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2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual Report

February 25th, Mutual Room, Riverside Exhibition Center

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**2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AGENDA
FEBRUARY 25 • CALEDONIA, ONTARIO**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Introduction of Board of Directors and staff**
- 3. Approval of the agenda**
- 4. Review of 2022 AGM minutes**
- 5. Committee Reports:**
 - ◇ Treasurer
 - Adoption of the Treasurer's report
 - Presentation of 2023 budget
 - Appointment of the Auditor
 - ◇ Production Committee
 - ◇ Show Committee
 - ◇ Youth Committee
 - ◇ General Manager Report
 - ◇ CNGF Report
 - ◇ Constitution Committee
- 6. Introduction of 2023 CMGA Board of Directors**
- 7. New business**
- 8. Items from the floor**
- 9. Adjournment**

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President's Message

After several years of online AGM's, it's great to be able to come together in person. As we come together to review the previous year, I'd like to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the President of the Canadian Meat Goat Association. I'd also like to thank everyone that has volunteered their time to sit on the board of directors, without you this association could not run.

I'd also like to thank our GM Catherine for her endless hours of dedication to the daily operations of the CMGA.

I believe we've had a very successful year in meeting some of our objectives set out in the strategic plan. We have more judges trained in Eastern Canada which will help with sanctioning shows, we had a successful Type Evaluation Program campaign, the genetic evaluation partnership program is well on its way to becoming a reality, a functional website, and all other small things that were not planned, but were handled successfully.

As with trying to predict the future events in a year, we had some unexpected events which caused us to run a deficit. Post Covid saw a reduction in both memberships and registrations but double the normal number of DNA tests. Without those two unforeseen events we would've have been very close to balancing the 2022 books. If I had a crystal ball, I could predict that membership will grow in 2023, but I don't. All I can do is hope that Canadian meat goat producers will join our organization to give us the means to further develop our industry.

As I finish off my last year with the CMGA, I believe the association is in good shape moving forward with a great group of people. It's been my pleasure working with you all!

Rob Schill
President

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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.

2022 Board of Directors

President	Treasurer	Directors at Large
Rob Schill	Jasmin Bautz	Brianna Miller
Vice President	Secretary	Ruth Ryckman
Sarah James	Anna Haupt	

Thank you for their involvement to Michelle Petrychen and Lisa James who terminated their term before the 2023 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



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Questions?

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4. 2022 AGM Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Canadian Meat Goat Association AGM February 22, 2022



Canadian Meat Goat Association
Annual General Meeting
February 22, 2022
Webinar

Present:

Board: Jasmin Bautz, Sarah James, Lisa James, Catherine Michaud (staff)
Brianna Miller, Ruth Ryckman, Rob Schill, Becky Vissers.

Members and guests: Betty-Jo Almond, Sophie Bourgeois, Bonnie Cameron, Jacques Chesnais, Meredith Closs, Jillian Craig, Sylvie Dionne, Alison Finlayson, Guylaine Gonthier, Joanne Greenwood, Anna Haupt, Mallory Kaiser, Myriam Landry, Évelyne Laroche, Sue Noseworthy, Mary Paziuk, Ashley Priest, Sarah Shapton, Brian Sullivan, Brandy Thaxter, Shannon Thurston, Charlene Whattam (Ryan Dick).

Votes: 23

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm EST by Rob Schill.

2. Introductions of Board and staff

Rob welcomed the participants, and he 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.

Rob 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 Myriam Landry and SECONDED by Sarah James that the agenda be approved as presented.

The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

4. Approval of the 2021 AGM Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY Sarah James and SECONDED by Sophie Bourgeois that the minutes from the 2021 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 2021 reviewed Financial Statements and the proposed 2022 budget were provided and reviewed as part of the financial report.

• ***Approval of the Financial Report***

IT WAS MOVED BY Jasmin Bautz and SECONDED by Shannon Thurston that the financial report be adopted as presented.

The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

Catherine presented the appointment of the auditor for the 2022 Financial Statements review. She proposed that Raymond-Chabot-Grant-Thornton be appointed. They quoted for the Financial Statements review, tax report and tax return for \$2,675 which is exactly what we had budgeted. They charge an increase of 3% cost of living indexation.

• ***Approval of the Auditor appointment***

IT WAS MOVED BY Sarah James and SECONDED by Bonnie Cameron that Raymond-Chabot-Grand-Thornton (RCGT) in La Pocatière be appointed as the 2022 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

Catherine 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

Rob presented the Constitution Committee report.

Because there were amendments to the Bylaw to be voted on, Rob explained that usually, to have the motion debated and voted, a chair and scrutineers will need to be nominated. However, the virtual meeting platform allows for a survey functionality that allows all members to vote secretly and for the Chair of the vote to see the results as votes are taken. It also allows to present the results of the vote to the meeting participants. The whole process is transparent for everyone. With this process, we will only need a Chair. Rob then asked for questions or comments before starting the vote process. Rob asked for a motion to nominate Catherine as the Chair for the voting process.

IT WAS MOVED BY Jasmin Bautz and SECONDED by Sarah James that Catherine Michaud be nominated as the Chair for the voting process.

The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

Rob then turned the lead to Catherine who reinstated the motion for the first amendment regarding raising age limit to 21 for youth membership storage and opened the debate.

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

IN FAVOR: 23
OPPOSED: 0
ABSTENTION: 0
For a TOTAL of 23 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 15 votes were necessary and there are 23 in favor.

The amendment was ADOPTED.

Catherine then read the second motion to amend the second bylaw article regarding the transfer of ownership and issuance of certificates.

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

IN FAVOR: 23
OPPOSED: 0
ABSTENTION: 0
For a TOTAL of 23 votes.

4. 2022 AGM Meeting Minutes continued...

Minutes of the Canadian Meat Goat Association AGM February 22, 2022

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 15 votes were necessary and there are 23 in favor.

The amendment was ADOPTED.

After the votes, Rob continued the Constitution report which consisted of presenting the amendments that were not retained by the CMGA board to be presented at the AGM. Rob asked Catherine to start a survey to gather members opinion about the amendments that were not retained.

Regarding the access to a Family Membership, 13 were in favor, 2 were opposed and 6 abstained.

Regarding the mandatory parentage for goats of 24 months and more that are being registered, the results were 8 in favor, 10 opposed and 3 abstentions.

For the proposal of being able to choose between dual tagging or tattoos for registration ID, we had 14 in favor, 6 opposed and 1 abstention.

6. **2022 Board of Directors**

Rob introduced the 2022 Board of Directors: Jasmin Bautz, Sarah James and our newest board members elected by acclamation, Brianna Miller, Lisa James, Anna Haupt and Ruth Ryckman.

Rob also extended a warm thank you to Becky Visser's who's second 3 years term is up after 6 years of involvement into the CMGA board.

7. **New business**

None.

8. **Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED BY Sarah James that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00pm EST.



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5.1 Financial Report

On pages 12 and 13, you will find the figures from 2022 Budget VS 2022 Actual.

Notes regarding 2022 revenue and costs:

Income

- Youth Project: less revenue than expected. For two years in a row, the success of clothes sales is not as we thought it would be.
- Advertising: ad sales in the MGJ. We lost 3 advertisers in 2022 compared to 2021 for about \$354.
- AGM Income: each time we have a virtual AGM, we open sponsorship opportunities and we are always happy to see members coming back year after year to support their association and sponsor the event.
- Type Evaluation: it is a self-financing program, so it doesn't have a big impact on the bottom line. We had expected to have more participation to the TE program in 2022.
- Memberships: lower than what we expected. 21 members less in 2022 than for 2021.
- Shows: 7 shows in 2022 + \$136.12 for JLF
- Registration: lower than what we expected. We included in the budget the registration revenue related to the moratory, but the moratory did not happen in 2022.
 - *Note: memberships and registrations are the main revenue for CMGA and have a direct impact on the bottom line.
- Sales: in this amount we have only Journal subscriptions. We had budgeted the revenue from the JLF in the sales, but it was put into the show revenue for \$136.12.
- Project CASPP-058: this is our participation to the project into the different committees. Much higher than expected. I can say that it's this income item that saves our finances.
- Total revenue of \$76,144.40, \$10,926.00 less than expected.

Expenses

- Accounts Written Off: we wanted to write off all dues to CLRC for more than 5 years, but the notice was not sent to CLRC.
- Ad & Promo: no ad & promo projects were budgeted in 2022.
- AGM: no cost for AGM in 2022 because it was virtual.
- CMGA Board Expenses: only the Zoom annual subscription.
- Shows: we had budgeted the show ribbons according to 2021 costs, but they had increased a lot since then. Moreover, we've had one more show than expected.
- Type Evaluation: TE registration pays the expenses. The print of TE forms brings a negative balance of \$137.
- GM salary: the salary itself is within budget, but there were extra costs for mileage to travel to Buckland to meet Ian and Barb to talk about the TE program and take pictures.
- Meat Goat Journal: printing fees have increased while all other expenses are lower than expected due to less magazines to handle and ship.
- Membership expenses: they are lower than expected because of CLRC levies. We have had less registration activities than expected.

5.1 Financial Report (to be continued)

- Office expenses: they are slightly higher because of postage, mainly the box sent to the Ontario Goat Symposium and postage for ribbons.
- Registration expenses: DNA testing is about \$1,500 more than expected because breeders requested a lot of tests. We had a total of 92 tests requested in 2022 (compared to 32 in 2021, and 74 in 2020). The cost to CMGA for mandatory testing is a little less than \$1,300 for 31 tests. We have to think that each time we have a Boer tested, we also have to test the sire and the dam, so it's 3 tests that are requested per animal tested. With the actual cost of \$41 per test, it costs \$123 per animal to test the parentage. For the Kiko, all bucks are tested, and those fees are paid by the breeders, so we have to pay 2 tests per Kiko tested, for a total of \$82. This is also impacted by the exchange rate since our laboratory is in the U.S.

It's worth to mention that with the exchange rate and the cost increase from the laboratory, the actual cost of a test is about \$41.36, and the CMGA still charges \$40 to the breeders.

- Bank service charges: the cost overrun is mainly due to a returned item fee of \$48.
- CNGF Membership: it has not changed in 2022.
- Youth support fund: no application in 2022.
- Total expenses were \$78,148.15, about \$5,000 less than what we budgeted. However, the net income came back negative with a loss of \$2,003.75. This doesn't mean that we are in financial difficulties, it means that we have a total of \$2,000 less in our bank accounts than we had at the beginning of the year. We still have good provisions in our accounts, but we need to keep them to be able to invest in projects.

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2023 Adopted Budget VS 2023 Actual

2022 BUDGET

2022 ACTUAL

Income / Revenu

YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$ 650,00	\$ 229,68
ADVERTISING / PUBLICITÉ	\$ 2 500,00	\$ 2 313,00
AGM INCOME / REVENU DE L'AGA	\$ 300,00	\$ 325,00
TYPE EVALUATION / CLASSIFICATION	\$ 9 300,00	\$ 7 208,00
MEMBERSHIPS / COTISATIONS	\$ 15 000,00	\$ 11 845,00
OFFICE COST REIMBURSEMENT / REMBOURSEMENT FRAIS DE BUREAU	\$ -	\$ -
SHOW FEES / FRAIS D'EXPOSITIONS	\$ 620,00	\$ 971,12
PAID TO CMGA / PAYÉ À L'ACCB	\$ -	\$ -
REGISTRATIONS / ENREGISTREMENTS	\$ 55 000,00	\$ 43 884,27
SALES / VENTES	\$ 550,00	\$ 163,33
INTEGRATED SERVICES (PROJECT CASPP-058)	\$ 3 150,00	\$ 9 205,00
INTEREST / INTÉRÊTS	\$ -	\$ -
CREDITS WRITTEN OFF / CRÉDITS RADIÉS	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME / REVENU TOTAL	\$ 87 070,00	\$ 76 144,40

Expense / Dépenses

ACCOUNTS WRITTEN OFF / COMPTES RADIÉS	\$ 163,27	\$ -
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION	\$ -	\$ -
AGM / AGA	\$ -	\$ -
CMGA BOARD EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DU CA		
Teleconferences / Conférences téléphoniques	\$ 206,35	\$ 200,00
Travel / Déplacements	\$ -	\$ -
BOARD EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DU CA	\$ 206,35	\$ 200,00
CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB		
Show Ribbons / Rubans d'expo	\$ 370,00	\$ 600,25
Judges Licensing Forum / Formation de juge	\$ -	\$ -
Total CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB	\$ 370,00	\$ 600,25
CMGA TYPE EVALUATION / CLASSIFICATION		
Evaluator Fees & Expenses / Frais et dépenses des évaluateurs	\$ 9 000,00	\$ 7 200,00
Forms & Handbook / Formulaire et manuels	\$ 300,00	\$ 145,00
Total CMGA TYPE EVALUATION / CLASSIFICATION	\$ 9 300,00	\$ 7 345,00
GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE		
Salary / Salaire	\$ 26 500,00	\$ 26 499,96
General Manager - Other - Directrice générale - Autre	\$ -	\$ 117,63
Total GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE	\$ 26 500,00	\$ 26 617,59

2022 Adopted Budget VS 2022 Actual (continued)	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL
MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE		
MGJ Postage / Envoi postal	\$ 600,00	\$ 332,49
MGJ Printing / Impression	\$ 900,00	\$ 1 215,00
MGJ Shipping/Handling / Port et manutention	\$ 1 300,00	\$ 888,42
Production and artwork / Production et graphisme	\$ 1 900,00	\$ 1 620,00
Total MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE	\$ 4 700,00	\$ 4 055,91
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION		
CLRC Levies / Charges SCEA	\$ 24 750,00	\$ 21 203,71
CLRC Miscellaneous / Divers SCEA	\$ 464,00	\$ 314,15
CLRC Credit Card Admin. / Admin. de Carte de crédit SCEA	\$ 1 600,00	\$ 1 277,75
Total MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION	\$ 26 814,00	\$ 22 795,61
OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU		
Accounting and Legal / Comptabilité et frais juridiques	\$ 2 675,00	\$ 2 815,00
Office supplies and equipment / Équipement et matériel de bureau	\$ 100,00	\$ 14,56
	\$ -	\$ 134,66
Postage / Poste	\$ 230,00	\$ 343,52
Telephone - Internet / Téléphone	\$ 328,92	\$ 328,91
Website / Site Internet	\$ 4 020,00	\$ 4 100,41
Quickbooks	\$ 720,00	\$ 718,00
Enterprise Registrar / Registraire entreprises	\$ 36,00	\$ 36,00
Total OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU	\$ 8 109,92	\$ 8 491,06
REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS		
DNA Testing / Testage AND	\$ 2 500,00	\$ 4 079,78
Total REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS	\$ 2 500,00	\$ 4 079,78
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES		
Bank Service Charges / Charge service bancaire	\$ 300,00	\$ 337,95
CNGF Membership / Cotisation FCNC	\$ 1 125,00	\$ 1 125,00
NFACC Code developpement committee	\$ -	\$ -
Total UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES	\$ 1 425,00	\$ 1 462,95
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE		
Youth Project expenses / Dépenses Projet jeunesse	\$ -	\$ -
Youth Project prize / Récompense Projet jeunesse	\$ -	\$ -
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	\$ 2 500,00
Total Expense / Dépenses	\$ 83 088,54	\$ 78 148,15
Net Profit (Loss)	\$ 3 981,46	-\$ 2 003,75

2023 Budget

The 2022 budget was discussed and approved by the Board of Directors via an email motion adopted on February 20, 2023. It is presented on pages 15 and 16.

Factors influencing decisions surrounding the 2023 budget include:

- To present to our members the reality about our membership and registration revenue.
- Maintaining the CMGA programs and services offers in 2023 including Type Evaluation.
- Explore the possibility of making the journal fully electronic to save printing and shipping/handling costs.
- Enhance the use of our current communication channels to increase our visibility and possibly membership and registration activity.

No increase in CLRC unit cost for 2023

CLRC has announced that the unit cost of \$7.85 will stay the same in 2023. However, a \$600 annual Service Fee was added. The reason for introducing this fee is because a certain amount of time required each month for every association, regardless of the number of units of work. That includes sending reports, invoicing, banking and some routine communications.

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.



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CANADIAN MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

APPROVED 2023 Budget

2023 BUDGET

Income / Revenu	
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$250.00
ADVERTISING / PUBLICITÉ	\$2 500.00
AGM Income / Revenu de l'AGA	\$9,050.00
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	\$7,200.00
MEMBERSHIPS / COTISATIONS	\$11,800.00
SHOW FEES / FRAIS D'EXPOSITIONS	\$685,00
REGISTRATIONS / ENREGISTREMENTS	\$43,000.00
SALES / VENTES	\$165,00
INTEGRATED SERVICES (PROJECT CASPP-058) / INTÉGRATION DE SERVICES EN GÉNÉTIQUE	\$6,000.00
Total Income / Revenu total	\$80,650.00
Expense / Dépenses	
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION	\$0,00
AGM / AGA	\$10,950,00
CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA	
Telecon Expenses / Conférences téléphoniques	\$200.00
Travel / Déplacements	\$0.00
Total CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA	\$200.00
CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB	
Show Ribbons / Rubans	\$840.00
Total CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB	\$840.00
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	
Evaluator Fees & Expenses / Frais et dépenses des évaluateurs	\$7,200,00
Forms & Handbook / Formulaires et manuels	\$150,00
Total CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	\$7,350.00
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 2023 Budget (continued)

2023 BUDGET

MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE	
MGJ Postage / Envoi postal	\$350.00
MGJ Printing / Impression	\$1,300.00
MGJ Shipping/Handling / Port et manutention	\$900.00
Production and artwork / Production et graphisme	\$1,800.00
Total MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE	\$4,350.00
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION	
CLRC Levies / Charges SCEA	\$16,800.00
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CLRC DNA Sample Storage / Stockage d'Échantillon ADN SCEA	\$0,00
CLRC Monthly Service Fee / Frais de service mensuel SCEA	\$600.00
Total MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION	\$19,050.00
OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU	
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Total OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU	\$5,536.00
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Total REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS	\$3,000.00
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES	
Bank Service Charges / Charge service bancaire	\$350.00
CNGF Membership / Cotisation FCNC	\$1 125,00
NFACC Code developpement - Liaison Contribution / Développement du Code - CNSAE	\$400.00
Total UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES	\$1,875.00
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	
Youth Point Chase / Chasse aux points	\$400.00
Youth Support Fund / Fond de support à la relève	\$500,00
Total YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$900,00
NATIONAL INTEGRATED GENETIC SERVICES PROJECT	
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5.2 Production Committee

Type Evaluation

Congratulations to all the participants in the 2022 Type Evaluation Program. Twelve different producers in Quebec, Ontario, and Saskatchewan presented 175 animals to be evaluated. The number of farms and animals were lower than what was needed to hold the campaign in 2022. The CMGA board decided to cover the extra expenses to have the program run. It is an important program for the breeders because it helps them to take breeding and culling decisions, and we all needed those results to feed data to our upcoming genetic evaluation program.

Type evaluation is the comparison of an individual animal (and its parts) against the ideal Canadian Boer Goat – according to the current CMGA scorecard and breed standards. The breeder is provided with an official form, indicating a linear score between 1 and 9 for each of the type traits, with a final score ranking the animal as compared to the ideal. The type traits evaluated are: Size and Development, Structure (frame), Structure (feet and legs), Structure (rump), Volume, Soundness/Reproductive System.

This year's evaluations were performed by Ian and Barbie Clarke of Shellbrook, Saskatchewan. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to both Ian & Barbie for spending almost a month this fall travelling across the country evaluating goats and educating breeders. Their years of experience in our industry and their continued commitment to this program have been instrumental to its success.

All results were published into the Winter 2022 issue of the Meat Goat Journal and on the CMGA Website.

Sheep and Goat Project for Improving and Integrating Genetic Improvement Services in Canada

In the summer of 2021, the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association, 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 (CGIL) at the University of Guelph, the Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement (CCSI), Le Centre d'expertise en production ovine du Québec (CEPOQ), Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF), the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC) and AgSights, launched a 3 year collaborative project.

The project is guided by a Steering Committee with representatives from each of the partner organizations listed above, with the support from three technical advisory committees with experts on databases, genetic evaluation and end-user software. The objective of the project is to improve genetic services for various species in Canada through increased collaborative work and better integration of current systems. This is achieved by undertaking short-term integration initiatives during the project and by evaluating further integration options for the longer term. Here is an update on what has been done so far and having a closer impact on the meat goat sector.

Review of options for the registration system by the Database Advisory Committee: Registration is an important component of the genetic improvement of sheep and goats. Therefore, project partners provided assistance to CLRC in its efforts to acquire a new system, although development of a new registration system at CLRC is not a project objective. This led to an evaluation of the options that CLRC intended to pursue, based on a study of the current and future requirements of sheep and goat breed associations. Although these options will still be considered by CLRC, they were found to be costly and somewhat risky and put on hold for now. In the short term, CLRC is focusing on stabilizing the current system with support from CCSI's IT staff, with the goal of improving the quality of the registration service and reducing its long-term cost.

Review of options for meat goat genetic evaluation by the Genetic Evaluation Advisory Committee and Development of pilot genetic evaluations for meat goats: Another short-term task launched by the project has

been the review of options for genetic evaluation of meat goats, which subsequently led to development of pilot genetic evaluation for growth, reproduction and classification traits. The work was done jointly by geneticists from AgSights and CCSI, under the guidance of the genetic evaluation advisory committee with representatives from CGIL, CEPOQ, CCSI, AgSights and CMGA. Genetic evaluations have now been calculated and will be distributed this year to a pilot group of meat goat herds to get their feedback. While currently the number of meat goat herds that record and send production and classification data is relatively small, the expectation is that this number will increase over time as the program becomes better known. Also, the goal of this work is not limited to meat goats. The new evaluations make use of a genetic evaluation package developed in the Netherlands which is easier to maintain than the evaluation programs currently used in Canada for sheep and dairy goats. Thus, the work opens the door for streamlining and integrating genetic evaluations for sheep and goats to increase efficiency and reduce cost. In addition, the new software can incorporate data from large marker panels that increase selection accuracy. Several countries are beginning to use genomic data for the selection of sheep and goats, and Canadian breeders will eventually have to do the same to remain competitive. This new development is an important step in that direction.

Standards for data collection and exchange: The end user software advisory committee has started reviewing data collected by project partners with the goal of standardizing it to facilitate data exchanges. At this point, standards have been proposed for a number of data formats including dates, sex, number born, number raised, weights, etc. This work will greatly facilitate future integration, by avoiding the need to convert data when exchanging it. The database advisory committee, for its part, has been looking at ways to streamline the use of databases, servers and software across sheep and goat organizations in order to increase efficiency.

New short-term tasks under consideration: The project Steering Committee is in the process of considering and ranking several new tasks in addition to the above. For example, ways to increase enrolment into genetic improvement programs, applying the new software package to the genetic evaluation of dairy goats, making online registration for sheep and goats easier, jointly reviewing sheep and goat classification traits to make them amenable to future genetic evaluation, improving access to DNA data collected by all parties (such as DNA collected for parentage verification, or for Scrapie or Maedi Visna resistance or other markers), developing software to identify and rank rams or bucks for specific producer goals, and initiating a pilot project to evaluate the use of infra-red technology to better assess growth traits, reproduction and health status. While it may not be possible to carry out all of these tasks within the project, some tasks could be the subject of future projects if there is sufficient support from the industry.

Options for the longer term: The project partners are working to identify ways of further integrating genetic improvement services both during and beyond the project, with the aim of making these services more efficient and cost-effective, and ensuring their perennity. This is critical for the success of both the sheep and goat industries and could be extended to the integration of services with other species groups such as swine. One option under consideration is the creation of a network among partner organizations to facilitate cooperation during and after the project. This would not entail the creation of a new organization, but rather lay out the foundation for partners to share expertise, resources, and software, or acquire them in common. The main areas of activity of the network would be genetic evaluation, including through genomics, the coordination of genetic research and data standards, and the creation and maintenance of data exchange systems. Other species besides sheep and goats might become part of the network if they are interested and share common objectives. Discussions on the above have been very positive at the Steering Committee level but will be extended over the next year to the Board of Directors of partner organizations, to get their feedback and evaluate if there is sufficient support to move further ahead.

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>

If you have questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact Brian Sullivan (info@goatgenetics.ca), Frédéric Fortin (frederic.fortin@cepoq.com) or Jacques Chesnais (jpchesnais@rogers.com).



Canadian Sheep Breeders Association



5.3 Show Committee

In 2022, we re-launched the meat goat shows to the delight of all participants and the industry in general. It was good to see each other, to exchange, to compare our goats and to feel again that positive nervousness in the pit of the stomach during the minutes of waiting before entering the show ring. The open training for dairy and angora goat judges held earlier this year not only added three more judges to the list of CMGA sanctioned judges, but also permitted to sanctioned one more meat goat show this year at the Markham Fair. Patrick Mc Clean, who was also judging the dairy goats, was able to be recruited by the show committee to judge the meat goat show as well. Thank you to Sonja Iannuzzi for making all the arrangements for the show to be sanctioned! We were able to see the effects of this training in the first year and we are very happy. A big thank you to Becky Vissers for believing and pushing for this training to happen. Thanks to Kerry O'Donnell for being the trainer and auditor and thanks to the three participants who are now able to judge meat goats: Patrick Mc Clean and Anton Hansford from Ontario and Joanna Head from British Columbia.

So, we had more sanctioned shows than the last years, six instead of five. We could have had seven, but the meat goat show at the Prairie Goat Expo was cancelled due to lack of

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participation. Each year, someone hopefully takes up the torch of organizing a show in the West and the CMGA supports them with the same hope, but unfortunately the participants are not there.

In 2022, there was a total of 290 animals shown at sanctioned events.

Shows	Purebred Bo- er Does	Percentage Boer Does	Purebred Bo- er Bucks	Commercial Does	Market Kids
<i>Expo Calixa- Lavalee</i>	28	0	9	0	0
<i>Expo St.Hyacinthe</i>	44	0	21	0	0
<i>Brome Fair</i>	58	0	22	0	0
<i>Markham Fair</i>	12	3	4	3	0
<i>Norfolk County Fair</i>	12	5	0	7	0
<i>RAWF</i>	33	9	7	14	4
Totals for 2022	187	17	63	17	4

2022 Show Champions of the Year

Purebred Boer Doe: Du Biquet Alliance, Chèvreerie Du Biquet

Percentage Doe: Dosen Roses Jube Jube, Dozen Roses Farm

Commercial Doe : Dozen Roses Hailey, Dozen Roses Farm

Purebred Buck: Du Biquet Phoenix, Chèvreerie Du Biquet

Congratulations to you all!

We are looking forward to this year show season. It is a great way to market, network and just have fun with our goats.

Meat Goat Judges Training Course for Dairy Goat Judges

The CMGA held an online training course in May for dairy goat judges interested in receiving their accreditation to judge meat goats. Faced with the shortage of judges in Ontario, several fair boards preferred not to sanction meat goat shows because of the excessively high costs associated with hiring a judge from another province. Several has welcome three new meat goat judges in its team: Andrew Hansford and Patrick Mc Clean from Ontario and Joanna Heads from BC.

5.4 Youth Committee

By Jasmin Bautz

Youth Point Chase

With the return of goats shows, it is also the return of showmanship classes and all their smiling and sometimes disappointed faces. But that's okay because goat shows are also a wonderful way to develop all kinds of skills and put them to the test.

This year, 48 kids participated to 5 sanctioned or open meat goat shows. We are very pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 Youth Point Chase: Our Honourable Mention is **Kara Shapton**, from ON, well done! Our Runner-Up is **Sophia Graham**, from ON, great job! Our Winner is **Sarah Kay**, also from ON, congratulations!

Youth Fundraiser

The CMGA held a Youth Fundraiser in 2022. We sold hoodies, zip-up hoodies, show shirts and vests. Unfortunately, due to a supplier availability problem, we were unable to sell the hats. The profit was a total of \$229.68. Profits are dedicated to the Youth Support Fund. Thank-you again to ACEmbroidery Plus for the collaboration. We are in reflection as to how to raise funds for the Youth Committee in 2023.

Youth Support Fund

The Youth Support Fund is an excellent way for our youth to receive aid in reaching their goals in the Meat Goat field. The CMGA believes in the importance of getting young people involved in the meat goat industry. The CMGA will award up to \$500 annually to the recipient that has applied and has been awarded to youth members who are actively involved in the meat goat industry. The number of successful applicants and the amount awarded to each will be at the discretion of the selection committee.

Unfortunately, we did not have any applicant to the Youth Support Fund this year. In 2023, we'll communicate better this program to our members and their kids, and we hope to have an applicant.

A reminder to all youth members (21 years of age or under) in 2023 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!



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5.5 Ad and Promo Committee

By Catherine Michaud

We did not have any special Ad & Promo activities in 2022. However, 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. So we hope 2023 will bring more of these promotion activities.

5.6 General Manager

2022 AGM

The 2022 CMGA AGM was held on February 25th, 2022, by webinar. There were 34 participants at the meeting.

At this AGM, there were 2 amendments presented. The first proposed amendment was about updating the age limit for Junior Membership. It was proposed that the age limit 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. The second proposed amendment was about aligning the CMGA bylaws with the Animal Pedigree Act regulations regarding transfers of animals. Both amendments were adopted by the assembly by a majority.

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.

One of the projects we worked on with in collaboration with Mallory Kaiser and Lisa James, both Kiko goats' breeders, was to import Kiko goat semen from New Zealand. The CMGA also contacted the New Zealand Boer Goat Breeders Association to see if it would be possible to do the same with Boer semen. The project got off to a good start and a catalog was produced, orders were taken, the collection centers had even been chosen and made aware of our approach, but unfortunately the agreement between the government agencies of the two countries haven't been signed in time for us to take advantage of the breeding season in New Zealand to collect the bucks. We therefore wished to repeat the collaboration again in 2023, but to date, the approval of the final agreement is still in the hands of the Canadian authorities.

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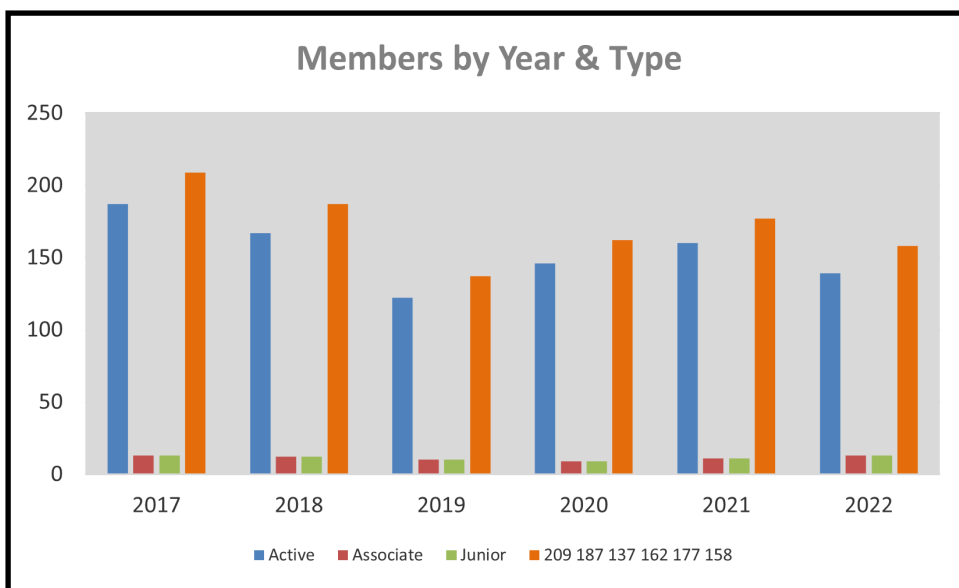
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On the Boer side, I would like to warmly thank all producers who took their time to participate to meetings, to calculate their possible return on investment, to the 11 breeders who even placed an order. At the end, we were at 233 doses ordered. This was a lot of work, but so exciting. On the Kiko side, a total of 31 people participated to the different meetings and the group of breeders were interested in purchasing as many as 1,000 straws to keep the cost per straw low.

In 2022, the publication of the Journal continued with two editions in July and December. The number of pages was a little more modest than in 2021 with an edition of 52 pages in the Summer journal and 56 pages in the Winter journal. I would like to thank our regular collaborating author Shannon Thurston who shares a little bit more of her herd management in each issue. And I would also like to thank Denise Neal for sharing her experience with Johnes disease. If you have any suggestions for topics to cover in the journal, or if you feel like writing an article, please let me know.

Membership

After a great increase in 2021, membership declined again in 2022, from 177 members to 153. This is a difference of 21 members. The following table is showing membership variations for the last 5 years.



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

After a huge increase in 2021, from 630 in 2020 to 885 in 2021, the total number of goats saw a decrease of 63 goats in 2022. While purebreds and Canadian purebreds registrations decreased, the number of registered percentage Boer goats increased. 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



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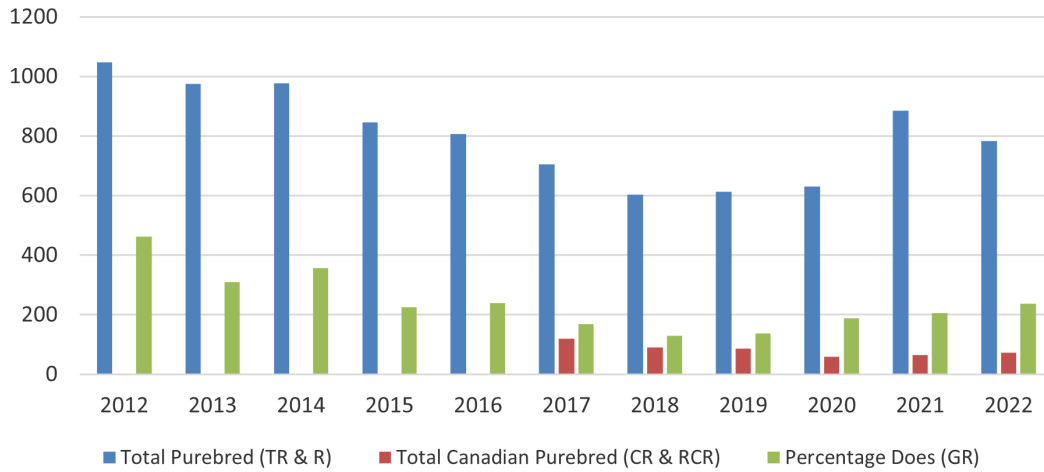
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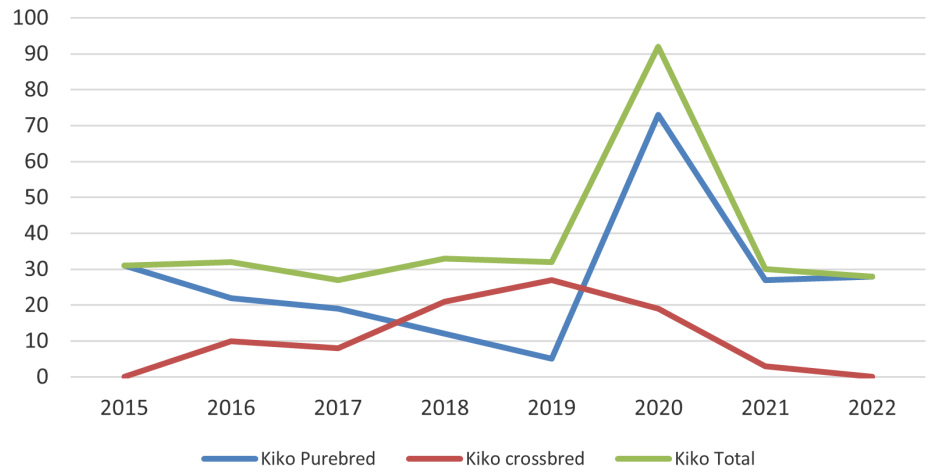
Registered Boers Per Type Per Year - Last 10 Years



2017, the numbers of traditional purebreds (TR), registered purebreds (R) and Canadian purebred goats (CR & RCR) were compiled together.

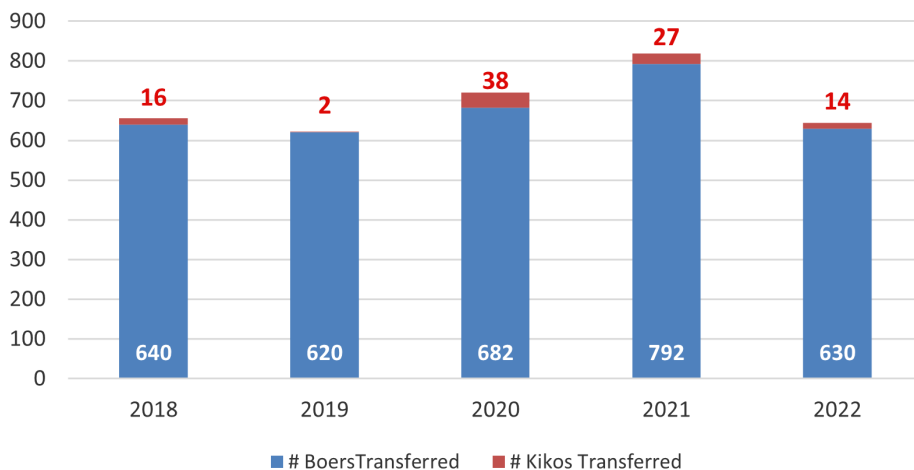
The number of registered Kiko goats has stayed stable in 2022.

Kiko Goats Registered Per Type and Per Year



The biggest decrease is on transfers that went from 819 in 2021 to 644 in 2022.

Number of Transfers



In 2023, the CMGA board voted for installing a moratory on transfer of goats from foreign registries, mainly American registries, to the Canadian registry. Goats from foreign registries can be transferred at cost, i.e., no profit for CMGA, for each transaction. The moratory will end on May 31, 2022.

In 2023, we hope to welcome new members to our ranks and recover former members who would like to continue the adventure with us.

Strategic Planning

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

Goal #1: to increase use of technology.

The redesign of the website is completed. Within the next few weeks, CMGA members will receive their password for the members' space. In this space, members will find their electronic copy of the last meat goat journal as well as recent issues. They will also find all communications to membership, the approved CMGA Board meeting and AGM minutes. It is also expected to add exclusive content.

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 with the Genetic Evaluation Program for Meat Goats. Reviewing the actual CMGA judges training program procedure has been done in part by training some dairy goat judges for them to now judge meat goats. 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 for producers. The activities for this objective have not started yet.



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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. In 2022 the balance was negative, and the board will be working at promoting CMGA membership and the value of goats registration. Furthermore, the board still has to find other sources of income to stop rely only on registration/ membership revenue only.

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 news of the release of the new code through its social media and events.

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.

Savannah Breed Registration in Canada

In 2022, a committee was formed and worked to identify all Savannah goats' breeders in Canada. We now have a list to



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work with and will be contacting them on a regular basis throughout the process. Next steps are to define the breed characteristics, to find out how large the population of Savannahs in Canada is, to find out and write the common genetic origin and history and to define what are the physical characteristics of a Savannah goat.

A committee has been formed 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 CNGF board held nine teleconferences in 2022.
- CNGF membership fees for 2023 will be the same as for 2022, and will be based on the total number of individual memberships for 2022:
 - ⇒ \$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)
- CNGF Executive Director Karen Kolkman has left CNGF effective January 31, 2023, so the office location will be changing in 2023.

National Scrapie Surveillance Program

- Catherine Michaud from CMGA is taking the lead and has been corresponding with CFIA, representing the goat industry
 - ⇒ Priorities identified for goat sector: implementation of ID / Traceability Program for goats; selection of Scrapie resistant animals; national surveillance
- Teleconference meeting in late 2022 with goat and sheep representatives (CNGF, CMGA, CGS, CSF) and vets from CFIA
 - ⇒ CFIA very keen to have goat industry supply more samples for national scrapie surveillance
 - ⇒ Small ruminant industries are willing to promote surveillance as long as CFIA gives equal weight to their concerns, i.e. genotyping, etc.
 - ⇒ A lot more variability in genotypes in goats than there is in sheep – so Canada will need to do their own testing because can vary in different parts of the world
 - ⇒ No financial cost to participate in National Scrapie Surveillance Program – it is not the same as the Scrapie Flock Certification Program

[... click here for Scrapie info available on CFIA website](#)

CFIA new changes to import policy

- Posted to CNGF website: <http://cangoats.com/upcoming-cfiomodifications-to-import-requirements-for-small-ruminants/>
 - ⇒ **CFIA's short term plan** is a new modified Option 2C for importation of live male goats – any individual enrolled in the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program (VSFCP) or who had submitted an application to enroll by December 31, 2021, will be eligible to use this new modified option. These individuals had until December 31, 2022 to apply for an import permit – these permits are valid for three months, therefore the animal would have to be imported by March 31, 2023. After December 31, 2022 this option will once again be removed from the Import Policy.
 - ⇒ **CFIA's long term plan** includes updating Option 2B genotyping in the future to include resistant genotypes in goats, pending adequate national surveillance in mature goats and a Scrapie Pilot Program that would offer an alternative to total herd depopulation if a herd is positive. In order to have adequate numbers of animals for testing surveillance, CFIA is requesting industry's assistance to encourage goat producers to contact their local CFIA office if they have any mature animals or animals die with any symptoms of Scrapie. CFIA has been in contact with federal funding counterparts and would be happy to forward on information to any organization that might like to consider applying for funds for genotyping projects in goats to expediate the genotype piece.
- **February 2022** – CNGF assisted with translation and distribution of CFIA survey/questionnaire
 - ⇒ Input/comment period ended in February
 - ⇒ Received about 140 responses from members of the sheep and goat industry – respondents shared a number of challenges that their industries are facing
 - ⇒ Analyzed data from CFIA field operations about the use of Option 2C across the country
- **February 2022** – Formal letter sent from the Small Ruminant Group (Canadian Sheep Breeders Association, Canadian Goat Society, Canadian Meat Goat Association, CNGF, Canadian Sheep Federation) to CFIA's Senior Veterinary Officer and National Veterinary Program Specialist
 - ⇒ Included details and rationale for the Small Ruminant Industry's Recommended Option 2C Alternatives:
 1. Add to Option 2B, the ability to import male goats of genotypes S146 and K222 as determined by testing completed by a laboratory recognized by the USDA.
 2. Reinstatement of Option 2C for both sheep and goat producers who have achieved Level Certified in the SFCP.
 3. Grandfather in access to Option 2C for producers in the SFCP 'pipeline' at the time the suspension of the option was announced, regardless of level achieved.
- **November 10, 2021** – CFIA changes import requirements for small ruminants – Option 2C, for the import of male small ruminants from any premises in the U.S. becomes unavailable

Traceability

- **September 26, 2022** – Industry-Government Advisory Committee (IGAC) Online Meeting
 - ⇒ Objectives of the meeting were to review industry progress on traceability implementation and preparation, to provide a livestock traceability regulatory update and timelines, and to address industry questions and concerns

regarding regulatory progress.

- ⇒ 63 participants included representatives and observers from Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, provincial governments, national livestock associations and livestock industry stakeholders.
- ⇒ Presentations on traceability implementation and preparation were given by representatives of the Canadian Cattle Association, Dairy Farmers of Canada, Canadian Bison Association, Canadian National Goat Federation, Canadian Pork Council, Canadian Sheep Federation, Canadian Cervid Alliance, Canadian Meat Council, Livestock Markets Association of Canada, and Provincial Governments.
- ⇒ Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) provided a highlevel history of the proposed regulatory amendment, including objectives and rationale
- ⇒ Pre-publication of the regulations in Canada Gazette I is proposed for Winter 2023, followed by a 90-day comment period.
- ⇒ An Online Regulatory Consultation System (ORCS) will be available to review the proposed regulations and submit comments directly.

- **September 22, 2022 – IGAC (Industry-Government Advisory Committee) Livestock Group Discussion**

- ⇒ Purpose of meeting was for industry representatives to understand each others' perspectives in advance of the IGAC meeting so they can speak with a uniform voice.
- ⇒ Roundtable discussion of Regulatory readiness, opinions, and process
- ⇒ CFIA will use the time period after the comment period (between CG1 and CG2) to actively consult with sectors based on the comments received. CFIA has committed to being open and transparent with changes made to the regulations between CG1 and CG2.

- **September 16, 2022 – IGAC (Industry-Government Advisory Committee) Management Group Online Meeting**

- ⇒ IGAC has been largely inactive for the last 5 years
- ⇒ Reviewed agenda for main IGAC meeting and discussed IGAC charter and memberships
- ⇒ Formal consultations on the regulatory proposal took place in 2015.
- ⇒ Industry participated and helped shape the proposal. Industry also provided letters of support to move forward, but the process was continually postponed. IGAC meeting is critical in moving the proposal to Canada Gazette I, which will give stakeholders the opportunity to put forward formal comments. No stakeholder wants to go back to a full consultation.
- ⇒ Plan is to have more frequent meetings of the IGAC Management Group

- **May 2022 – CFIA updated its forward regulatory plan for traceability. The plan is for the amendments to the Health of Animals Regulations, Part XV (livestock identification and traceability) to go into Canada Gazette 1 in Winter 2023. There will then be a formal 90 day comment period on the draft regulations.**

- ⇒ Further info: https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/acts-and-regulations/forward-regulatory-plan/2022-to-2024/eng/1505738163122/1505738211563#a1_5_3
- ⇒ After comments received/implemented following publication in CG1, final regulations will be published in Canada Gazette 2 (CG2) and no further changes to regulations will be possible.

- **March, 2022** – CNGF board met with CCIA GM Anne Brunet-Burgess to touch base. CCIA is the responsible administrator for goat traceability in Canada.

⇒ CCIA's three main responsibilities:

- ◇ Database (CLTS = Canadian Livestock Tracking System) where info is received, kept safe and private, made available to CFIA
- ◇ Indicators – tags, leg bands – CCIA's support includes dealing with complaints and concerns
- ◇ Communication – main goal is to teach/help everyone to be compliant with traceability regulations. This includes teaching how to report information to the database. CCIA are not enforcers or regulators – that is CFIA's role.

PREMISES ID

Register and identify your premises with your provincial or territorial government:
[Premises Identification - Canadian Food Inspection Agency \(canada.ca\)](https://www.canada.ca/en/food-inspection-agency/services/premises-identification.html)

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As always for best results, a user should refresh and reboot their computers regularly and delete cookies. It is recommended to use the Firefox browser (v. 81 or higher). We also remind you that the CCIA Webstore cannot be accessed with mobile devices.

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A little about CCIA

Firstly, we are not government. We are an industry-initiated, not-for-profit organization incorporated to establish a national livestock identification database known as the Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS). CLTS account holders are able to report important information to the database such as animal identification, premises identification and movement of the animal.

CCIA supports the efficient traceback and containment of serious animal health and food safety concerns, by working closely with government, primary producers and dealers, as well as other livestock organizations.

Our main responsibilities include:

- Maintaining the CLTS database
- ALL THINGS tags (animal indicators)
- Communicate regulation changes and news

Why new traceability regulations?

What we mean by Traceability
Traceability is the ability to follow an item or a group of items – be it animal, plant, food products or ingredient – from one point in the supply chain to another, either backwards or forwards.

Traceability systems are used for many things, including the protection of animal health, and food safety. They can help reduce response time, thereby limiting economic, environmental and social impacts of emergency situations such as disease outbreaks and environmental disasters such as floods, fires and pipeline bursts.

Now that we understand why Traceability is important... let's talk regulations:
The main reasons for federal regulatory changes are to increase Canada's ability in responding to health threats and other emergencies and improve traceability nationally. CFIA is proposing amendments to the Part XV of the Federal Health of

Animals Regulations that are expected in 2020.

Proposed regulations will likely affect ALL producers.
Current regulations focus on Animal Identification; all cattle/sheep/bison must be tagged with an approved tag/indicator prior to moving from their current location or leaving their farm of origin. The proposed regulations are expected to include goats to be individually identified as well. Also under the proposed regulations, when ruminants, including goats, are moved from a departure site to a destination site, the operator of the destination site would be required to report the individual animal ID's, the premises identification number (PID) of the departure site and the date and time at which the animals were loaded and the vehicle's information at the destination site. The main objective for information accompanying animals is to support the operator of the destination site being compliant with this requirement.

The Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) your goat industry traceability partner, has been selected as the responsible administrator for goats in every province.

In preparation for the proposed federal regulations, CCIA is offering pre-approved tags (indicators) to goat producers exclusively through our webstore at tags.canadaid.ca

For more information, visit canadaid.ca or contact us at: 1-877-909-2333 info@canadaid.ca

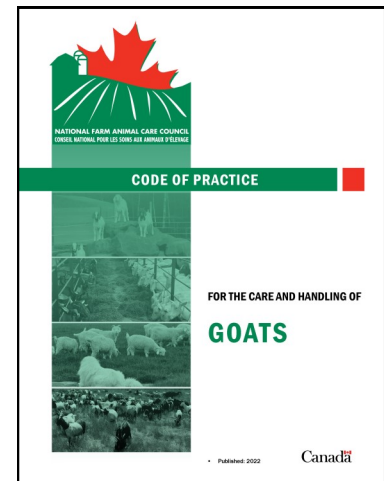
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What is the difference between CFIA and CCIA?
To put it simply, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) creates and enforces all national livestock regulations and acts as the governing body. The Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) is a CFIA appointed Responsible Administrator and is here to support industry by managing the CLTS database and providing tools and information for data capture.

TRACEABILITY RESOURCE
CANADIAN CATTLE IDENTIFICATION AGENCY

Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Goats

- Final digital version of the goat Code of Practice released on November 18, 2022 and is now available on the NFACC (National Farm Animal Care Council) website: <https://www.nfacc.ca/codes-ofpractice/goats>
- Printed copies of the Code distributed early in 2023 to provincial contacts – Ontario Goat is storing extra copies for future distribution.
- Downloadable version will always be available online
- CNGF acknowledges and thanks all participating goat producers for their time and for their contribution to the new code from beginning to end, especially those who volunteered all of their time over three years of this project – Rob Schill (SK), Jean-Philippe Jolin (QC), Theresa Bergeron (ON) and Peter Kerkvliet (ON). The code will be richer because it includes a broader range of content from across Canada.
- The Code of Practice outlines the minimum standards to provide responsible care for goats; the last Code was published in 2003.
- CNGF funded the Code of Practice liaison position and actively solicited sponsorships from industry partners and associations to assist with this funding.



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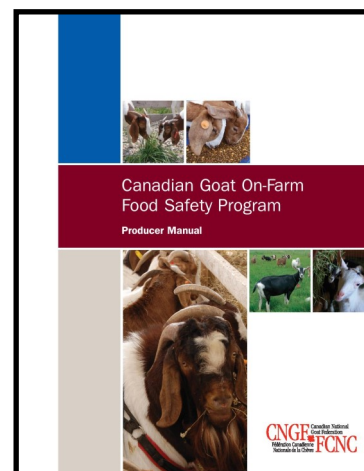
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On-Farm Food Safety

- Technical FSRP (Food Safety Recognition Program) Review of Changes for CNGF OFFS Program completed in February 2022 – must be completed every 18 months to maintain status of a technically reviewed food safety program – no changes were made to the current CNGF OFFS Manual.
- Review of the Food Safety Recognition Program
 - ⇒ The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) recently contracted a consultant to undertake a review of the Food Safety Recognition Program (FSRP). The FSRP provides federal government recognition of on-farm and post-farm food safety assurance systems developed and implemented by national industry organizations (NIO) in order to enhance food safety, maintain the confidence of Canadian consumers and facilitate market access.
 - ⇒ The recent review was the first formal assessment of the program since its inception in 2001. The consultant did both material research and conducted interviews with key program stakeholders to acquire information for analysis purposes.
 - ◇ Program Effectiveness: This review found that the FSRP remains highly effective in ensuring that food safety systems developed by industry through national industry organizations meet federal government standards, that they are audited regularly, and meet consumer and industry demands and requirements.
 - ◇ Jurisdictional Oversight: The review also found that the program has tremendous benefit for and impact on producers (farmers). While there is a limited number of NIOs in Canada, the impact of the food safety program benefits tens of thousands of Canadian producers, thereby giving the federal government access and influence at the farm level, which is outside their jurisdiction.
 - ⇒ Some of the recommendations made by the consultant to the CFIA for consideration when modernizing the FSRP:
 - ◇ The CFIA should consider expanding the scope of the FSRP to include other assurance programs in the areas of biosecurity, traceability, sustainability, animal welfare, etc.
 - ◇ The FSRP should be appropriately resourced to allow for expansion and the modernization, streamlining and digitization of all program materials, and manuals be updated and undertaken in the context of this revised scope and mandate.
 - ◇ The CFIA should address the issue of program visibility not only within the CFIA itself, but with OGDs, including provincial and territorial governments, as well, ensuring that the FSRP is included in the Agency's Departmental Results Framework.



Misc. Activities

- **May 18, 2022** – CFIA Ruminant Export Specialist introductory meeting with CNGF Executive
 - ⇒ New Ruminant Export Specialist, Animal Import and Export Division of International Affairs Branch, CFIA – Dr Sujinder Bhachoo DVM, MVSc

- ⇒ From Dr Bhachoo: “USDA has officially told us that with regard to Export of sheep or goats for Breeding or Production from Canada to the USA(HA1944) they are ready to issue import permit and the certificate will be validated shortly in our system. I will update you as soon as the certificate goes live.”
- ⇒ CNGF reps indicated on the call that import was the priority at this point for Canadian producers so no pressing export issues to bring forward.

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. “

No amendments to the CMGA by-laws were received for the 2023 AGM.

Return on the proposal to be able to use official tags instead of tattoos

For the 2022 AGM, there was a proposal submitted about recognizing the CCIA traceability tags as a unique identification instead of tattoos. The tags could replace both the left and right ears tattoo. The breeder would then have a choice between the original tattoo identification or the CCIA approved tags to register meat goats.

Here’s an update:

- We have to wait for the publication of the official ID & traceability regulations to change our bylaws to make sure they are in line with them.
- The tag pairs would consist of one RFID Shearwell tag (official and orange) and one NON-RFID Shearwell tag (non-official and black).
- The pairs would be sold in bags of 20 (cost to be determined).
- Replacement for either tag (official and non-official) would be requested to CCIA by filling out a form and provided by Shearwell for a cost to be determined.

So from CCIA’s perspective the double-tagging is doable and would need to be done with Shearwell tags.



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