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**2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

*Annual Report*

February 26<sup>th</sup> • Webinar



**2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**FEBRUARY 26 • WEBINAR**

- 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 2024 budget
    - Appointment of the Auditor
  - ◇ Production Committee
  - ◇ Show Committee
  - ◇ Youth Committee
  - ◇ Ad & Promo Committee
  - ◇ General Manager Report
    - ◇ Presentation of the online registration interface
  - ◇ CNGF Report
  - ◇ Constitution Committee
- 6. Introduction of 2024 CMGA Board of Directors**
- 7. Items from the floor**
- 8. Adjournment**

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# President's Message

Welcome all to our 2024 Canadian Meat Goat Association Annual General Meeting!

It's hard to believe another year has passed by. Last year, it was great to be able to meet in person again and offer an educational portion to the meeting.

Some positives to look at over the last year has been maintaining membership numbers and an increase in purebred/Canadian purebred registered animals. Also, the Integrated Genetic Services for Small Ruminants project brought the development of a genetic evaluation program for meat goats and the perspective that meat goat breeders will finally be able to register their goat online instead of having to deal with piles of papers. Also, in 2023, a full slate of sanctioned and non sanctioned meat goat shows demonstrated an increase in some numbers especially for the youth shows! Despite these positive developments, in 2024 we will be presenting a negative budget. Now is the time for CMGA to invest in its Type Evaluation program and improve its visibility with the hope of increasing membership and registration revenue.

What a wonderful board of directors we have to work with as well as our general manager. We will all be returning this year to keep working ahead on projects this year. Thank you to you all as we couldn't run without your many volunteer hours and to Catherine keeping us all organized.



Becky Vissers  
President

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## 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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# 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.

## *2023 Board of Directors*

<b>President</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Directors at Large</b>
Becky Vissers	Jasmin Bautz	Brianna Miller
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	Ashley Priest
Sarah James	Ruth Ryckman	Rick Patterson

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# 4. 2023 AGM Meeting Minutes

*Minutes of the Canadian Meat Goat Association AGM February 25, 2023*

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## Canadian Meat Goat Association Annual General Meeting

February 25, 2023  
CALEDONIA, ONTARIO

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 am EST by Rob Schill.

2. Introductions of Board and staff

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 Ashley Priest and SECONDED by Anna Haupt that the agenda be approved as presented.

The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

4. Approval of the 2022 AGM Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY Sarah James and SECONDED by Brianna Miller that the minutes from the 2022 AGM be approved as presented.

The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

5. Committee Reports

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

**a. Financial**

Catherine presented the financial report.

When presenting the youth project line, Catherine asked if selling clothes with the CMGA logo was a good option because it did not have a great success in 2023. Opinions were that it was a good idea because it allows greater visibility for CMGA. Catherine mentioned that tuques and hats were back order with the supplier, but according to comments it seemed that they would be a great sell. Catherine then asked if people knew the CMGA was selling clothing and a lot of people said that they did not know. And then Catherine asked about the best way to advertise clothing, and a lot of people responded Facebook. Catherine commented that the clothes were advertised on Facebook and asked if people knew that the CMGA had a Facebook page, and the answer was no from a lot of them. It was also suggested that separate emails be sent to advertise clothing. Another suggestion was that clothes be readily available when people would need it.

When presenting the AGM revenue line, Catherine mentioned that even if the event was online, there was a good response from sponsors. She wanted to thank them, and she also mentioned that the most of these sponsors are those who support the organization year after year.

Regarding the expense line on the Meat Goat Journal, Catherine mentioned that there's a reflection at the board level about publishing the Meat Goat Journal online only because it would cost less. It was proposed that it could be a temporary measure to get back on track. There was also a comment on the



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fact that the paper copy added value to the membership, especially for the associate membership. It was also said that the board should consider the sponsors before taking that decision, that sponsors signed for a paper copy. One other suggestion was to publish a yearly copy, with more pages, with the review of the year and articles.

Regarding the DNA testing, one suggested that we see with Neogene, a new lab in Edmonston.

- *Approval of the Treasurer's report*

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

The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

When the budget was presented, it was suggested that the Journal be published all in black and white.

*Approval of the firm appointment for the review of 2023 financial statements*

IT WAS MOVED BY Sarah James and SECONDED by Ruth Ryckman that Raymond-Chabot-Grand-Thornton (RCGT) in La Pocatière be appointed for the 2024 CMGA financial review.

The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

**b. Production**

Brianna Miller presented the Production report.

**c. Show Committee**

Sarah presented the Show Committee report.

Sarah announced the 2022 CMGA Canadian Show Champions as follows:

**Purebred Buck:** Du Biquet Phoenix - owned by Chèvrerie Du Biquet

**Purebred Doe:** Du Biquet Alliance - owned by Chèvrerie Du Biquet

**Percentage Doe:** Dozen Roses Jube Jube - owned by Dozen Roses Farm

**Commercial Doe:** Dozen Roses Hailey - owned by Dozen Roses Farm

**d. Youth Committee**

Jasmin presented the Youth Committee Report.

Jasmin announced the winners of the Youth Point Chase award:

**Honourable mention:** Kara Shapton

**Runner up:** Sophia Graham

**First place:** Sarah Kay

The Youth Point Chase will continue for 2024. Attendees were encouraged to get youth involved in showing goats.

**e. Ad & Promo Committee**

Anna presented the Ad & Promo Report.

**f. General Manager's Report**

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Catherine presented the General Manager's Report.

**g. CNGF Report**

Catherine presented the CNGF Report

**h. Constitution Committee**

Ruth presented the Constitution Committee report.

6. 2023 Board of Directors

Rob Schill introduced the 2023 Board of Directors: Sarah James, Jasmin Bautz, Brianna Miller, Ruth Ryckman and Ashley Priest. With Rob's resignation from the Board, there are 2 positions available on the Board.

7. New business

An idea of promoting the CMGA through door/mailbox signs was proposed.

8. Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY Sarah James that the meeting be adjourned at 12:15am EST.

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## 5.1 Financial Report

On pages 10 and 11, you will find the figures from 2023 Budget VS 2023 Actual.

Notes regarding 2023 revenue and costs:

### Income

- Sponsorship-Youth Project: no revenue for this activity in 2023.
- Meat Goat Journal advertising: a little bit lower than what was budgeted. We lost one advertiser in 2023.
- AGM Income: It was an in-person AGM in 2023. We had expected more revenue from registration, but sponsorship revenue was above what we have budgeted leaving an amount of about \$2,200 less than expected.
- Type Evaluation Program: no campaign this year due to lack of participation
- Membership revenue: We are almost on target, \$200 less than expected, i.e. three fewer members than in 2022.
- Office cost reimbursement: PayPal fees from a Meat Goat Journal subscription
- Show fees are less than expected because one show had to be cancelled and received a partial refund.
- Registration: the activities are up for about \$5,263 than what was expected.
  - ⇒ “This is a very nice surprise! At the AGM last year, I did a speech on the importance of membership and registration revenue for our organisation. A speech on the fact that I would have liked that all members take a part of responsibility of this revenue, that the more revenue we collectively help to collect, the more our organisation will be able to better support our members and I think I was heard.”
- Sales (mainly MGJ subscriptions): are better than what was expected for about \$115.
- Project on integration of genetic services (CASPP-058): this is our participation to the project into the different committees. This revenue is saving our bottom line.
- Total income is about \$400 lower than what was budgeted.

### Expenses

- AGM Expenses: total AGM expenses were about \$2,700 lower than what was expected.
- Board expenses: mainly teleconference, expenses are right into the budget.
- CMGA Shows: cost of ribbons was lower than budgeted. We have a new ribbon supplier whose costs are lower.
- Type Evaluation Program: the campaign was cancelled, so no expenses accounted for this department.
- General manager salary: actual reflects what was budgeted.
- Meat Goat Journal: The Winter 2023 journal fee are not accounted for in 2023 because the Journal was published in 2024. However, I did the exercise of adding the quotes estimated for the work and have added the amounts to the Summer 2023 journal fees, and the final amount is right on budget. But these fees will have to be added to the 2024 budget which will impact 2024 revenues.
- Membership expenses: CLRC Levies is higher than expected because we had more registration activities.
- Office expenses:
  - ⇒ Accounting and legal: the \$3,000 budgeted will be paid this year for 2023 year end accounting. The \$2,600 amount is what we paid in 2023 for 2022 financial review.
  - ⇒ Website: a little bit higher than expected due to a bug we had with the website that had to be fixed early in 2023.
  - ⇒ QuickBooks: fees have raised from \$66 to 72\$ in May 2023.
- Registration expenses (DNA testing): higher than expected. The fees have raised from \$31 USD to \$32 USD in 2023 plus the increase in the exchange rate. In 2024, we will switch to a Canadian lab, Bureau Veritas, that will allow a



## 5.1 Financial Report (to be continued)

fixed cost which will not be subject to variation in the exchange rate.

- **Uncategorized Expenses:**
  - Banking expenses: the actual amount is close to what was budgeted.
  - Le Consortium Membership: the amount is \$100 higher than expected because of the membership of Le Consortium. Le Consortium is a cooperative that provides all kind of services to non-for-profit organisations at a reduced cost. You will see later in the 2024 budget why we needed these services.
  - NFACC Code development committee: The CMGA agreed to give \$400 to the CNGF in order to finish writing and distribution of the Code of practice for goats.
  - Ministry of Finance (Ontario): is a sales tax paid on the insurance we took for the hall rent for the AGM.
- Youth project: the project prize allocated to Youth Point chase winners prize is lower than budgeted and we did not have any request for the youth support fund.
- Integrated genetic services project: the CMGA contribution to the project.
- Total expenses were about \$6,300 less than what was estimated. But we should not forget that there's a \$2,500 from the Journal that was not charged in 2023 and \$7,300 that were not charged because type evaluation did not run in 2023.
- However, the net income looks good with a surplus of \$3,536.64. It does mean that we did a good job estimating and managing the expenses, but also that we were lucky to have a revenue from the CASPP project and lucky that producers decided to register and transfer more animals in 2023.



Official Publication of the Canadian Meat Goat Association

RATE CARD - 2024 AD SPACES - MEMBERS

### Pricing

Size	1 Issue	2 Issues	Location	1 Issue	2 Issues
1/8 page (business card)	\$35	\$64	Inside front or back (full page)	\$161	\$305
1/4 page	\$55	\$98			
1/2 page	\$98	\$184			
Full page	\$136	\$260	Back cover (full page)	\$211	\$400

For ad rates for corporate and non-member clients, please contact [info@canadianmeatgoat.com](mailto:info@canadianmeatgoat.com)

The Canadian Meat Goat Journal is published twice a year. Our circulation is approximately 200 per issue. In addition, we distribute widely at shows, trade fairs, and other agricultural events. We send out free copies of the Canadian Meat Goat Journal to all inquiries.

\* Applicable taxes will be added to advertising rates.

\* The cover is in color and the inside is in black and white.

# 2023 Adopted Budget VS 2023 Actual

2023 BUDGET

2023 ACTUAL

YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$ 250,00	\$ -
ADVERTISING / PUBLICITÉ	\$ 2 500,00	\$ 2 218,00
AGM INCOME / REVENU DE L'AGA	\$ 9 050,00	\$ 6 805,00
TYPE EVALUATION / CLASSIFICATION	\$ 7 200,00	\$ -
MEMBERSHIPS / COTISATIONS	\$ 11 800,00	\$ 11 523,95
OFFICE COST REIMBURSEMENT / REMBOURSEMENT FRAIS DE BUREAU		\$ 0,90
SHOW FEES / FRAIS D'EXPOSITIONS	\$ 685,00	\$ 572,50
PAID TO CMGA / PAYÉ À L'ACCB	\$ -	\$ -
REGISTRATIONS / ENREGISTREMENTS	\$ 43 000,00	\$ 48 263,50
SALES / VENTES	\$ 165,00	\$ 279,94
INTEGRATED SERVICES (PROJECT CASPP-058)	\$ 6 000,00	\$ 10 587,50
INTEREST / INTÉRÊTS	\$ -	\$ -
CREDITS WRITTEN OFF / CRÉDITS RADIÉS	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL INCOME / REVENU TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 80 650,00</b>	<b>\$ 80 251,29</b>
<b>Expense / Dépenses</b>		
ACCOUNTS WRITTEN OFF / COMPTES RADIÉS		
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION		
<b>AGM / AGA</b>	<b>\$ 10 950,00</b>	<b>\$ 8 157,83</b>
<b>CMGA BOARD EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DU CA</b>		
Teleconferences / Conférences téléphoniques	\$ 200,00	\$ 200,00
Travel / Déplacements		
<b>BOARD EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DU CA</b>	<b>\$ 200,00</b>	<b>\$ 200,00</b>
<b>CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB</b>		
Show Ribbons / Rubans d'expo	\$ 840,00	\$ 575,68
Judges Licensing Forum / Formation de juge	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB</b>	<b>\$ 840,00</b>	<b>\$ 575,68</b>
<b>CMGA TYPE EVALUATION / CLASSIFICATION</b>		
Evaluator Fees & Expenses / Frais et dépenses des évaluateurs	\$ 7 200,00	\$ -
Forms & Handbook / Formulaires et manuels	\$ 150,00	\$ -
<b>Total CMGA TYPE EVALUATION / CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>\$ 7 350,00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE</b>		
Saslary / Salaire	\$ 26 500,00	\$ 26 499,96
General Manager - Other - Directrice générale - Autre	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE</b>	<b>\$ 26 500,00</b>	<b>\$ 26 499,96</b>

2023 Adopted Budget VS 2023 Actual (to be contiued)	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
<b>MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE</b>		
MGJ Postage / Envoi postal	\$ 350,00	\$ 395,86
MGJ Printing / Impression	\$ 1 300,00	\$ 665,00
MGJ Shipping/Handling / Port et manutention	\$ 900,00	\$ 446,00
Production and artwork / Production et graphisme	\$ 1 800,00	\$ 900,00
<b>Total MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE</b>	<b>\$ 4 350,00</b>	<b>\$ 2 406,86</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION</b>		
CLRC Levies / Charges SCEA	\$ 16 800,00	\$ 22 556,00
CLRC Miscellaneous / Divers SCEA	\$ 350,00	\$ 553,46
CLRC Credit Card Admin. / Admin. de Carte de crédit SCEA	\$ 1 300,00	\$ 1 313,94
CLRC Annual Service Fee / Frais de service annuels SCEA	\$ 600,00	\$ 600,00
<b>Total MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION</b>	<b>\$ 19 050,00</b>	<b>\$ 25 023,40</b>
<b>OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU</b>		
Accounting and Legal / Comptabilité et frais juridiques	\$ 3 000,00	\$ 2 600,00
Office supplies and equipment / Équipement et matériel de bureau	\$ 50,00	\$ 38,17
Postage / Poste	\$ 350,00	\$ 340,43
Telephone - Internet / Téléphone	\$ 330,00	\$ 328,91
Website / Site Internet	\$ 1 020,00	\$ 1 189,90
Quickbooks	\$ 750,00	\$ 840,00
Enterprise Registrar / Registraire entreprises	\$ 36,00	\$ 37,00
<b>Total OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU</b>	<b>\$ 5 536,00</b>	<b>\$ 5 374,41</b>
<b>REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS</b>		
DNA Testing / Testage AND	\$ 3 000,00	\$ 3 691,56
<b>Total REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 3 000,00</b>	<b>\$ 3 691,56</b>
<b>UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES</b>		
Bank Service Charges / Charge service bancaire	\$ 350,00	\$ 318,32
CNGF Membership / Cotisation FCNC	\$ 1 125,00	\$ 1 125,00
Le Consortium Membership / Adhésion Le Consortium	\$ -	\$ 100,00
NFACC Code developpement committee	\$ 400,00	\$ 400,00
Ministry of Finance (ON) Expense	\$ -	\$ 1,26
<b>Total UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES</b>	<b>\$ 1 875,00</b>	<b>\$ 1 944,58</b>
<b>YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE</b>		
Youth Project prize / Récompense Projet jeunesse	\$ 400,00	\$ 340,36
Youth Support Fund / Fond de support à la relève	\$ 500,00	\$ -
<b>Total YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE</b>	<b>\$ 900,00</b>	<b>\$ 340,36</b>
<b>NATIONAL INTEGRATED GENETIC SERVICES PROJECT</b>	<b>\$ 2 500,00</b>	<b>\$ 2 500,00</b>
<b>Total Expense / Dépenses</b>	<b>\$ 83 051,00</b>	<b>\$ 76 714,64</b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>-\$ 2 401,00</b>	<b>\$ 3 536,65</b>

## 2024 Budget

The 2024 budget was discussed and approved by the Board of Directors via an email motion adopted on February 23, 2024. It is presented on pages 15 and 16.

Factors influencing decisions surrounding the 2024 budget include:

- To present to our members the reality about our membership and registration revenue.
- Finding new revenue sources.
- Increase CMGA's visibility through promotion material.
- Maintain and modernize the CMGA programs and services including Type Evaluation.
- Continue to use our current communication channels to increase our visibility and possibly membership and registration activity.

## Changes to CMGA Fee Schedule—March 1st 2024

The CMGA board has voted these two changes to the CMGA Fee Schedule:

- Remove the extra fee for the registration of goats aged one year and over. Some breeders are waiting to register some doelings until they are kidded to see how maternal they are. And because the cost was higher, they would not register them. This change was made to give a chance to those breeders to register older does which contribute to herd performance improvement.
- Raise DNA testing fee from \$40 to \$42. For years, CMGA has subsidized about \$10 per test because we were charging only the lab fee which was about \$42 in 2023. But there were other fees to consider, mainly the CLRC fees for about \$11. In reality, each test would cost \$53 to the CMGA while we were charging only \$40 to the breeders. With the lab change to Bureau Veritas, \$42 will be the cost charged to CMGA and to breeders.

## No increase in CLRC unit cost for 2024

CLRC has announced that the unit cost of \$7.85 will stay the same in 2024. 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.



## CANADIAN MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

*APPROVED 2024 Budget*

**2024 BUDGET**

<b>Income / Revenu</b>	
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$8,870.00
ADVERTISING / PUBLICITÉ	\$2 300.00
AGM Income / Revenu de l'AGA	\$0.00
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	\$18,950.00
MEMBERSHIPS / COTISATIONS	\$11,500.00
SHOW FEES / FRAIS D'EXPOSITIONS	\$590,00
REGISTRATIONS / ENREGISTREMENTS	\$48,000.00
SALES / VENTES	\$280,00
INTEGRATED SERVICES (PROJECT CASPP-058) / INTÉGRATION DE SERVICES EN GÉNÉTIQUE	\$2,500.00
<b>Total Income / Revenu total</b>	<b>\$92,990.00</b>
<b>Expense / Dépenses</b>	
<b>ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION</b>	<b>\$5,324.00</b>
<b>AGM / AGA</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA</b>	
Telecon Expenses / Conférences téléphoniques	\$200.00
Travel / Déplacements	\$0.00
<b>Total CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB</b>	
Show Ribbons / Rubans	\$500.00
<b>Total CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification</b>	
Evaluator Fees & Expenses / Frais et dépenses des évaluateurs	\$7,300,00
Forms & Handbook / Formulaires et manuels	\$150,00
Type Evaluation Program Review Project / Révision du programme de classification	\$20,000.00
<b>Total CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification</b>	<b>\$27,450.00</b>
<b>GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE</b>	
Salary / Salaire	\$26 765,00
GENERAL MANAGER - Other - DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE - Autre	\$0,00
<b>Total GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE</b>	<b>\$26 765,00</b>

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## CANADIAN MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

*APPROVED 2024 Budget (continued)*

**2024 BUDGET**

<b>MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE</b>	
MGJ Postage / Envoi postal	\$627.00
MGJ Printing / Impression	\$1,500.00
MGJ Shipping/Handling / Port et manutention	\$1000.00
Production and artwork / Production et graphisme	\$2,700.00
<b>Total MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE</b>	<b>\$5,827.00</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION</b>	
CLRC Levies / Charges SCEA	\$22,560.00
CLRC Miscellaneous / Divers SCEA	\$560.00
CLRC Credit Card Admin. / Admin. de Carte de crédit SCEA	\$1,320.00
CLRC Annual Service Fee / Frais de service annuel SCEA	\$600.00
<b>Total MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION</b>	<b>\$25,040.00</b>
<b>OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU</b>	
Accounting and Legal / Comptabilité et frais juridiques	\$5,900.00
Office supplies and equipment / Équipement et matériel de bureau	\$30.00
Postage / Poste	\$340.00
Telephone - Internet / Téléphone	\$408.00
Website / Site Internet	\$1,457.70
Quickbooks	\$864.00
Enterprise Registrar / Registraire entreprises	\$38,00
<b>Total OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU</b>	<b>\$9,037.70</b>
<b>REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS</b>	
DNA Testing / Testage AND	\$3,000.00
<b>Total REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES</b>	
Bank Service Charges / Charge service bancaire	\$340.00
CNGF Membership / Cotisation FCNC	\$1 125,00
<b>Total UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES</b>	<b>\$1,465.00</b>
<b>YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE</b>	
Youth Point Chase / Chasse aux points	\$340.00
Youth Support Fund / Fond de support à la relève	\$500,00
<b>Total YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE</b>	<b>\$840,00</b>
<b>NATIONAL INTEGRATED GENETIC SERVICES PROJECT</b>	
	<b>\$2 500,00</b>
<b>Total Expense / Dépenses</b>	<b>\$107,948.70</b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>-\$ 14,958.70</b>



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## 5.2 Production Committee

### **Type Evaluation**

Unfortunately, the Type evaluation campaign did not run in 2024 due to lack of participation. We only had 9 farms registering from Quebec and Ontario, one from Saskatchewan and 2 from the Maritimes for a total of 137 goats when we needed at least 225 goats on 16 farms. New this year was the opening of the program for farms from British Columbia and Maritimes.

We received a lot of interest from producers in Nova Scotia and even Newfoundland and we looked at the possibility of renting a building where interested producers could gather with their goats to have them evaluated. Given the extent of the territory to be covered for a small number of goats, we must look at this option and not just for the Maritimes, but for the entire country. This would reduce site costs for producers and travel costs for classifiers. Unfortunately, because the program did not run, we have not continued our research, but we keep this idea in mind for the future.

The results from previous Type Evaluation campaigns are available on the CMGA website: <https://canadianmeatgoat.com/type-evaluation-program/>. We also have a member, Gwen Dexter, who worked on compiling all results from previous campaigns in an Excel spreadsheet so they can be sorted depending on what information people are looking for. This file can be found at <https://gwennsgoats.com/whats-the-value-of-an-evaluation-score/>.

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.

### **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.

### **Electronic Registration of Meat Goats**

The CLRC team worked on implementing electronic registration for meat goats. There were several steps to be



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considered, but we can say that we're almost there. The last task is to develop a User's Manual to help breeders using the system. This feature should be available in the coming days/weeks. Breeders will also be able to disable the registration certificate of goats they own that died, were sold without papers, or were sent to slaughter.

This task will also introduce paperless registration certificates, meaning that the original version of the certificate will be the one that will be displayed online. Breeders will be able to print it at home or request a paper copy from the CLRC office for a certain fee. This will also allow online transfers.

Another feature provided by this task is providing breed associations with online access to the CLRC database so they can access member lists, reports, etc. Actually, all reports are generated by the CLRC team on request and notices of new or renewed membership are all sent to the CMGA office in paper format. This will alleviate the work for CLRC and reduce paper wastage resulting in costs decrease.

Ultimately, the most expected impact of this task is a progressive decrease of the cost of animal registration through the use of a more effective system and more use of electronic registration.

#### Development of a genetic evaluation system for meat goats

Another task launched by the project was the review of options for the 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. The new evaluations make use of a genetic evaluation package developed in the Netherlands (MixBLUP) which is easier to maintain than the evaluation programs currently used in Canada for sheep and dairy goats. Thus, the work opened the door for streamlining and integrating genetic evaluations for sheep and goats to increase efficiency and reduce cost. This task also permitted to incorporate CLRC data into evaluation for meat goat production and reproduction traits.

A pilot group of producers was created to test the evaluation package and calculate EBVs from the Goat Herd Improvement Program (GHIP) and Type Evaluation data. The pilot group met on April 6th where concepts of genetic evaluation were presented along with the reports that were generated. Seeing that the reports contained a lot of data and that it was difficult for them to select their animals, the producers requested that an index be created. They had already an index for conformation, so the work on a production index has been done. In 2023, Genetic Evaluation committee has also worked on a spreadsheet to collect data. Both index and spreadsheet are ready to launch at the next pilot group meeting that will be held in the week of March 18, 2024.

In 2023, the Ad-Hoc Committee was created, and discussions began on a proposal to share costs and resources for supporting breeders registered into the Genetic Evaluation Program, calculation of EBVs, data collection, breeders training, etc. The pilot group of producers will be the ones testing the proposal so it can be readjusted and improved as needed.

#### Communication

An initiative was undertaken with the guidance of the Steering Committee and the End User Software Advisory Committee to better understand how producer enrolment into sheep and goat genetic improvement programs could be increased. This led to the development of a producer survey which was sent to producers by organizations participating into the project. Results of the survey have been analyzed for meat goats and you

can find both results and analysis into the Winter 2023 edition of the Meat Goat Journal.

### Creation of the Canadian Genetic Services Network

The main objective of the Network is to develop strategies for the genetic improvement of sheep and goats in support of all Canadian producers including purebred and commercial ones and to represent the sheep and goat genetic improvement industry at the Canadian level.

Areas of activity of the Network will include genetic evaluation through genomics, promotion, and advice on participation in genetic improvement programs, coordination of genetics and genomics research, coordination of industry standards for capturing and recording data required for genetic services, and creation and maintenance of data exchange systems for the genetic improvement industry.

The project participants have also been planning to identify ways to make genetic improvement services more efficient and cost-effective in the long term. An action plan will be completed for this purpose early in 2024.

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>

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### **Registration of the Savannah Goat Breed in Canada**

The Savannah goat registration project accelerated in 2023. The committee worked on the application to be sent to AAC, on breed standards and on the resolution of a conflict that has persisted in the United States over of a buck whose DNA declared by the breeder did not match that of its parents. One registrar downgraded him and his offspring, while another registrar accepted him as a purebred Savannah. The Committee must therefore decide on this subject.

We anticipate that in 2024, we will be able to have the amendments to the CMGA Bylaws approved by the



members and Agriculture Canada, that the CLRC will be able to program its system and thus begin to register Savannah goats in 2025, or perhaps even before.

## 5.3 Show Committee

In 2023, five meat goat shows were held 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 once again that positive nervousness in the pit of the stomach during the minutes of waiting before entering the show ring. Unfortunately, the Markham Fair Show had to be cancelled due to lack of participation. So, we had one less sanctioned shows this year, five instead of six.

A total of 274 animals were shown at sanctioned events.

Shows	Purebred Boer Does	Percentage Boer Does	Purebred Boer Bucks	Commercial Does	Market Kids
<i>Expo Calixa- Lavalee</i>	16	0	12	0	0
<i>Expo St.Hyacinthe</i>	60	0	19	0	0
<i>Brome Fair</i>	54	0	19	0	0
<i>Norfolk County Fair</i>	18	3	3	9	0
<i>RAWF</i>	30	5	6	17	3
<b>Totals for 2023 (5 shows)</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Totals for 2022 (6 shows)</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>

The winners of the 2023 Canadian Show Champions contest are:

**Purebred Boer Doe:** Belles Amours Paige, owned by Chèvrerie des Belles Amours

**Percentage Doe:** Barnsdale Just in Time, owned by Barnsdale Acres

**Commercial Doe:** Boundary KitKat, owned by Sarah Shapton

**Purebred Buck:** Galiman JimLou, owned by Ferme Jocelyn Urbain

Galiman JimLou was also nominated Permanent Champion in 2023 because he met all the conditions required to win this title

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.

## 5.4 Youth Committee

By Jasmin Bautz

### Youth Point Chase

We had a wonderful participation to youth shows this season with 71 kids who participated to 6 sanctioned or open meat goat shows. Thanks to the participants, but also to the parents who transport, encourage and support them.

We are very pleased to announce the winners of the 2023 Youth Point Chase: Our Honorable Mention is **Andie Jane**

**Moodie**, from ON, well done! Our Runner-Up is **Sophia Graham**, from ON, for a second year in a row. Great job! Our Winner is **Braelei James**, also from ON, congratulations!

### 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 2024, 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 2024 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 Rick Patterson

In 2023, the Ad & Promo Committee worked on a sign model so that our members can display their pride in being part of the CMGA on their mailbox, their farm building or any other location. This will also improve the visibility of the organization and perhaps attract new members.





*Permanent champion 2023*  
**Galiman JimLou**



*Champion permanent 2023*  
Champion Canadien 2023  
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## 5.6 General Manager

### 2023 AGM

The 2023 CMGA AGM was held on February 25th, 2023, in Caledonia at the Riverside Exhibition Center on the Caledonia Fairgrounds. The theme of the event was “Taking the meat goat industry to the next level”, i.e., to an increased level of income, a better knowledge and comprehension of meat goat production and, by extension, an increased autonomy of producers so that they are able to become profitable and sustainable businesses leaders.

39 participants attended the meeting either in person or online. The event was livestreamed for anyone who wanted to attend. In addition to the AGM, we attended conferences from Jillian Craig, OMAFRA, Keith Todd, Todd Sheep Company and CBSA President, Emma Borkowski, assistant professor at the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph, Dr. Cathy Bauman, myself, Catherine Michaud, CMGA General Manager and a panel of producers where participants learned about what is working for them, what are their challenges, and opportunities and what is important to them when they are purchasing breeding does and bucks.

Lunch was provided by the catering team of the Caledonia Agricultural Society, and it was delicious!

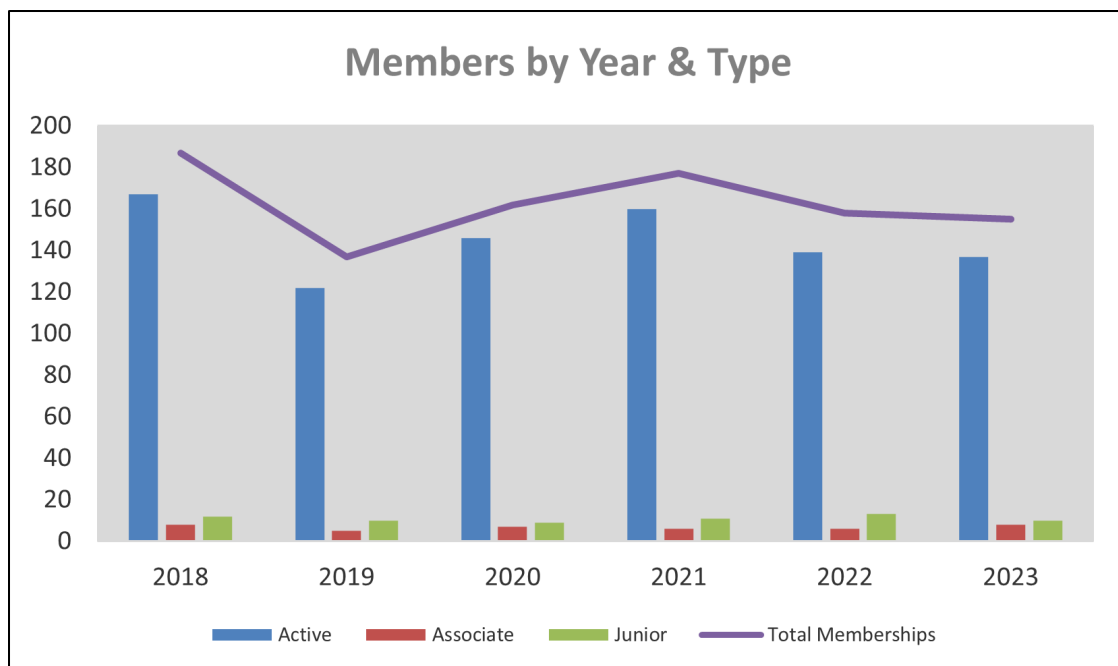
The after AGM has been mainly busy participating in the development of our future genetic evaluation program and preparing for the registration of Savannah goats in Canada.

### Meat Goat Journal and other media

In 2023, the publication of the Journal continued with one editions in July and the winter issue had to be delayed until early January due to excess work at the CMGA office. We also published 3 CMGA Express in May, July and October. The goal was to send a monthly newsletter, but unfortunately it was not possible to achieve this objective. If you have any suggestions for topics to cover in the journal or in the CMGA Express or even to post on our Facebook page, let me know. Or maybe you feel like writing an article, it's still possible.

### Membership

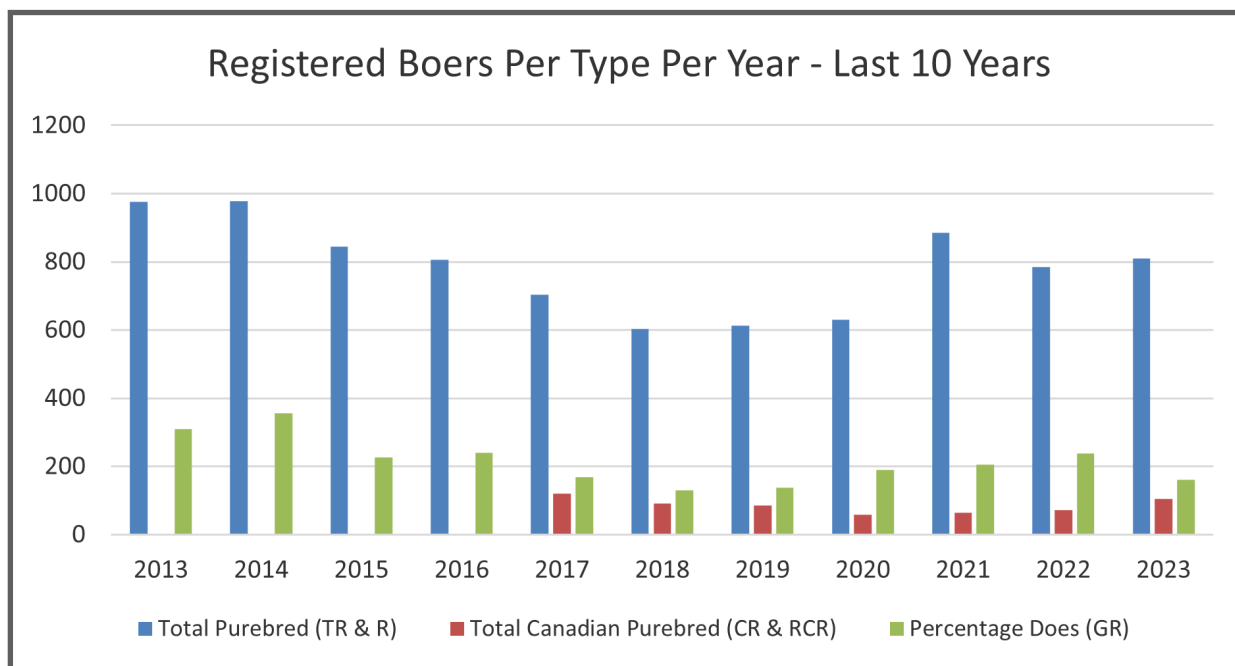
After a great decline in membership in 2022, it looks like this descent has stabilized since we had approximately the same number of members in 2023. The following table is showing membership variations for the last 5 years.



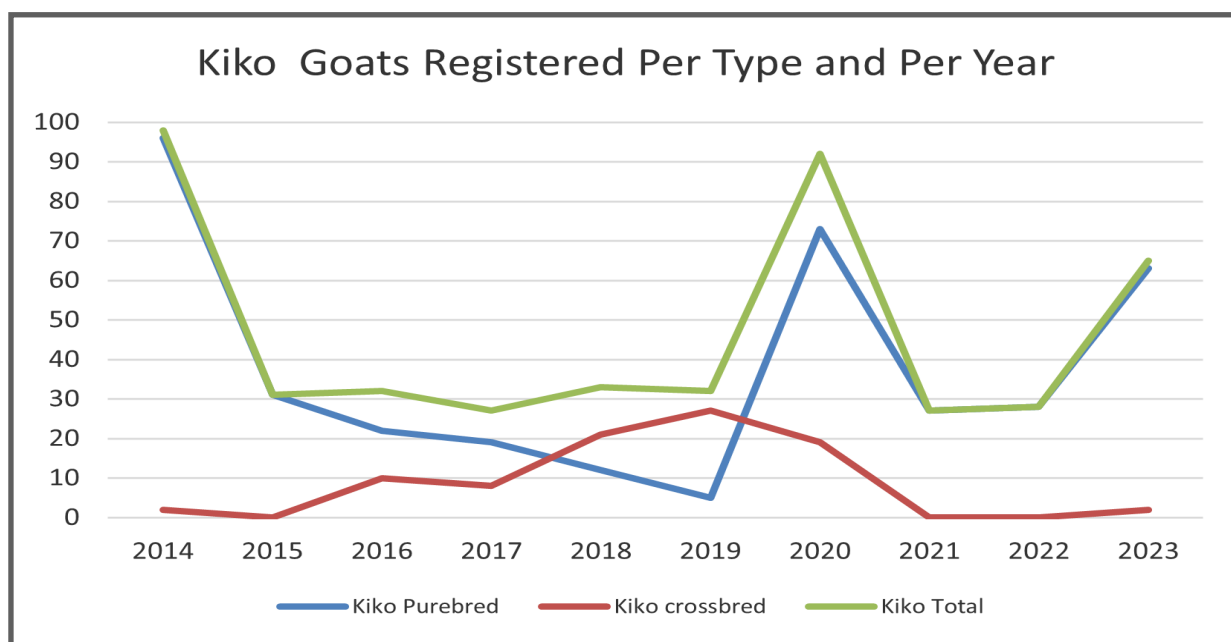
The list of CMGA members is still available on the CMGA website. Updates are made as members renew their membership or as new members join the organization. Please ensure your contact information is up to date by contacting the office with any changes. If you would like to have some information removed from your contact information, please let me know.

### Registrations

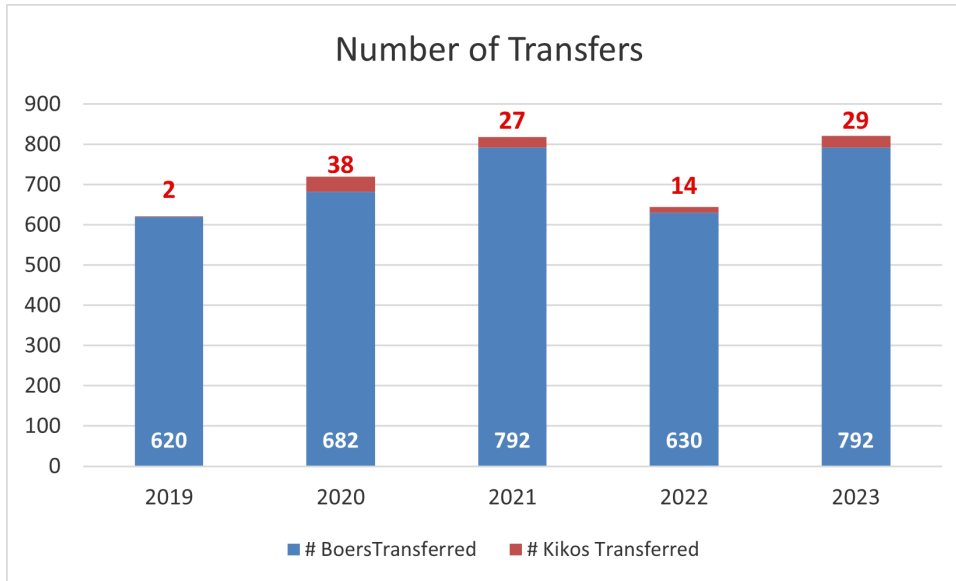
After a decrease of about a hundred purebred Boer goats in 2022 while crossbred goats registered increased, we saw the opposite in 2023. The total number of purebred and percentage Boer goats saw a slight increase of respectively 26 and 32 goats in 2023, while the registration of percentage does decreased. 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 Kiko goats registered has increased in 2023, mainly for purebreds.



Regarding transfers, the number have increased in 2023 for both Boer and Kiko goats, back to year 2021 level.



In 2024, 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 fourth 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. In 2023, we have tried to increase the number of newsletters. The goal was one per month, but it took too much time and finally we managed to present 3 plus the other more official communications required by our bylaws. It was also hard to find producers to be featured in our Producer Spotlight section. We also tried to increase our presence on our Facebook page.

Regarding the strategic objective on setting up an electronic registration system, we're almost there and within the next few weeks, we will send you the user's manual and you can start to register your goats online.

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

The strategic objective of reviewing the actual CMGA judges training program procedure to obtain a full CMGA judging licence will not be addressed. The CMGA show committee has decided instead to allow judges accredited to judge dairy goats to be trained to judge meat goats. In 2024, the priority is going to be put on reviewing the actual CMGA type evaluators' training protocol to be able to qualify more evaluators and to migrate to a paperless service.

Regarding the strategic objective on finding an alternative to the actual GHIP program, we can say that we have met the objective because we are developing a genetic evaluation program.

*Goal #3: to promote producers' education.*

The strategic objective under this goal is to set up webinar training for producers. We did not start any activity from this objective yet. However, for 2024, the last year of our 2020-2024, we have decided to forward to our members and to advertise on our website the information on all training initiative from extension programs or other organisations.

*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 2023 the balance was

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positive, but some 2023 costs have been reported in 2024. Furthermore, the board still has to find other sources of income to stop rely only on registration/ membership revenue only. What we can say is that the General Manager keeps the board updated on the finances and that the board is trying to be fiscally responsible.

*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 distribute paper copies of the Code, but could do better. For 2024, we will look at some parts of the Code that we can highlight through our publications

*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, and the board is wondering if it's because breeders do not want to be bothered by unwanted visitors. New goat meat recipes are hard to find and some sites publishing recipes often don't want to give permission to publish into our Journal. Some work still has to be realised such as videos, goat meat cuts diagram, etc.

In 2024, the board has agreed on some initiatives to promote goat meat:

- Publish reminders on our Facebook page or on our website about the different holidays where goat met is preferred.
- Highlight restaurants that serve goat meat.
- Promote the recipes that are already on our website.

The 2020-2024 CMGA Strategic Plan in 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.

## 5.7 Report from the CNGF



### **CNGF Office**

- The CNGF board had a change their executive with Kerry O'Donnell stepping down from her position as Treasurer. Myles Taylor of SK has stepped up into this role. As you may all know, Kerry has become the CGS Executive Director.
- CNGF membership fees for 2024 will be the same as for 2023, 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

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- ⇒ \$900 for over 50 members
  - ⇒ \$1125 for national organizations (CMGA, CGS)

### **Traceability**

- No advancements or more information spread regarding the traceability and identification program.
- Allflex has indicated that the Allflex OS Combi tag for goats will be discontinued. This tag, while supplied through Allflex, is manufactured in Europe. These tags are no longer being made and Allflex has no inventory left. However, sitting at CCIA there are still 145 packages. This is enough stock, given normal sales every year, to last for two more years.
- CCIA want to reiterate that upcoming traceability regulations will not be affected by this discontinued tag, and CNGF is reassuring this to all their members. Since there are five other viable approved tags on the market (3 RFID, 2 Visual), losing just one will not jeopardize the whole traceability program.
- CCIA is working with CNGF to reach out to Allflex regarding a couple other options that are currently in their inventory that may work for goats. While this is not a short-term solution, there may be other options available in the future.

### **Updates on Scrapie**

- There was a Scrapie information session meeting that took place in November. It was a frustrating meeting with CFIA wanting to implement strict rules about what and where Scrapie certified flocks can sell stock to and buy from.
- Producers and the CNGF board were upset with the lack of testing, relevancy and communication from CFIA on this issue. CNGF is looking into other options that will decrease the amount of healthy goats euthanized for no reason.
- The Scrapie genotyping project is continuing to take shape thanks to the help of CNGF VP Mallory Kaiser and DVM Melissa Moggy, among others. Trials for this project are hopefully starting soon!
- The committee will be looking for funding for the project in which they are trying to replicate a similar genotyping project performed in the USA. That trial tested 0.1% of all goats in America, whereas our Canadian project is looking to test 5% in each province and territory. The tests will be completed through Goat Gen and free for all participating producers, with sufficient sponsorship funding. CNGF will work to distribute trial information to its member organizations as soon as it becomes available.

### **Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) - Disease Modelling**

- Cecilia met with CFIA to discuss a project they are working on to create disease modelling (emergency action plan) for the outbreak of a Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) case in Canada.
- Currently, Canada is FMD free and does not even vaccinate for this as there is no risk.
- The last known case was found in Saskatchewan in 1952. As well, there is no foresight to suspect another case



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anytime soon. That being said, the idea of creating disease modelling is to be ready in case of an emergency outbreak.

- Currently, they are prepared for a FMD outbreak to have vaccine roll outs and quarantine protocols within 48 hours of a case.

## 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 2024 AGM:

1. The first proposed amendment is proposing the amendment of the CMGA Constitution to allow for electronic registration and transfer of goats removing the obligation for the Registrar to issue a paper version of the registration certificate in order to register a goat or to receive the paper version of the registration certificate in order to transfer a goat.
2. The second amendments propose to add the option for the members to be able to elect CMGA directors through an electronic ballot.
3. The third amendment would allow notices calling any General Meeting and board of directors meeting to be sent by electronic means for members who provide an email address.
4. The fourth amendment is about allowing all CMGA members to vote by mail or electronically on proposed amendments prior to the Annual General Meeting.
5. The fifth amendment allows for junior members of 18 years old to be included in the definition of a voting member.
6. The sixth amendment would allow breeders to choose between the approved livestock indicators for goats from the national Livestock Identification and Traceability Program or the tattoo as currently used to register their goats.

### **Bylaw amendment #1: Allowing electronic registration and transfer of goats**

#### **Rationale:**

- Considering that the CLRC has now developed the service for the meat goat sector;
- Considering that electronic registration and transfer will bring cost reductions for breeders;
- Considering that the paper version of the certificate of registration will be considered as a copy of the original certificate;

The CMGA board of directors is proposing these changes to the CMGA bylaws:

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**ARTICLE XIX – TRANSFERS, paragraph 2, shall read:**

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

2) Application for registration of a change of ownership must be made on the forms approved by the Board of Directors, accompanied by the existing certificate of registration and must give the date of sale, name and address of purchaser. In the case of a bred female, service information must be completed, and if natural service—signature of the owner of the natural service sire at the time of breeding must be provided. If by AI service, full and complete artificial insemination information must be provided and a semen certificate, if applicable, signed by authorized agent, must be submitted. In the event the breeding information is proven to be incomplete or in error, the owner of the doe at the time of breeding shall be responsible for correction and costs of full DNA parentage verification testing.

**Amended to read (withdrawals in red, additions in blue)**

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

2) Application for registration of a change of ownership must be made on the forms approved by the Board of Directors, ~~accompanied by the existing certificate of registration~~, and must give the date of sale, name, and address of purchaser. In the case of a bred female, service information must be completed, and if natural service—signature of the owner of the natural service sire at the time of breeding must be provided. If by AI service, full and complete artificial insemination information must be provided and a semen certificate, if applicable, signed by authorized agent, must be submitted. In the event the breeding information is proven to be incomplete or in error, the owner of the doe at the time of breeding shall be responsible for correction and costs of full DNA parentage verification testing. [Change of ownership can either be completed electronically or by mail by endorsing the back of the original Certificate of Registration which must be forwarded to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation with the application for transfer.](#)

**ARTICLE XIX - TRANSFERS, paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 shall read:**

4) Dead Animals: A notation in ink shall be placed on the face of the certificate stating that the animal died and the date. This certificate shall then be forwarded to the Registrar.

5) Animals sold for Slaughter: “Sold for Slaughter” as well as the date of sale is to be indicated on the certificate which is to be returned to the Registrar.

6) Animals sold without Certificates: “Sold as Grade” as well as the date of sale is to be indicated on the certificate which is to be returned to the Registrar.

**Amended to read (additions in blue)**

4) Dead Animals: [For paper certificates in circulation](#), a notation in ink shall be placed on the face of the certificate stating that the animal died and the date. This certificate shall then be forwarded to the Registrar. [The owner of the animal can also notice the registrar though their profile on the CLRC website.](#)

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## Bylaw amendment #2: Elections of CMGA directors through an electronic ballot

### Rationale:

- Considering that today there are secure electronic means that allow online voting;
- Considering that the vast majority of our members have access to an internet connection and have an email account;
- Considering that votes by mail incur postage costs and handling time which could be allocated to other activities;

The CMGA board of directors is proposing these changes to the CMGA bylaws:

### ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS, section 1 a) shall read:

#### 1) Election

- a) A Board of Directors, who shall be Canadian residents and who shall be elected by mail ballot by voting members in good standing, shall manage the affairs of the Association.
- i. Nominations for directors shall be submitted to the Association office or to the President and the deadline for such nominations shall be 90 days prior to the general meeting.
  - ii. Mail ballots shall be forwarded to each voting member a minimum of 60 days prior to the general meeting.
  - iii. Completed ballots shall be returned by mail to an independent third party, as designated by the Board of Directors, no less than 30 days prior to the general meeting.
  - iv. Newly elected Directors shall be announced at the general meeting each year and shall assume office upon completion of that meeting.

### Amended to read (withdrawals in red, additions in blue)

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## Bylaw amendment #3: Notices calling general meetings and board of directors meeting to be sent by electronic means

### Rationale:

- Considering that the vast majority of our members have access to an internet connection and have an email account;

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- Considering that votes by mail incur postage costs and handling time which could be allocated to other activities;

The CMGA board of directors is proposing these changes to the CMGA bylaws:

**ARTICLE XI – Notices, paragraph 1 and 2 shall read:**

1) Notice calling any General Meeting shall be mailed at least thirty (30) days in advance of the General Meeting to each of the members at his last known post office address appearing in the books of the Association. In the event of the Association publishing or recognizing an Official Organ the notice published therein shall be deemed to be sufficient, providing such Official Organ is mailed at least thirty (30) days in advance of such meeting.

2) Notice of meetings of the Board of Directors other than the one immediately following the annual Meeting, shall be mailed to each of the Directors at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting at his last known Post Office address appearing on the book of the Association, or by facsimile at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a meeting of the Board of Directors may be held on shorter notice, or without notice, providing all the Directors have given their consent to the meeting to be held.

**Amended to read (withdrawals in red, additions in blue)**

1) Notice calling any General Meeting shall be **given by mail or electronic means** ~~mailed~~ at least ~~thirty (30) days~~ **forty-five (45) days** in advance of the General Meeting to each of the members ~~at his last known post office address appearing in the books of the Association.~~ In the event of the Association publishing or recognizing an Official Organ the notice published therein shall be deemed to be sufficient, providing such Official Organ is mailed at least ~~thirty (30) days~~ **forty-five (45) days** in advance of such meeting.

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**Bylaw amendment #4: Allowing all CMGA members to vote by mail or electronically on proposed amendments**

**Rationale:**

- Considering that the current way of voting on proposed amendments to the constitution only allows a small number of members to vote;
- Considering that the CMGA board would like all its members to have the opportunity to express their views on the proposed changes to the bylaws;
- Considering that today there are secure electronic means that allow online voting;
- Considering that the vast majority of our members have access to an internet connection and have an email account;

The CMGA board of directors is proposing these changes to the CMGA bylaws:

**ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS, shall read:**

This constitution may be amended by a resolution at any Annual or Special Meetings 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).

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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.

**Amended to read (withdrawals in red, additions in blue)**

- 1) This constitution may be amended by ~~a resolution at any Annual or Special Meetings 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).~~ who have responded to the mail or electronic ballot that was provided to each member at the time of circulation of the “notices of motion” announcing the date and location of the AGM.
- 2) In the case of mail ballots, they must be authentic as issued by the CMGA office and returned in the preaddressed envelope provided when the notice of meeting is distributed. Returned ballots must be received at the designated address twenty-one days prior to the date of the AGM.
- 3) In the case of electronic ballots, members can exercise their right to vote online up to 21 days before the date of the AGM.
- 4) Only members who do not have an email address on file shall be sent a mail ballot.
- 5) 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.
- 6) No amendment shall be valid until approved by the Minister of Agriculture for Canada and filed at the Department of Agriculture for Canada.

**Bylaw amendment #5: Allowing junior members of 18 years old to be included in the definition of a voting member**

**Rationale:**

- Considering that last year we have changed the age limit up to 21 years old to align with showmanship classes and CMGA Youth Fund age limit;
- Considering that junior members can't vote according to our bylaws, while they should be allowed when reaching 18 years old;

The CMGA board of directors is proposing these changes 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 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

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Association. Junior Members are not entitled to vote or hold office or to give notice to amend these Bylaws.

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**Bylaw amendment #6: Allowing breeders to choose between the approved livestock indicators for goats from the national Livestock Identification and Traceability Program or the tattoo as currently used**

The objective of the amendment is to recognize the approved livestock indicators for goats from the national Livestock Identification and Traceability Program as a unique identification. The tags shall replace both the left and right ears tattoo, as the approved indicators contains an all-Canadian unique number. The breeder would then have a choice between the original tattoo identification or the approved indicators to register purebred and cross animals from a goat breed that is registered in Canada under the CMGA supervision.

**Rationale:**

- Considering that the Livestock Identification and Traceability Program will become mandatory by the end of 2024;
- Considering that the goat registration system requires every single animal to be identified individually;
- Considering that the Livestock Identification and Traceability Program's goal is to identify uniquely each animal to be able to trace it back to the farm of origin;

The CMGA board is confident that the Livestock Identification and Traceability Program approved indicators for goats will fill the current identification objectives for goat registration and therefore is proposing this change to the CMGA bylaws:

**ARTICLE XV - REGISTRATION OF TATTOO LETTERS, shall read:**

A breeder may apply to the Registrar for, and be allotted letters for, the exclusive use of the breeder with which to tattoo mark animals the property of such breeder. These letters shall be tattooed in the right ear. In addition to the letters there must also be tattooed in the left ear, the herd number of the animal followed by a designating year letter to signify the year of birth. The letter "D" would signify that the animal was born in 1994 while the letter "E" should mark all progeny born in 1995 and so on, up to and including the year 2008. For the year 2009 only, the letters "V" or "W" may be used. Thereafter, the letters will follow the CLRC's system, ie. "X" for 2010, "Y" for 2011, "Z" for 2012, "A" for 2013, etc. The letters "I", "O", "Q" and "V" will not be used in this system.

In the event of a change in the name of a partnership or company, or if there is a change in the constitution of the partnership, the tattoo letters may be transferred on application to the Registrar by the registered owner or by his personal representative in the event of a death. After expiration of five (5) years, tattoo letters may be forfeited if they are not used by the registered owner.



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**Amended to read (withdrawals in red, additions in blue)**

i) A breeder may apply to the Registrar for, and be allotted letters for, the exclusive use of the breeder ~~with which to tattoo mark animals the property of such breeder.~~ in tattooing goats registered with the Canadian Meat Goat Association.

ii) In order to be registered, each animal born in any year shall be either:

(1) **Tattooed:** these allotted letters shall be tattooed in the right ear. ~~In addition to the letters there must also be tattooed and~~ in the left ear, the herd number of the animal followed by a designating year letter to signify the year of birth. The letter “**DG**” would signify that the animal was born in 2019 ~~1994~~ while the letter “**HE**” should mark all progeny born in ~~1995~~ 2020, “**J**” 2021, “**K**” 2022, “**L**” 2023, “**M**” 2024, “**N**” 2025, “**P**” 2026, “**R**” 2027 and so on., ~~up to and including the year 2008. For the year 2009 only, the letters “V” or “W” may be used. Thereafter, the letters will follow the CLRC’s system, i.e. “X” for 2010, “Y” for 2011, “Z” for 2012, “A” for 2013, etc.~~ The letters “**I**”, “**O**”, “**Q**” and “**V**” will not be used in this system.

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(2) **Tagged:** using a double identification system with two indicators bearing the official individual identification number under the traceability tagging system with tags approved and bearing the official individual identification number under the national Livestock Identification and Traceability Program. The application for registration must include the national ID number, and this number will be recorded on the registration paper in place of the tattoo. In the event of a lost tag, the tag must be replaced within 21 days with a duplicate tag bearing the same national ID number.

**ARTICLE XVII - PRIVATE BREEDING RECORDS, shall read:**

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. The identifying tattoo shall be unique within the Canadian Meat Goat Association Herd Book and shall contain the individual private herd number, year letter and breeder’s tattoo letters as issued by the Registrar. This record shall at all times be open to the inspection of the official and authorized representatives of the Association and officials of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

When as a result of an inspection of the manner in which private breeding records are kept and the method identification practiced or used by any breeder, it is known that the rules and regulations of the Association in that regard are not being observed, the Board of Directors may immediately suspend or expel such breeder if a member, and if not a member, further registrations and transfers may be refused. If such inspection should reveal that the private breeding records and identifications as practiced by such breeder are in such a state of confusion as to raise doubt as to the identity of any number of or all the animals in the herd, the Board of Directors may suspend the

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