Ann Brunet-Burgess, Bonnie Cameron, Ryan Dick, Sylvie Dionne, Merna Gisler, Joanne Greenwood, Tim Grotenhuis, Mary Harmsworth, Shelley Kay, Sarah Kay, Stephanie Keeble, Myriam Landry, Évelyne Laroche, André Lussier, Paul Marshall, Erin Massender, Sue Noseworthy, Kerry O'Donnell, Rick Patterson, Ashley Priest, Greta Prins, Ruth Ryckman, Brittany Seymour, Sarah Shapton, Brandy Thaxter, Shannon Thurston, Charlene Whattam.

Votes: 27 (26 present + 1 proxy vote)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 pm EST by Sarah James.

2. Introductions of Board and staff

Sarah welcomed the participants, and she gave the floor to Catherine for her to explain how the webinar platform works and how participants will be able to participate to the meeting.

Catherine explained how the meeting will be translated in both English and French, how the webinar platform works, and she went through the Annual Report. She also encouraged participants to participate to the poll that will be sent within a few days of the meeting.

Sarah introduced each of the CMGA Board members and staff.

3. Approval of the Agenda

There were no proposed additions to agenda.

IT WAS MOVED BY Dany Bourdages and SECONDED by Myriam Landry that the agenda be approved as presented.

4. 2021 AGM Meeting Minutes continued...

Minutes of the Canadian Meat Goat Association AGM February 25, 2021

The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

4. Approval of the 2020 AGM Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY Nancy Mc Neil and SECONDED by Becky Vissers that the minutes from the 2020 AGM be approved as presented.

The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

5. Committee Reports

Sarah indicated that the various committee reports were included in the Annual Report.

a. Financial

Catherine presented the Financial report. A copy of the 2020 reviewed Financial Statements were provided and reviewed as part of the Treasurer's report.

- *Approval of the Treasurer's report*

IT WAS MOVED BY Becky Vissers and SECONDED by Shannon Thurston that the Treasurer's report be adopted as presented.

The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

- *Approval of Budget and Fee Schedule*

IT WAS MOVED BY Becky Vissers and SECONDED by Paul Marshall that the Budget and Fee Schedule be adopted as presented.

The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

- *Approval of the Auditor appointment*

IT WAS MOVED BY Anny Martin and SECONDED by Sue Noseworthy that Raymond-Chabot-Grand-Thornton (RCGT) in La Pocatière be appointed as the 2021 auditor for the CMGA.

The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

b. Production

Rob presented the Production report.

c. Show Committee

Becky presented the Show Committee report.

d. Youth Committee

Jasmin presented the Youth Committee report.

e. Ad & Promo

Anny Presented the Ad & Promo Committee report.

f. General Manager's Report

Catherine presented the General Manager's report.

g. CNGF

Catherine presented the CNGF report.

h. Constitution Report

Sarah presented the Constitution Committee report.

Because there were amendments to the Bylaw to be voted on, Sarah explained that usually, to have the motion debated and voted, a chair and scrutineers will need to be nominated. But because of some technical problems encountered during the assembly, i.e. the inability for the chair and scrutineers to see the hands up, the vote will be taken differently. Instead of asking who is in favor, who is opposed and who is abstaining, Sarah explained that it will be asked only for oppositions and abstentions orally and all members in good standing who are not opposing, or abstaining will be in favor of the amendments. Sarah then asked for questions or comments before starting the vote process. Sarah asked for a motion to nominate Catherine as the Chair for the voting process.

IT WAS MOVED BY Anny Martin and SECONDED by Becky Vissers that Catherine Michaud be nominated as the Chair for the voting process.
The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

Sarah then turned the lead to Catherine who reinstated the motion for the first set of amendments regarding storage and opened the debate.

After many discussions on the proposal on the floor, Catherine reinstated the motion and called the vote.

IN FAVOR: 27
OPPOSED: 0
ABSTENTION: 0
For a TOTAL of 27 votes.

For adoption of a motion amending the CMGA Bylaw, a majority of 2/3 of the votes from the voting members at the assembly was necessary, so at least 18 votes were necessary and there 27 in favor.
The amendments were ADOPTED.

Catherine then read the second motion to amend the second bylaw article regarding colour and opened the debate.

After many positive comments regarding the motion on the floor, Catherine reinstated the motion and called the vote.

IN FAVOR: 27
OPPOSED: 0

4. 2021 AGM Meeting Minutes continued...

Minutes of the Canadian Meat Goat Association AGM February 25, 2021

ABSTENTION: 0
For a **TOTAL** of 27 votes.

For adoption of a motion amending the CMGA Constitution, a majority of 2/3 of the votes from the voting members at the assembly was necessary, so at least 18 votes were necessary and there 27 in favor.
The amendment was **ADOPTED**.

Catherine then read the motion to amend the CMGA Breed standards regarding colour and opened the debate.

Catherine answered to questions regarding the proposed amendment, reinstated the motion and called the vote.

IN FAVOR: 27
OPPOSED: 0
ABSTENTION: 0
For a **TOTAL** of 27 votes.

For adoption of a motion amending the CMGA Breed standards, a majority of 2/3 of the votes from the voting members at the assembly was necessary, so at least 18 votes were necessary and there 27 in favor.
The amendment was **ADOPTED**.

6. 2021 Board of Directors

Sarah introduced the 2021 Board of Directors: Becky Vissers, Anny Martin, Jasmin Bautz, Rob Schill, Jade Pinel, and the newest Board member elected by acclamation, Nancy Mc Neil from Quebec.

7. New business

None.

8. Draw of door prizes

Catherine proceeded to the draw of the door prizes using a number generator.
The water bottles went to Shannon Thurston and Renata Bonar and the bucket holder and bucket went to Stephanie Keeble.

9. Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY Rob Schill that the meeting be adjourned at 10:38pm EST.

5.1 Financial Report

On pages 11 and 12, you will find the figures from 2021 Budget VS 2021 Actual.

Notes regarding 2021 revenue and costs:

Income

- It was a first fundraiser for the youth project. We expected to make more. Several winning conditions have been identified to do better next time
- Advertising: mainly revenue from ads in the Meat Goat Journal. The revenue is greater than we had budgeted. Back cover has been sold again in 2021, many other regular advertisers continued to advertise with the CMGA and others were added.
- AGM revenue: we did not expect any since we launched the sponsorship campaign at the last minute, but we had a great response!
- CMGA Type Evaluation program: did not run in 2021, so we did not have the expected revenue. On the other side, we did not have the expected expenses either.
- Membership: under our budgeted income, but more than previous year. Increased from 162 in 2020 to 177 in 2021.
- Only one sanctioned show was held in 2021 in St.Hyacinthe, QC.
- Registration: over our budgeted income. Boer goat registrations have increased from 877 in 2020 to 1,155 in 2021, mainly purebreds. Kiko goat registrations have dropped to the same level as in 2019.
- Sales: Meat Goat Journal subscriptions and we had added the revenue from the judges Licensing Forum, but it did not run in 2021.
- Integrated genetic services project: we received revenue for participating to the Steering Committee and the different Advisory Committees (AC), such as the Data Base AC or the Genetic Evaluation AC.
- Overall, we are well over budget for almost \$5,000 for our total revenue for the year, due to an unexpected increase in revenue from Registrations and the integrated genetic services project.

Expenses

- Accounts Written Off: Patricia Cook estate, for breeders who bought animals from her to receive their papers.
- Ad & Promo: no calendars were made in 2021 so we did not have this expense.
- No expenses for the AGM. It was held virtually.
- Teleconferences: our Zoom license is a fixed annual fee. All necessary meetings can be held for the same cost.
- Show ribbons: enough inventory to supply the one show in St.Hyacinthe.
- No TE this year, so no expense there.
- GM salary: on target.
- Meat Goat Journal: increased number of pages per Journal and number of members brought increases in costs.
- Membership expenses: over budget mainly due to CLRC levy. Increase in registrations in 2021 that brought an increase of about \$1,600.00 in CLRC charges compared to 2020.
- Postage: only regular costs.
- Website: 2/3 of the payment has been made on the new website in 2021. Only one payment left in 2022.
- Registration expenses: on target
- Youth project: the Youth Support Fund was awarded in 2021. Other expenses are coming from the Fundraiser.
- Overall, we have much less expenses than what was budgeted.

2021 Adopted Budget VS 2021 Actual

	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$ 750,00	\$ 175,97
ADVERTISING / PUBLICITÉ	\$ 1 500,00	\$ 2 418,50
AGM INCOME / REVENU DE L'AGA	\$ -	\$ 325,00
TYPE EVALUATION / CLASSIFICATION	\$ 7 000,00	\$ -
MEMBERSHIPS / COTISATIONS	\$ 15 000,00	\$ 13 480,00
OFFICE COST REIMBURSEMENT / REMBOURSEMENT FRAIS DE BUREAU	\$ -	\$ -
SHOW FEES / FRAIS D'EXPOSITIONS	\$ 620,00	\$ 70,00
PAID TO CMGA / PAYÉ À L'ACCB	\$ -	\$ -
REGISTRATIONS / ENREGISTREMENTS	\$ 42 000,00	\$ 49 516,34
SALES / VENTES	\$ 650,00	\$ 231,15
INTEGRATED SERVICES (PROJECT CASPP-058)	\$ -	\$ 4 567,50
INTEREST / INTÉRÊTS	\$ -	\$ -
CREDITS WRITTEN OFF / CRÉDITS RADIÉS	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME / REVENU TOTAL	\$ 67 520,00	\$ 70 784,46
Expense / Dépenses		
ACCOUNTS WRITTEN OFF / COMPTES RADIÉS	\$ -	\$ 633,12
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION	\$ -	\$ -
AGM / AGA	\$ 300,00	\$ -
CMGA BOARD EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DU CA		
Teleconferences / Conférences téléphoniques	\$ 192,00	\$ 206,35
Travel / Déplacements	\$ -	\$ -
BOARD EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DU CA	\$ 192,00	\$ 206,35
CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB		
Show Ribbons / Rubans d'expo	\$ 370,00	\$ -
Judges Licensing Forum / Formation de juge	\$ -	\$ 294,00
Total CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB	\$ 370,00	\$ 294,00
CMGA TYPE EVALUATION / CLASSIFICATION		
Evaluator Fees & Expenses / Frais et dépenses des évaluateurs	\$ 6 700,00	\$ -
Forms & Handbook / Formulaires et manuels	\$ 300,00	\$ -
Total CMGA TYPE EVALUATION / CLASSIFICATION	\$ 7 000,00	\$ -
GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE		
Salary / Salaire	\$ 18 346,56	\$ 18 625,88
General Manager - Other - Directrice générale - Autre	\$ -	\$ -
Total GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE	\$ 18 346,56	\$ 18 625,88

2021 Adopted Budget VS 2021 Actual continued...	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE		
Ad. sales commissions / Comissions sur les ventes de publicité	\$ -	\$ -
Coordination of content / Coordination du contenu	\$ -	\$ -
MGJ Postage / Envoi postal	\$ 500,00	\$ 608,21
MGJ Printing / Impression	\$ 900,00	\$ 877,00
MGJ Shipping/Handling / Port et manutention	\$ 900,00	\$ 1 224,00
Production and artwork / Production et graphisme	\$ 1 600,00	\$ 1 830,00
Reimburse MGJ advertisers	\$ -	\$ -
Total MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE	\$ 3 900,00	\$ 4 539,21
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION	\$ 316,20	\$ 438,75
CLRC Levies / Charges SCEA	\$ 18 000,00	\$ 21 718,26
CLRC Miscellaneous / Divers SCEA	\$ 310,00	\$ 407,19
CLRC Credit Card Admin. / Admin. de Carte de crédit SCEA	\$ 1 250,00	\$ 1 404,68
CLRC DNA Sample Storage / Stockage d'Échantillon ADN SCEA	\$ 3 500,00	\$ 2 570,00
Total MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION	\$ 23 376,20	\$ 26 538,88
OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU		
Accounting and Legal / Comptabilité et frais juridiques	\$ 2 600,00	\$ 2 603,00
Office supplies and equipment / Équipement et matériel de bureau	\$ 100,00	\$ 61,84
Postage / Poste	\$ 1 000,00	\$ 220,96
Telephone - Internet / Téléphone	\$ 590,00	\$ 330,85
Website / Site Internet	\$ 10 500,00	\$ 6 144,38
Quickbooks	\$ 600,00	\$ 690,00
Enterprise Registrar / Registraire entreprises	\$ -	\$ 36,01
Total OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU	\$ 15 390,00	\$ 10 087,04
REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS		
DNA Testing / Testage AND	\$ 2 000,00	\$ 2 253,44
Total REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS	\$ 2 000,00	\$ 2 253,44
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES		
Bank Service Charges / Charge service bancaire	\$ 500,00	\$ 292,60
Cheque order / Commande de chèques	\$ -	\$ -
Interest Charges	\$ -	\$ -
CNGF Membership / Cotisation FCNC	\$ 1 125,00	\$ 1 125,00
PayPal Fees / Frais PayPal	\$ 3,00	\$ -
NFACC Code developpement committee	\$ -	\$ -
Total UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES	\$ 1 628,00	\$ 1 417,60
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE		
Youth Project expenses / Dépenses Projet jeunesse	\$ 500,00	\$ 93,93
Youth Project prize / Récompense Projet jeunesse	\$ -	\$ -
Youth Support Fund / Fond de support à la relève	\$ 500,00	\$ 500,00
Total YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$ 1 000,00	\$ 593,93
NATIONAL INTEGRATED GENETIC SERVICES PROJECT	\$ 2 500,00	\$ 5 000,00
Total Expense / Dépenses	\$ 76 002,76	\$ 70 189,45
Net Profit (Loss)	-\$ 8 482,76	\$ 595,01

2022 Budget

The 2022 budget was discussed and approved by the Board of Directors via an email motion adopted on February 15, 2022. It is presented on pages 14 and 15.

Factors influencing decisions surrounding the 2022 budget include:

- To raise funds for the youth project to be able to offer the Youth Fund again in 2022 and 2023.
- Maintaining the CMGA programs and services offers in 2022 including Type Evaluation.
- Working towards finalizing the new website, mainly the members' space and online payment option.
- To keep some room to seize opportunities that may come our way in 2022.

Increase in CLRC unit cost for 2022

CLRC has announced an increase in unit costs from \$7.65 in 2021 to \$7.85 in 2022. Since the fee schedule was already increased in 2021, the CMGA board decided not to reflect the CLRC costs increase in the fee schedule for 2022.

The CLRC Unit Cost System

The unit cost system by which CLRC charges member breed associations for work performed was implemented in 1987 in response to requests from the members associations for charges based more accurately on the exact cost of providing the various services. An addition to the system was made in 1992 with the introduction of a volume factor.

The base "Unit" is defined in the CLRC by-laws as "the unit of business required for the production of a standard two-generation certificate of registration bearing only the information specifically outlined in section 29 of the Animal Pedigree Act as being the minimum information required on a certificate". This means a certificate for an animal identified by tattoo markings, official ear tags or electronic implants.

All other services are prorated to the standard unit, either as a fraction or a multiple thereof. The prorates are determined according to the amount of time required and the material needed to perform each type of transaction. Unit values are revised from time to time, as changes occur in the procedures involved in processing the various transactions.

And finally, in order to provide a discount to larger volume associations in recognition of the efficiencies created in processing larger volumes of the same type of work, there's also a multiplier factor that is used. In 2021, CMGA activities generated around 2,852 units. For the first 500 units, the volume factor used was 1.2 and for the next 1,500 units the factor was 1.1. At 8,000 units, the factor is 1.0.

The unit cost is set each year by the CLRC board of Directors at the budget meeting in October of the previous year.



CANADIAN MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

APPROVED 2022 Budget

2022 BUDGET

Income / Revenu	
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$650,00
ADVERTISING / PUBLICITÉ	\$2 500,00
AGM Income / Revenu de l'AGA	\$300,00
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	\$9 300,00
MEMBERSHIPS / COTISATIONS	\$15 000,00
OFFICE COST REIMBURSEMENT / REMBOURSEMENT FRAIS DE BUREAU	\$0,00
SHOW FEES / FRAIS D'EXPOSITIONS	\$620,00
PAID TO CMGA / PAYÉ À L'ACCB	\$0,00
REGISTRATIONS / ENREGISTREMENTS	\$55 000,00
SALES / VENTES	\$550,00
INTEGRATED SERVICES (PROJECT CASPP-058)	\$3 150,00
INTEREST / INTÉRÊTS	\$0,00
CREDITS WRITTEN OFF / CRÉDITS RADIÉS	\$0,00
Total Income / Revenu total	\$87 070,00
Expense / Dépenses	
ACCOUNTS WRITTEN OFF / COMPTES RADIÉS	\$163,27
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION	\$0,00
AGM / AGA	\$0,00
CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA	
Telecon Expenses / Conférences téléphoniques	\$206,35
Travel / Déplacements	\$0,00
Total CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA	\$206,35
CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB	
Show Ribbons / Rubans	\$370,00
Judges Licensing Forums	\$0,00
Total CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB	\$370,00
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	
Evaluator Fees & Expenses / Frais et dépenses des évaluateurs	\$9 000,00
Forms & Handbook / Formulaires et manuels	\$300,00
Total CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	\$9 300,00
GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE	
Salary / Salaire	\$26 500,00
GENERAL MANAGER - Other - DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE - Autre	\$0,00
Total GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE	\$26 500,00

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CANADIAN MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

APPROVED 2022 Budget (continued)

	2022 BUDGET
MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE	
Ad. sales commissions / Comissions sur les ventes de publicité	\$0,00
Coordination of content / Coordination du contenu	\$0,00
MGJ Postage / Envoi postal	\$600,00
MGJ Printing / Impression	\$900,00
MGJ Shipping/Handling / Port et manutention	\$1 300,00
Production and artwork / Production et graphisme	\$1 900,00
Reimburse MGJ advertisers	\$0,00
Total MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE	\$4 700,00
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION	\$0,00
CLRC Levies / Charges SCEA	\$24 750,00
CLRC Miscellaneous / Divers SCEA	\$464,00
CLRC Credit Card Admin. / Admin. de Carte de crédit SCEA	\$1 600,00
CLRC DNA Sample Storage / Stockage d'Échantillon ADN SCEA	\$0,00
Total MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION	\$26 814,00
OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU	
Accounting and Legal / Comptabilité et frais juridiques	\$2 675,00
Office supplies and equipment / Équipement et matériel de bureau	\$100,00
Postage / Poste	\$230,00
Telephone - Internet / Téléphone	\$328,92
Website / Site Internet	\$4 020,00
Quickbooks	\$720,00
Enterprise Registrar / Registraire entreprises	\$36,00
Total OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU	\$8 109,92
REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS	
DNA Testing / Testage AND	\$2 500,00
Total REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS	\$2 500,00
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES	
Bank Service Charges / Charge service bancaire	\$300,00
Cheque order / Commande de chèques	\$0,00
Interest Charges	\$0,00
CNGF Membership / Cotisation FCNC	\$1 125,00
PayPal Fees / Frais PayPal	\$0,00
NFACC Code developpement committee	\$0,00
Total UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES	\$1 425,00
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	
Youth Project expenses / Dépenses Projet jeunesse	\$0,00
Youth Project prize / Récompense Projet jeunesse	\$0,00
Youth Support Fund / Fond de support à la relève	\$500,00
Total YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$500,00
NATIONAL INTEGRATED GENETIC SERVICES PROJECT	\$2 500,00
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Net Profit (Loss)	\$ 3 981,46



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5.2 Production Committee

Type Evaluation

Unfortunately, Type Evaluation did not run in 2021 due to COVID-19. If you want to see the results of the classification of previous years, I invite you to go to our website in the “Services” section.

The discussions continued with the Canadian Goat Society (CGS) to see how we could work collaboratively on training new evaluators for the Type Evaluation program. They already have 2 evaluators in office who might be interested in taking the evaluator course for meat goats. This will provide more flexibility in terms of classification dates and frequency of evaluations.

The CMGA also needs to replace their actual evaluation tools that are outdated. We are looking into an application that could be downloaded on a tablet or a smartphone and where scores could be sent electronically to the office or to the CLRC to be included with the animal’s pedigree and be used with the future genetic evaluation program.

GHIP 2021

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. 2021 might have been the last year for GHIP. The CMGA is now working on a genetic evaluation program for meat goats that will replace GHIP.

We had 4 farms participate in GHIP in 2021. These are partial results as some will be submitting their results later as their late 2021 kidding will be weaned in February-March. So, their results are not included in this AGM presentation. The full results will be posted on the CMGA website as soon as they are received by the office.

The 4 herds participating to GHIP in 2021 are:

Chevrierie Du Biquet Cedar Point Kikos Triple G Ranch Charlene Whattam

2021 GHIP DATA

The tables below contain data collected from our Canadian herd from 2017-2021.

Kid Data

Group	# of head	BWT	WNAGE	WNWT	ADG	90D WT	ADJWWT
OVERALL	5436	7.85	92.15	42.14	0.38	41.97	47.29
2021	136	8.35	83.08	49.53	0.49	52.64	60.62
2020	410	8.31	90.93	48.89	0.45	48.50	53.12
2019	474	7.76	89.16	43.86	0.41	44.58	51.09
2018	374	7.75	93.90	44.51	0.39	43.19	49.26
2017	270	7.69	90.83	46.16	0.44	46.94	53.84

Dam Data

Group	# head	# born	BWT	# wean	WNWT	90DWT	ADJWW	DAMWT	ERATIO
OVERALL	2672	2.00	15.32	1.73	75.51	74.10	84.08	114.84	66.14
2021	64	2.22	18.32	1.84	92.10	98.52	114.02	117.00	66.73
2020	194	2.20	18.08	2.01	98.69	97.90	113.39	125.85	78.64
2019	238	1.98	14.78	1.79	78.16	80.10	91.65	113.80	74.03
2018	160	2.08	16.02	1.80	77.94	75.30	85.65	115.36	65.40
2017	109	2.02	15.36	1.88	85.09	86.15	98.41	113.67	70.66

Sire Data

Group	# head	# born	BWT	# weaned	WNWT	90DWT	ADJWWT
OVERALL	325	15.70	7.91	13.86	44.62	43.69	49.22
2021	11	12.91	8.54	10.82	54.03	55.83	64.16
2022	26	15.81	8.42	14.72	54.60	51.55	59.29
2019	28	17.00	7.59	14.93	43.09	44.00	49.78
2018	29	12.28	7.88	10.62	47.76	45.78	51.04
2017	26	8.96	7.75	8.36	47.16	47.62	54.39



Integration of Genetic Services

The Canadian Sheep Breeders Association, the Ontario Sheep Farmers, the Canadian Goat Society, the Canadian Meat Goat Association and several organizations that currently provide genetic improvement services for sheep and goats, namely the Centre for Genetic Improvement of Livestock at the University of Guelph, the Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement, the Centre d'expertise en production ovine du Québec (CEPOQ), the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation and AgSights, have launched a new collaborative project for improving and integrating genetic improvement services in Canada over a period of 3 years.

The first objective of the project is to enhance genetic improvement services to the industry. This includes, for example, strengthening Genovis, the current genetic improvement system for sheep; modernizing the system for animal registration of sheep and goats; increasing the quality and quantity of information available to dairy goat breeders; developing genetic evaluations for meat goats; facilitating the exchange of data between service organizations and with on-farm software companies that support genetic improvement; and preparing for an expanded use of genomics as a selection tool.

The second objective of the project is to identify ways of further integrating genetic improvement services during and beyond the project, with the aim of making these services more efficient and cost-effective, and ensuring their perennity.

In 2021, the hot tasks were, and still are, to first find a replacement to the actual CLRC registration system which is outdated and very difficult to develop further. We are actually looking at 2 service providers from which we are waiting for their service offer. The second task was to develop a genetic evaluation program for meat goats. Several options were considered and we are now working on testing a platform with the data from GHIP and Type Evaluation. Some reporting should be available to the participating breeders early in 2022. The third task was to link the CLRC database with the genetic evaluation program for sheep. This task is crucial for linking the pedigrees with the genetic evaluations and will serve as pilot for linking other CLRC databases with genetic evaluation programs. Further tasks will be started as the project progresses and other committees begin their work.

This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada under Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program. AAFC will contribute \$495,000 over three years to match co-funding provided by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec (MAPAQ) and the project partners. The project announcement from AAFC can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2022/01/helping-sheep-and-goat-farmers-improve-productivity-and-increase-supply-with-a-new-genetic-services-system.html>

5.3 Show Committee

By Becky Vissers

The first and only meat goat sanctioned show of the year was Expo St-Hyacinthe and was held on July 31, 2021. A total of 61 animals were shown and judged by CMGA judge Josh Barter.



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The second show was an open show organized by the Norfolk County Fair in Simcoe Ontario on Thursday October 7. Four breeders showed their animals with a total of 30 goats at the show. The youth showmanship classes showed an increase in numbers. The judges Kasey and Will Whitwell did a great job sorting through the animals. They are new meat goat breeders and long-time angus cattle breeders.

Meat Goat Judges Training Course for Dairy Goat Judges

The CMGA is currently working to set up an online training course for dairy goat judges interested in receiving their accreditation to judge meat goats. Faced with the shortage of judges in Ontario, several fair boards prefer not to sanction meat goat shows because of the excessively high costs associated with hiring a judge from another province. Several dairy goat judges accredited by the Canadian Goat Society have expressed interest in participating. The CMGA is in the process of finalizing the training content and will soon be contacting interested judges to determine a training date.

5.4 Youth Committee

By Jasmin Bautz

CMGA held a Youth Fundraiser in 2021. We sold hoodies, toques, and totes. The profit was a total of \$175.97. Profits are dedicated to the Youth Support Fund. We are planning another Youth Fundraiser for 2022. This includes the previous items plus show shirts, zip-up hoodies, t-shirts, and hats. Thank-you to ACEmbroidery Plus for the collaboration. We are beginning to offer items in the following weeks, with availability for several weeks. Thank-you for the support!

The 2021 Youth Support Fund was awarded to Colton Lazurko from Red Rock Goat Ranch in Saskatchewan. Colton has shown great dedication to building his herd, passion, and a new barn. Congratulations and good luck to Colton and his goats! A reminder that one recipient per year receives up to \$500 from the Youth Support Fund.

There was an absence of many shows yet again. There are no Youth Point Chase winners to announce. With hope and plans for shows, we continue to encourage youth to participate in the Youth Point Chase. CMGA will proudly recognize and reward youth who have accumulated points in the ring and proudly show their goats.

A reminder to all youth members (21 years of age or under) in 2022 to ask questions and become involved. The Youth Support Fund or Youth Point Chase are wonderful programs, and we continue to seek more youth involvement. CMGA is so proud of our young members hard work and passion!

5.5 Ad and Promo Committee

By Catherine Michaud

We chose not to go forward with a 2021 calendar edition. Even if we know that the project has potential, the situation with Covid and the suspension of all activities led us to believe that the sales would have been a challenge and so we decided to postpone to another year.

Our strategic planning for the following years will lead us to increase our communication with our members and the industry in the CMGA web site to inform consumer where to find goat meat, how to cut it and to cook it.

5.6 General Manager

After a false start at the AGM 2021 where some technical problems delayed the start of the meeting and where we had to use creativity to get the people participating in the meeting, committee reports were finally able to be presented and the amendments were able to be voted on. Despite all troubles with technology, I received a nice big pat on the back from our participating members. It helped me a lot to get through this rather stressful time. CMGA is blessed to have such positive and enthusiastic members. It is always a real pleasure for me to communicate with them by phone, email and now videoconference.

At this AGM, there were 2 amendments presented. The first one was proposing to store DNA samples at breeder's home instead of CLRC office. This would decrease the cost of purebred registration and allow for electronic registration. The second one was proposing to change the CMGA Boer Breed Standards by using the same wording pertaining to colour mark on the body as in the Rules of eligibility for Boer goats from the CMGA by-laws. Both of them were carried.

The after AGM was a succession of opportunities, projects and new skills that I had to develop. The rest of the year went by like a high-speed train where everyone did their best to respond to requests, put out fires and be present.

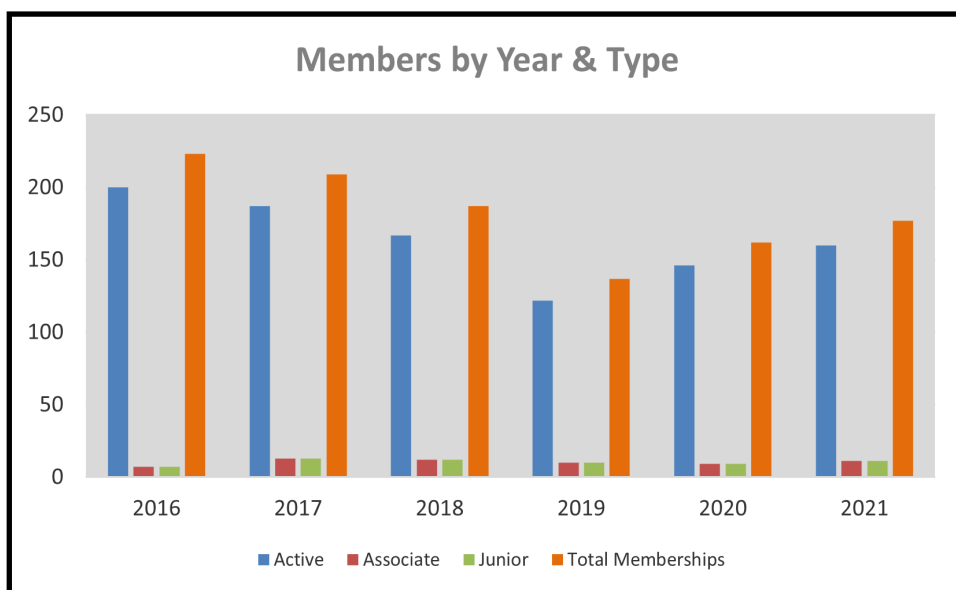
In 2021, the publication of the Journal continued with two editions in July and December. Those Journal issues are getting bigger and bigger, from 48 to 60 pages! I always find it hard to cut on the content when I find so much great information about meat goats. I also have good collaborators who send me content that is hard to refuse! If you have any suggestions for topics to cover in the journal, please let me know.

The association's continued to offer some programs in 2021. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the CMGA board decided not to run the Type Evaluation program again in 2021 to protect our evaluators and producers. We hope to be able to offer it in 2022. The office received many requests for information about the Goat Herd Improvement Program (GHIP) which continued to be offered in 2021. This program will be put on hold for 2022, meaning that we won't accept new participants. We are now in a transition period where the GHIP program will be transformed into a real genetic evaluation program for meat goats. More information can be found into the Production Committee report.

Membership

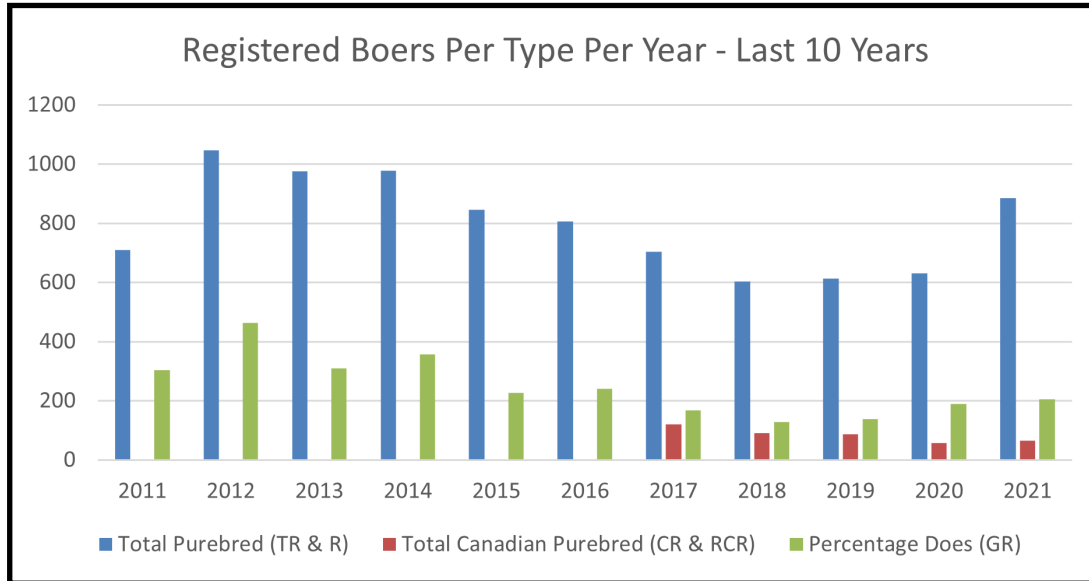
Membership continued to grow in 2021. In 2020, we had 162 members and it increased to 177 in 2021. As we speak today, we have a little over 72 members for 2022 and I know that some 2021 members just forgot to renew for 2022. So far, it is looking promising for 2022.

The list of CMGA members is still available on the CMGA website. Updates are made as members renew their membership or as new members join the organization. Please ensure your contact information is up to date by contacting the office with any changes.

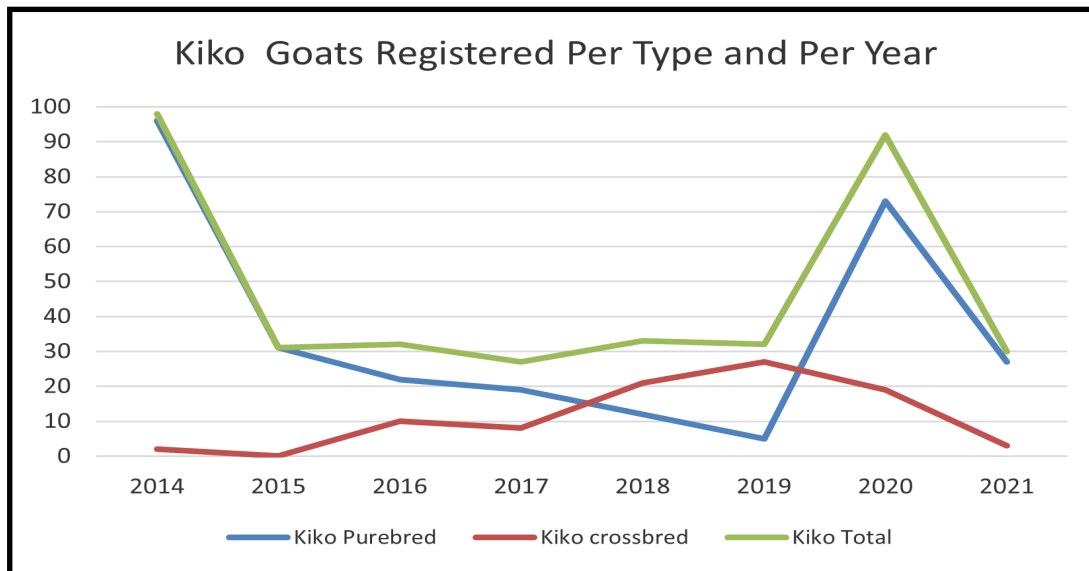


Registrations

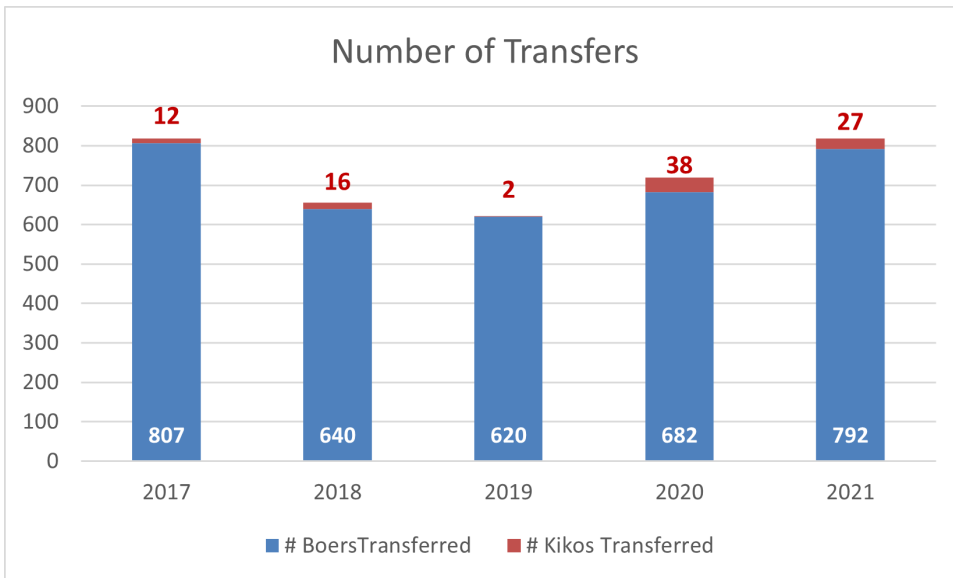
The number of purebreds, Canadian registered and percentage Boer goats' registrations saw a huge increase in 2021, from 630 in 2020 to 885 in 2021. In the graph below, starting in 2017, you will be able to see the proportion of Purebred, Canadian registered and percentage that have been registered within the last 10 years. Prior to 2017, the numbers of traditional purebreds (TR), registered purebreds (R) and Canadian purebred goats (CR & RCR) were compiled together.



The number of registered Kiko goats has fallen down to the number we had in previous years. From 92 in 2020 it is back to 30 in 2021.



Transfers also increased by around 100 in 2021.



In 2022, we hope to welcome new members to our ranks. A group of Kiko breeders with goats registered into American registries are wanting to import genetics from New-Zealand. They have asked for CMGA's help to be able to register the offspring resulting from this semen import registered in Canada, with the CMGA, because the US registries won't recognize the New-Zealand genetics as Kiko goats. Well, too bad for the US registries! Thanks to the efforts of this group of breed-

ers, Canadian breeders will benefit from this input of new blood into the CMGA herd book, and from motivated new CMGA members. The CMGA is also working to import Boer goat genetics from New-Zealand. It looks promising!

Strategic Planning

The CMGA board has reported on the second year of implementation of its strategic plan. From the six main goals have been identified, some objectives are close to be realised.

Goal #1: to increase use of technology.

The redesign of the website is 90 % completed. In 2021, we have increased the communication with our members and the industry in general through social media and mass mailing. There's still work to do. One of the tasks would be to build a communication calendar to make sure not to miss any communication opportunity with our members and the industry. The search for an application for goat herd management and the electronic registration of goats with the CLRC are progressing.

Goal #2: to update/enhance current CMGA programs to provide better value and members uptake.

The objective of finding an alternative to the actual GHIP program is well advanced. Reviewing the actual CMGA judges training program procedure has been done in part by permitting to train dairy goat judge to make up for the lack of judging resources, mainly in Ontario. Regarding the review of the actual CMGA type evaluators' training protocol to be able to qualify more evaluators, discussions are still going on with CGS and there might be an opportunity with the project on Integrated Genetic Services to look for new tools for the evaluators.

Goal #3: to promote producers' education.


The strategic objective under this goal is to set up webinar training

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for producers. The activities for this objective have not started yet.

Goal #4: to ensure the continued financial stability of the Canadian Meat Goat Association.

The strategic objective under this goal is to continue to balance the CMGA budget every year. Has you have seen into the Financial Report, the CMGA had a positive balance again this year. The board still has to find other sources of income to stop rely only on registration/ membership revenue.

Goal #5: to promote animal welfare.

The strategic objective under this goal is to disseminate the information found in the Code of practice for care and handling of goats and other research results pertaining to animal welfare. The CMGA has helped to disseminate the information about public commenting period of the Code's first draft. The members of the Code Development Committee are actually putting their last efforts into final versions of the different chapters.

Goal #6: to promote goat meat.

The CMGA has tried to collect information for the new website about who is selling goat meat amongst our members. The participation was not very good, so there will be a second round of surveys that will be launched soon. Goat meat has continued to be promoted through recipes in the Journal and all recipe cards that the CMGA has published will be available in the Resources tab of the new website. Some work still has to be realised such as videos, goat meat cuts diagram, etc.

The 2020-2024 CMGA Strategic Plan is available on the CMGA website for consultation.

If members wish to participate to the organisation and implementation of some actions identified in the strategic plan, they are welcome to join the different committees that will take charge of these activities. The more members will get involved in their association, the more their association will meet their needs.

Semen Importation from New-Zealand

Like it was mentioned earlier into this report, a group of Kiko breeders got together to import Kiko buck's frozen semen from New-Zealand. CMGA collaborated with them mainly to help with the transfer of animals from the American registry to the Canadian registry and to assure that the progeny from those AI can be registered into the Herd Book. Several meetings were held to setup the details and we are now at the stage that interested breeders must commit on a number of straws they would like to buy.

The CMGA formed a small committee to explore the possibility to import Boer goat semen as well. As I am writing those lines, estimated costs have been determined, pictures, performance data and pedigrees have been sent for proposed bucks and we are currently working on a catalogue to present to interested breeders. A meeting will be organised within the few weeks.

Website

After a couple of months of work, the website is launched for the first time today, the day of the AGM. Redoing the web site, the priority was put on having our members find easily what they were looking for, recruiting new members, and putting forward our Journal. New resources will be added within the next few months as well as the development of the member space. This will be an exclusive space where members will find an electronic version of the Journal, all the communications to the membership, exclusive information and offers.

Savannah Breed Registration in Canada

The CMGA board members have agreed to support the Savannah goats' registration process in Canada led by Brian

Payne. Brian is a founding member of the Canadian Boer Goat Association and a former Savannah goats' breeder, owner of Keri-Rose Farm. He also established the North American Savannah Association in 2003 to provide registry services to Savannah goats' breeders. He has always been involved into the development of the Savannah breed and the preservation of its original qualities. It will be a long and tedious process, but Brian and the CMGA are up to the challenge. Brian was involved in the same process in the mid-nineties with Boers, so he's been there before.

The first task will be to identify Canadian breeders and to gauge their interest in a Canadian registry. If you are a Savannah goat breeder, please contact Brian at savannahassociation@yahoo.ca or 250-267-7369. If you know one, please pass along the information. A committee will be formed soon to start the process. If you're interested in joining the Committee, please contact the CMGA office.

5.7 Report from the CNGF



CNGF Office

- ◇ The Canadian National Goat Federation Board held seven teleconferences in 2021: February 3, March 29, May 26, July 13, September 14, October 12, December 14,

CNGF membership fees for 2022 will be the same as for 2021, and will be based on the total number of individual memberships for 2021:

- \$225 for less than 20 members
- \$450 for 20-30 members
- \$675 for 30-50 members
- \$900 for over 50 members
- \$1125 for national organizations (CMGA, CGS)

The CNGF office and all bookkeeping is now in Annaheim, Saskatchewan.

Scrapie

- ◇ **Scrapie Working Group** – CNGF has two designated individuals representing the association in this group which also includes representatives from the Canadian Sheep Federation, Canadian Sheep Breeders Association and the Canadian livestock Genetics Association. CNGF reps attended the most recent Scrapie Working Group meeting in November 2020. ... [click here for Scrapie info available on CFIA website.](#)
- ◇ **CFIA changes to import requirements for small ruminants** – As of November 10, 2021, Option 2c, for the import of male small ruminants from any premises in the U.S., is under review and is no longer available until further notice (Requirements for Small Ruminants Imported From the United States for Breeding, Domestic or Captive Purposes-TAHD-DSAT-IE-2007-5-6).
 - CNGF contacted CFIA's Senior veterinary Office, the Senior Staff veterinarian of the domestic disease Control Section and the director General of the Animal Health directorate
 - in response, CFIA assured CNGF that they value and welcome input and will include CNGF in discussions during the policy review, which they hope to have completed by early spring.

- Option 2c was only ever supposed to be a temporary measure and its intention was to give enough time for more herds (including rare breeds) in the US to enroll on the Scrapie Flock Certification Program so that Canadian importers could import animals of known and negligible risk for Scrapie. However, while this option was still available a number of non-compliances were brought to CFIA's attention. As part of their protecting the health of the national small ruminant herd, it was necessary to put Option 2c on hold.
- December 13, 2021 – CNGF and other small ruminant industry stakeholders took part in a teleconference with CFIA to provide further information regarding the suspension of Option 2C for the import of male small ruminants into Canada. CFIA was very clear that Option 2C will not be coming back and they will be having consultation with industry stakeholders in the upcoming months.
- December 21, 2021 - CNGF reps participated in meeting with small ruminant import group formed to discuss alternatives/solutions for breeders importing genetics from the US.
- CFIA will be providing more information and seeking more input through their policy review. individual producers should share their concerns with their association's representative on the CNGF board (<http://cangoats.com/directors/>) so they can be brought forward in a cohesive manner during these discussions with CFIA.

Traceability

◇ CFIA traceability regulation process:

1. Regulations published in Canada Gazette 1 (CG1)
 - As of December 2021, timelines at CFIA have been pushed back because of COVID-19 and the Fall election so they are now aiming for publication of the Proposed regulatory Amendments to the livestock identification and Traceability Program in Canada Gazette 1 in Spring 2022, followed by a 90-day consultation period.
 - Once the regulations are published in CG1 there will be more definitive time lines for implementation
2. Open for further comments from affected parties/stakeholders.
3. After comments received/implemented, final regulations published in Canada Gazette 2 (CG2) and no further changes will be possible.
4. One year after CG2 is published, regulations will come into force

◇ **March 24, 2021** – CNGF reps attended virtual **Regulatory Implementation Committee** meeting via MS Teams.

- o included reports from responsible Administrators for livestock Traceability in Canada:
 - Canadian Cattle identification Agency - CCIA
 - Canadian Pork Council – CPC (PigTrace)
 - Lactanet Canada – IC (DairyTrace)
 - Attestra (formerly ATQ)
- o livestock identification and Traceability Program Update – CFIA
 - due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on stakeholders and government, time lines for all regulatory initiatives were delayed and revised in 2020
 - Plan to host next RIC meeting prior to CG1.

- ◇ **The Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) is the Responsible Administrator for goat traceability tags in Canada.** Further information on pre-approved tags available for purchase is on CCIA's website: <https://www.canadaid.ca/>



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Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Goats

The final Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Goats release date cannot be set until content is finalized but tentatively should be available on the NFACC website some time in Spring 2022, with printed copies available shortly thereafter.

- Code committee has discussed feedback received during the Public Comment Period early in 2021 is making some technical corrections and adding some additional content
- Code committee will ship printed copies of the Code (amount required for the next 5 years) to a single location in

each province free of charge and it's up to each association to distribute them to individual producers

- CNGF compiled and submitted official draft Code of Practice comments in February
- The Code of Practice outlines the minimum standards to provide responsible care for goats; the current Code was published in 2003.
- A draft Code was developed by the multi-stakeholder committee following the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) Code development process and the public comment period (PCP) for this draft has now concluded - approximately 250 comments were submitted. This compares well to PCP for other Codes - the goat industry is small and the draft was long, and there was enough interest from the industry to generate a number of submissions on the higher end of what NFACC typically sees.
- CNGF has been funding the Code of Practice liaison position and actively soliciting sponsorships from industry partners and associations to assist with this funding
- More information on the Code of Practice: <https://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/goats>

Pregnancy Ultrasound Working Group

- CNGF and Canadian Sheep Federation representatives have joined together in developing an industry led initiative to ensure that producers across Canada have access to properly trained and accredited ultrasound technicians and veterinarians
- Group has been working on a document outlining how technicians would be accredited/certified

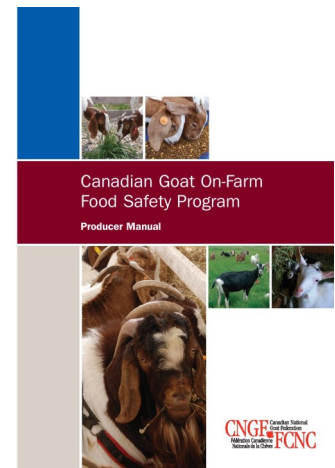
On-Farm Food Safety

- No changes were made to the current CNGF OFFS Manual in 2021.

... [click here to download the CNGF OFFS Manual](#)

Misc. Activities

- June 24, 2021 – Letter sent from CNGF office to Minister of Ag (Bibeau) Misc. Activities and Minister of International Trade (Ng) re: re-opening US border to small ruminant breeding stock (to follow up on announcement in May that Canada is now considered a negligible risk BSE country)
- May 6, 2021 – CNGF rep attended Health Canada's 2021 Stakeholder Update on Food and Nutrition via webinar
 - ◆ Presentation included: Health Portfolio Response to the COVID -19 Pandemic; Food and Nutrition Highlights and Priorities; Panel Discussion on Food Innovation - Modern and Agile Food Regulations to Better Serve Canadians
 - ◆ Underscored the importance of regulatory system to ensure food safety for Canadians
 - ◆ Website: COVID -19 and food safety - <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/covid19-food-industry.html>
 - ◆ COVID -19 has dominated the work of CFIA – they are prioritizing essential activities such as on-site inspections, laboratory testing, etc. to deliver safe food supply and keep the economy going
 - ◆ April 7, 2021 – CNGF President attended CCIA Annual General Meeting (virtually)



5.8 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. “

After review of the proposed bylaw amendments received, the Board of the CMGA has retained the following bylaw amendments for consideration at the 2022 AGM:

1. The first proposed amendment concerns updating the age limit for Junior Membership. The age limit will be increased to 21 to align the age requirements in the CMGA bylaws with the conditions set out in the CMGA Show Rules and the CMGA Youth Funding Program.
2. The second proposed amendment is about aligning the CMGA bylaws with the APA regulations regarding transfers of animals.

Bylaw amendment #1: updating the age limit for Junior Membership.

Rationale

- Considering that the age limit for youth participating at youth shows is 21 years old;
- Considering that the age limit for youth applying to the CMGA Youth Support Fund is 21 years old and that the youth applying must detain a CMGA membership in good standing;

The CMGA board is proposing this change to the CMGA bylaws:

Article III - Non-voting members, paragraph d, shall read:

d) JUNIOR MEMBERS: Junior Members shall be those individuals who have not yet attained the age of 18 years (as of January 1 of the year of membership), who apply for Junior Membership and are accepted as Junior Members and who pay the prescribed membership fee. Privileges of a Junior Member shall include the right to register and transfer animals for Active Member fees as well as other privileges that may be offered to Junior Members by the Association. Junior Members are not entitled to vote or hold office or to give notice to amend these Bylaws.

Amended to read (changes in red)

d) JUNIOR MEMBERS: Junior Members shall be those individuals who have not yet attained the age of **21** years (as of January 1 of the year of membership), who apply for Junior Membership and are accepted as Junior Members and who pay the prescribed membership fee. Privileges of a Junior Member shall include the right to register and transfer animals for Active Member fees as well as other privileges that may be offered to Junior Members by the Association. Junior Members are not entitled to vote or hold office or to give notice to amend these Bylaws.

Bylaw amendment #2: aligning the CMGA bylaws with the APA regulations regarding transfers of animals.

Rationale

- Considering that the work of the association must be exercised under the regulations stated by the Animal Pedigree Act (APA);
- Considering that the APA requires that the certificate from transferred animals must be in the buyer's hands within 6 months after the sale;
- Considering that the actual CMGA bylaws stating that the paperwork required for transferring an animal must be sent to the registrar within 6 months of the sale is bringing confusion for the sellers and buyers;
- Considering that the actual CMGA bylaws stating that the paperwork required for transferring an animal must be sent to the registrar within 6 months of the sale is not aligned with the APA requirements;

The CMGA board is proposing this change to the CMGA bylaws:

ARTICLE XIX – TRANSFERS, paragraph 1, shall read:

The following rules shall apply to the transfer of ownership and issuance of certificates.

1) In the case of the sale of an animal or the interest in an animal, a seller must furnish the Registrar of the Association of a certificate of registration and signed transfer of said animal showing the purchaser's ownership within six (6) months of sale. Failure to do so on any pretext whatsoever (except under written contract) shall be grounds for expulsion in the case of a member, or for refusal of registration or transfer in the case of a non-member.

Amended to read (changes in red)

1) In the case of the sale of an animal or the interest in an animal, **the APA requires that all animals sold as registered stock must be officially transferred by the seller and the certificate of the registration presented to the purchaser within 6 months of the date of the sale. Unless otherwise agreed upon, the date of sale is the date the animal(s) is paid for in full.** Failure to do so on any pretext whatsoever (except under written contract) shall be grounds for expulsion in the case of a member, or for refusal of registration or transfer in the case of a non-member.

Other amendments sent for review by the Constitution Committee

Three other amendments we sent to the Constitution Committee for review and were not recommended for presenting at the AGM by the CMGA board.

1. Family Membership

Rationale: to include all members of a family. Includes 2 adults and up to 2 kids. Includes 2 votes. Kids would not be obligated to take a separated junior membership to submit their application to the CMGA.

The Committee decided not to keep this proposal for presentation at 2022 AGM and to table it for further discussions. The CMGA board has to explore further the ramifications of youth having a family membership and how it impacts registration under their name. The board has to see the impact on the CMGA finances if kids started registering their goats under the family membership instead of their own membership. This also has an impact on the Youth Support Fund conditions since applicants "Must currently own commercial meat goats, Boer, Kiko or percentage". It also brings loss of junior members as well. A more detailed proposal has to be submitted for review.

2. Mandatory parentage testing for goats registered from 24 months and older

Rationale:

In order to:

- Avoid possible identification errors
- Preserve the credibility of the program
- Maintain accuracy and confidence in the herd book

A DNA test will be required at breeder's expense if the application for registration is received for an animal of 24 months of age or older.

The committee decided not to keep this proposal for presentation at 2022 AGM for the following reasons:

- Poor record keeping is poor record keeping whether you are registering animals at 3 months, 6 months, 1 year, 2 years, or 4 years.
- Some breeders will wait to see the mothering abilities of their does before registering them. If breeders do not breed their animals to kid for the first time as yearlings, they are kidding out at the age of two. If they wait to see what their mothering abilities are, they then would be waiting until after their kids were weaned and they would be over the age of 2 by the time that determination could be made. This would penalize those breeders who keep good breeding records by adding costs to their breeding program.
- Animals over 12 months are already more expensive to register.
- According to CMGA bylaws, breeders have to keep private records to prevent those situations. Article XVII, Private Breeding Records, states that:
- "Each breeder shall keep an individual private record in which shall be tabulated the individual private herd number
 - of each animal, and such other information concerning ancestors and breeding of same that will make clear and positive at all times the birth date and parentage of an animal offered for registration in the Canadian Meat Goat Association Herd Book.
 - Individual private herd numbers shall be given to all kids before weaning, which number shall be tattooed in the ear prior to registration..."
- Article III under "Discipline of members" also provides instructions if a CMGA member contravenes a by-law of the Association relating to the keeping of private breeding records.

3. Include official tags as an identification device

To recognize the CCIA traceability tags as a unique identification. The tags shall replace both the left and right ears tattoo, as the CCIA tags contains an all-Canadian unique number. The breeder would then have a choice between the original tattoo identification or the CCIA approved tags to register purebred and cross Boer or Kiko animals.

Rationale:

- The traceability being now closer as we go, sooner than later the tags will be mandatory.
- Since the system requires every single animal to be identified individually, the CFIA approved tags will satisfy the tattoo current purposes.
- Every tag holds 15 digits, offering each and every animal an individual number.

The Committee decided not to keep this proposal for presentation at 2022 AGM and to table it until next AGM for further verifications.

- The CMGA needs to see the difference between regulation and registry purpose, for example regarding the mo-

ment of the application of the tag.

- CMGA would most probably require dual tagging for registration. The actual regulation requires only one tag and if the tag falls, it has to be replaced by another tag with another number. The breeder has to declare the replacement of the tag. For registration purpose, the breeder would need to apply 2 similar tags and if one falls, it will have to be replaced by a tag with the same number.
- CMGA has to verify with CNGF if they can contact the tag supplier to see for availability of dual tags, administrative process with tag loss/replacement for registration purpose, and costs, etc.



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