



Canadian  
Meat Goat  
ASSOCIATION

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# Annual Report

30 years of Canadian meat goats  
*proud of our legacy, excited for the future*



# 2025

Annual General Meeting  
February 22 • Code's Mill  
on the Park • Perth • Ontario

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
AGENDA  
FEBRUARY 22 • CODE'S MILL ON THE PARK  
PERTH • ONTARIO**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Introduction of Board of Directors and staff**
- 3. Approval of the agenda**
- 4. Review of 2024 AGM minutes**
- 5. Committee Reports:**
  - 5.1 Financial Report
    - a) Adoption of the financial report and presentation of 2025 budget
    - b) Appointment of the Auditor
  - 5.2 Production Committee
8. Show Committee
  - a) Presentation of winners
9. Youth Committee
  - a) Presentation of winners
10. Ad & Promo Committee
11. General Manager's Report
12. Report from the CNGF
13. Constitution Committee
- 14. Introduction of 2025 CMGA Board of Directors**
- 15. New business**
- 16. Items from the floor**
- 17. Adjournment**

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# President's Message

Welcome to the annual general meeting of the Canadian Meat Goat Association!

It's been a fantastic year for meat goats! We've made huge strides, including welcoming Savannah goats to the Canadian herd book, adding more type evaluators, a strong show season, and seeing our youth members participate in events.

Today, we're excited to share our program and celebrate 30 incredible years as an association! We have an amazing education day planned for you, and we hope you'll stick around for the celebrations!

We'd like to wish the best of luck to our board members who are staying on, Ruth, Jasmine, Ashley and Brianna and a big welcome to our new ones, Kerry and Gwenn. I will be leaving the board this year as will Sarah James. I would like to thank her for her dedication to this organisation over the last seven years.

Let's forge ahead with another thirty years of development in our sector!



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.

## *2024 Board of Directors*

### **President**

Becky Vissers

### **Vice President**

Sarah James

### **Treasurer**

Jasmin Bautz

### **Secretary**

Ashley Priest

### **Directors at Large**

Brianna Miller

Ruth Ryckman

Rick Patterson

# Many thanks to our members who have been with us for so many years.\*

\* with the last year of membership being 2024.

## For 20 years and over of membership

- ◆ Ian & Barb Clark - Klaz Goats - SK
- ◆ Sue & Rick Noseworthy - Holmside Farm - ON
- ◆ Evelyne La Roche & Nancy McNeil - Chèvrerie Du Biquet - QC
- ◆ Gérald Bérubé - Ferme Chèvrefleurs - QC
- ◆ Kerry O'Donnell & Ron Kochanowski - Kae Ronne Goats - SK
- ◆ Barry & Maureen Lewis - Balmaur Farms - AB
- ◆ Shannon Thurston & Kevin Staveley - Staveley Farms - QC
- ◆ Stacy & Neil Connors - Aspen Acres - AB
- ◆ Sylvie Dionne & André Desjardins - Chèvrerie des Belles Amours - QC

## From 10 to 19 years of membership

- ◆ Nicola Knott - Hill House Farm - United Kingdom
- ◆ Landon Spokowski - Calico Creek Goats - SK
- ◆ Tracy Juraske & Tim Case - Tannenhof - ON
- ◆ Greta Prins - Treeline Boers - ON
- ◆ Bonnie Cameron - Camerons Boer Goats - ON
- ◆ David Nicholson & Ruth Ryckman - Rolling Change Ranch - ON
- ◆ Christiane Fournier - Les Habitations du Beau Chêne Inc - QC
- ◆ Christine Handley - Bellbrooke Farm - ON
- ◆ Sonia Gagnon & Maxim Beauregard - Ferme de L'étang - QC
- ◆ André Lavergne & Annie Morin - Les Élevages Caprannie S.E.N.C. - QC
- ◆ Anna Haupt - Sprinvalley Boer Goats - ON
- ◆ Jake O'neil - O'Neil Farms (Lucan) Ltd - ON
- ◆ Denise Neal - Rocky Valley Farms - NB
- ◆ Darrin Durand - ON
- ◆ Lise & Julien Brais - DeurBrais Farm - MB
- ◆ Marshall & Sarah James - Country Strong Boer Goats - ON
- ◆ Jeff & Denise McKay - ON
- ◆ Jessy Lapierre - Élevage Divin Calin- QC
- ◆ Charlene Gilmour - ON
- ◆ Danny Bourdages - QC
- ◆ Becky Vissers - Dozen Roses Farm - ON



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# 4. 2024 AGM Meeting Minutes

*Minutes of the Canadian Meat Goat Association AGM February 26, 2024*

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**Canadian Meat Goat Association  
Annual General Meeting  
February 26, 2024  
Webinar**

**Present:**

***Board:***

Jasmin Bautz, Sarah James, Catherine Michaud (staff), Brianna Miller, Rick Patterson, Ashley Priest, Ruth Ryckman, Becky Vissers.

***Members and guests:***

Isaac Adejuwon, Jasmin Bautz, Lise Brais, Alexy Brien, Bonnie Cameron, Jacques Chesnais, Sylvie Dionne, Alison Finlayson, Cecilia Green, Joanne Greenwood, Anna Haupt, Sarah James, Mallory Kaiser, Clark Kennedy (Christina Hary), Myriam Landry, Evelyne La Roche (Nancy Mc Neil), Brianna Miller, Laura Lee Mills, Courtney Moodie, Sue Noseworthy, Kerry O'Donnell, Francis Ouellette, Rick Patterson, Jade Pinel Ashley Priest, Greta Prins, Isabelle Roy (Jocelyn Urbain), Ruth Ryckman, Sarah Shapton, John Suidgeest, Brian Sullivan, Brianna Sullivan, Shannon Thurston, Becky Vissers.

***Votes:***

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm EST by Becky Vissers.

**2. Introductions of Board and staff**

Becky 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 and how the webinar platform works. She also encouraged participants to participate to the survey that will be sent the day after meeting.

Becky then informed the assembly of how it will work to propose, support, and adopt motions and introduced each of the CMGA Board members and staff.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

There were no proposed additions to agenda.

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IT WAS MOVED BY Sarah James and SECONDED by Kerry O'Donnell that the agenda be approved as presented.  
The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

#### 4. **Approval of the 2023 AGM Minutes**

IT WAS MOVED BY Ashley Priest and SECONDED by Bonnie Cameron that the minutes from the 2023 AGM be approved as presented.  
The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

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

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

##### ***a. Financial***

Catherine presented the financial report. A copy of the 2023 Budget versus 2023 Actual numbers and the proposed 2024 budget were provided and reviewed as part of the financial report.

- ***Approval of the Financial Report***

IT WAS MOVED BY Shannon Thurston and SECONDED by Rick Paterson that the financial report be adopted as presented.  
The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

Catherine presented the appointment of the auditor for review of the 2024 Financial Statements. She proposed that Raymond-Chabot-Grant-Thornton (RCGT) be appointed. For the 2024 review, the CMGA had decided to do a compilation engagement instead of a review engagement. The costs for a review engagement have increased by 27% and are now including a 5% administration fee for a total of \$3,832.50. The CMGA is not in a financial position to pay this amount. RCGT quoted for the compilation engagement, tax report and tax return for \$3,000 which is exactly the amount we paid for 2023.

- ***Approval of the Auditor appointment***

IT WAS MOVED BY Kerry O'Donnell and SECONDED by Alexy Brien that Raymond-Chabot-Grand-Thornton (RCGT) in La Pocatière be appointed for the compilation engagement of the 2024 CMGA financial statements.  
The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

##### ***b. Production***

Catherine Michaud presented the Production report.

##### ***c. Show Committee***

Becky Vissers presented the Show Committee report.

##### ***d. Youth Committee***

Jasmin Bautz presented the Youth Committee report.

##### ***e. Ad & Promo***

Rick Patterson presented the Ad & Promo Committee report.

**f. General Manager's Report**

Catherine Michaud presented the General Manager's report.

**g. CNGF**

Ruth Ryckman and Cecilia Green, CNGF General Manager, presented the CNGF report.

**h. Constitution Report**

Brianna Miller presented the Constitution Committee report. She read the summary for the six proposed amendments.

Because there were amendments to the Bylaw to be voted on, Becky Vissers 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. Becky Vissers then asked for questions or comments before starting the vote process. Becky Vissers then asked for a motion to nominate a Chair for the voting process.

IT WAS MOVED BY Kerry O'Donnell and SECONDED by Jasmin Bautz that Catherine Michaud be nominated as the Chair for the voting process.

The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

Becky then turned the lead to Catherine who reinstated the motion for the first amendment which is 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.

After some questions she answered about the proposal on the floor, Catherine reinstated the motion and called the vote.

IN FAVOR: 25

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTENTION: 0

For a TOTAL of 25 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 17 votes were necessary and there are 25 in favor.

The amendment was ADOPTED.



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#### 4. 2024 AGM Meeting Minutes continued...

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Catherine then read the second motion that propose to add the option for the members to be able to elect CMGA directors through an electronic ballot.

There were no question or comments regarding the motion on the floor, Catherine reinstated the motion and called the vote.

IN FAVOR: 25  
OPPOSED: 0  
ABSTENTION: 0  
For a TOTAL of 25 votes.

For adoption of a motion amending the CMGA Constitution, a majority of 2/3 of the votes from the voting members at the assembly was necessary, so at least 17 votes were necessary and there are 25 in favor.

The amendment was ADOPTED.

Catherine then read the third motion that would allow notices calling any General Meeting and board of directors meeting to be sent by electronic means for members who provide and email address.

There were no question or comments regarding the motion on the floor, Catherine reinstated the motion and called the vote.

IN FAVOR: 25  
OPPOSED: 0  
ABSTENTION: 0  
For a TOTAL of 25 votes.

For adoption of a motion amending the CMGA Constitution, a majority of 2/3 of the votes from the voting members at the assembly was necessary, so at least 17 votes were necessary and there are 25 in favor.

The amendment was ADOPTED.

Catherine then read the fourth motion which is about allowing all CMGA members to vote by mail or electronically on proposed amendments prior to the Annual General Meeting.

There were no question or comments regarding the motion on the floor, Catherine reinstated the motion and called the vote.

IN FAVOR: 25  
OPPOSED: 0  
ABSTENTION: 0  
For a TOTAL of 25 votes.

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4. 2024 AGM Meeting Minutes continued...

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 17 votes were necessary and there are 25 in favor.

The amendment was ADOPTED.

Catherine then read the fifth motion that would allow for junior members of 18 years old to be included in the definition of a voting member.

There were no question or comments regarding the motion on the floor, Catherine reinstated the motion and called the vote.

IN FAVOR: 25

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTENTION: 0

For a TOTAL of 25 votes.

For adoption of a motion amending the CMGA Constitution, a majority of 2/3 of the votes from the voting members at the assembly was necessary, so at least 17 votes were necessary and there are 25 in favor.

The amendment was ADOPTED.

Catherine then read the sixth motion that 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.

There were a few questions and comments regarding the motion on the floor, which have been answered to the satisfaction of members. It was also proposed that refence documents be written to better explain how to use tags for registration versus how to use them with the actual goat traceability program that will be implemented in 2024. Some breeders are still confused about what is required by both purposes, i.e. registration vs traceability. Catherine reinstated the motion and called the vote.

IN FAVOR: 22

OPPOSED: 2

ABSTENTION: 0

For a TOTAL of 24 votes.

For adoption of a motion amending the CMGA Constitution, a majority of 2/3 of the votes from the voting members at the assembly was necessary, so at least 17 votes were necessary and there are 22 in favor.

The amendment was ADOPTED.

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4. 2024 AGM Meeting Minutes continued...

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Catherine returned the floor to Becky who asked if there were any items from the floor to be brought to the attention of the assembly. Nothing was brought forward by the assembly.

6. **2024 Board of Directors**

Becky introduced the 2024 Board of Directors: Sarah James, Jasmin Bautz, Ruth Ryckman, Brianna Miller, Ashley Priest, and Rick Patterson.

7. **Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED BY Sarah James that the meeting be adjourned at 11:50 pm EST.

8. **Draw of Door Prize**

Catherine drew the door prize using a web application. The winner of the prize was Alexy Brien.



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## 5.1 Financial Report

On pages 15 and 16, you will find the figures from 2024 Budget VS 2024 Actual.

Notes regarding 2024 revenue and costs:

### **Income**

#### ***Youth Project***

We had planned for income from the sale of signs. However, the project did not go ahead. Also, all revenue from the e-store

#### ***Advertising***

This revenue item consists mainly of income from the sale of advertising in the Journal. We lost at least two advertisers in 2024 who had previously purchased a full page. The cost of a full-page ad is between \$260 and \$305 per year depending on the position. The decrease in revenue from this item is influenced by the use of social media, i.e. breeders prefer to advertise for free on their Facebook page and other media rather than pay for an advertisement in the magazine. The decline in membership also has an impact, because as the number of members decreases, so does the number of impressions, which reduces the visibility of advertisers for the same cost. This makes it more difficult to sell advertising space in the magazine, especially to suppliers such as Grober and Ketchum, who have withdrawn in recent years. On the other hand, we have advertisers who remain loyal year after year, such as CCIA, Chèvrerie Du Biquet, Holmside Farm, Gisler Boer Goats and Springvalley Boer Goats. We also have new advertisers like Ferme Jocelyn Urbain and Red Roof Farm.

#### ***AGM Income***

When we plan an online AGM, we don't usually expect to make money from advertising in the annual report, even though we offer sponsorship opportunities. So it's always a nice surprise when members support our organisation. Many thanks to Ferme Jocelyn Urbain and Holmside Farm.

#### ***Type Evaluation***

This item includes revenue from Type Evaluation, Breeders Sessions and TE training. We budgeted a \$10,000 revenue from a grant which was not applied for.

#### ***Membership***

The association had a total of 128 members in 2024. We will see this later in the General Manager's report, but it is the lowest number of members this organisation has ever had. It's a decrease of 20% compared to the average membership revenue of previous years. With registrations, membership is the main source of income for our organisation.

#### ***Registrations***

In 2024, registrations, activities and transfers all saw a decrease of 15%. When combined with memberships and compared to the previous year, this equates to a total loss of approximately \$11,000.00 in revenue for 2024. The Net Profit line will be examined later in the report, but it is clear that this figure would have been significantly more positive had this additional income been considered.



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## 5.1 Financial Report (to be continued)

### ***Show Fees***

The number of shows was higher than expected. More information will follow in the Show Committee report.

### ***Sales***

This revenue item consists mainly of income from the subscriptions to the Meat Goat Journal. The number of subscriptions has decreased

### ***Integrated Genetic Services Project***

2024 was the last year of this project that ended in March 2024. It brought more revenue than expected due to the organization's involvement in various working groups.

### ***Total Income***

Total income was \$26,380 less than budgeted, mainly due to a reduction in membership and registration activities and a grant that was budgeted but not requested.

## **Expenses**

### ***Ad & Promo***

The estimated costs for this item are those that would have been incurred to have the signs made and sent out. However, this did not happen. A total of \$60 was spent on designing the signs.

### ***Type Evaluation***

Type Evaluation expenses for 2024 include evaluators fees, meals, accommodations and travel for evaluation of goats, training for future evaluators and the breeders sessions that were held in Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. They also include sanitary material and form printing. We had budgeted for \$20,000 of expenses related to the review of the program, including the development of an application to replace the paper forms, some training and any other related expenses with a revenue of \$10,000 from a grant. But the grant has not been requested. Overall, for the Type Evaluation activity, the CMGA invested near \$5,000 for training new evaluators.

### ***Meat Goat Journal***

For the MGJ in 2024 we budgeted for 3 editions of the Journal since the Winter 2023 issue was published in 2024, but with the strike at Canada Post, the Winter 2024 Journal was also printed and distributed the next year in January 2025 leaving the fees for only 2 editions in 2024 instead of 3. If we would have had 3 editions published in 2024, we would have been about \$1,000 over budget.

### ***Membership Expenses***

These expenses were lower than budgeted mainly due to the decrease in membership and registration activities. Fewer registrations bring lower levy, postage and other costs.

### ***Office Expenses***

Our budgeted office expense items were generally within or below budget. The only notable item is postage. This increase is mainly due to postage for show ribbons and sanitary materials for type evaluation activities.

# 5.1 Financial Report (to be continued)

## Registration Expenses

These costs are due to the DNA tests carried out to determine parentage as part of our random testing programme, but also to the costs incurred by producers who carry out parentage tests by themselves. Part of this total is therefore reimbursed by the 'Registration' income item. Breeders have to pay for the tests they decide to do by themselves and for the Kiko bucks parentage testing as all Kiko bucks have to be tested. In 2024, a total of 43 animals were tested for parentage and 13 for sire verification alone. 81% were Kikos and the rest were Boers.

## Youth Project

No applications for the Youth Support Funding Programme were received in 2024.

## Total Expenses

Expenditure was \$25,352 lower than anticipated. This is mainly due to the Type Evaluation Program expense of \$20,000 and the sign purchase of \$5,264 not being incurred and lower membership related expenses.

## Net Profit (loss)

Despite lower expected expenses of \$25,352, the association still faces losses of almost \$16,000 as revenues fell sharply in 2025 and expenses for the Type Evaluation Program were higher than expected without the income counterpart that was to come from a grant application.



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RATE CARD - 2025 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
			<b>SOLD for 2025</b>		

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.

# 2024 Adopted Budget VS 2024 Actual

2024 BUDGET

2024 ACTUAL

YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$ 8 870,00	\$ -
ADVERTISING / PUBLICITÉ	\$ 2 300,00	\$ 1 636,00
AGM INCOME / REVENU DE L'AGA	\$ -	\$ 400,00
TYPE EVALUATION / CLASSIFICATION	\$ 18 950,00	\$ 9 719,00
MEMBERSHIPS / COTISATIONS	\$ 11 500,00	\$ 9 295,00
REGISTRATIONS / ENREGISTREMENTS	\$ 48 000,00	\$ 39 461.87
SHOW FEES / FRAIS D'EXPOSITIONS	\$ 590,00	\$ 902,62
SALES / VENTES	\$ 280,00	\$ 190,00
INTEGRATED SERVICES (PROJECT CASPP-058)	\$ 2 500,00	\$ 5 005.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME / REVENU TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 92 990,00</b>	<b>\$ 66 609.49</b>
<b>Expense / Dépenses</b>		
<b>ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION</b>	<b>\$ 5 324.00</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<b>CMGA BOARD EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DU CA</b>		
Teleconferences / Conférences téléphoniques	\$ 200,00	\$ 214.90
<b>BOARD EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DU CA</b>	<b>\$ 200,00</b>	<b>\$ 214.90</b>
<b>CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB</b>		
Show Ribbons / Rubans d'expo	\$ 500,00	\$ 477.14
Judges Licensing Forum / Formation de juge	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB</b>	<b>\$ 500,00</b>	<b>\$ 477.14</b>
<b>CMGA TYPE EVALUATION / CLASSIFICATION</b>		
Project Review / Révision du programme	\$ 20 000.00	\$ -
Evaluator Fees & Expenses / Frais et dépenses des évaluateurs	\$ 7 300,00	\$ 12 015.00
Forms & Handbook / Formulaires et manuels	\$ 150,00	\$ 351.98
Meals & Accomodation / Repas et hébergement	\$ -	\$ 770.00
Travel / Déplacement	\$ -	\$ 920.00
Sanitary Material / Matériel Sanitaire	\$ -	\$ 565.76
<b>Total CMGA TYPE EVALUATION / CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>\$ 27 450.00</b>	<b>\$ 14 622.74</b>
<b>GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE</b>		
Saslary / Salaire	\$ 26 765.00	\$ 26 742.84
General Manager - Other - Directrice générale - Autre	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE</b>	<b>\$ 26 765.00</b>	<b>\$ 26 742.84</b>

<b>2024 Adopted Budget VS 2024 Actual (to be contiued)</b>	<b>2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>2024 ACTUAL</b>
<b>MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE</b>		
MGJ Postage / Envoi postal	\$ 627.00	\$ 277.65
MGJ Printing / Impression	\$ 1 500,00	\$ 1 116,00
MGJ Shipping/Handling / Port et manutention	\$ 1 000,00	\$ 882,00
Production and artwork / Production et graphisme	\$ 2 70000	\$ 2 280,00
<b>Total MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE</b>	<b>\$ 5 827,00</b>	<b>\$ 4 555.65</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION</b>		
CLRC Levies / Charges SCEA	\$ 22 560,00	\$ 19 149.05
CLRC Miscellaneous / Divers SCEA	\$ 560.00	\$ 471.33
CLRC Credit Card Admin. / Admin. de Carte de crédit SCEA	\$ 1 320,00	\$ 1 313,58
CLRC Annual Service Fee / Frais de service annuels SCEA	\$ 600,00	\$ 600,00
<b>Total MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION</b>	<b>\$ 25 040,00</b>	<b>\$ 21 533.96</b>
<b>OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU</b>		
Accounting and Legal / Comptabilité et frais juridiques	\$ 5 900,00	\$ 6 128.75
Office supplies and equipment / Équipement et matériel de bureau	\$ 30.00	\$ 41.92
Postage / Poste	\$ 340,00	\$ 1 095.70
Telephone - Internet / Téléphone	\$ 408,00	\$ 254.63
Website / Site Internet	\$ 1 457,00	\$ 576.54
Quickbooks	\$ 864,00	\$ 928,00
Enterprise Registrar / Registraire entreprises	\$ 38,00	\$ 38,00
<b>Total OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU</b>	<b>\$ 9 037.70</b>	<b>\$ 9 063.54</b>
<b>REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS</b>		
DNA Testing / Testage ADN	\$ 3 000,00	\$ 3 461.08
CLRC Admin Fee re Bureau Veritas billing / Frais admin. liés à facturation Bureau Veritas	\$ -	\$ 50.00
<b>Total REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 3 000,00</b>	<b>\$ 3 511.08</b>
<b>UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES</b>		
Bank Service Charges / Charge service bancaire	\$ 340,00	\$ 295.67
CNGF Membership / Cotisation FCNC	\$ 1 125,00	\$ 1 125,00
<b>Total UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES</b>	<b>\$ 1 465,00</b>	<b>\$ 1 416.81</b>
<b>YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE</b>		
Youth Project prize / Récompense Projet jeunesse	\$ 340,00	\$ 393.87
Youth Support Fund / Fond de support à la relève	\$ 500,00	\$ -
<b>Total YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE</b>	<b>\$ 840,00</b>	<b>\$ 393.87</b>
<b>NATIONAL INTEGRATED GENETIC SERVICES PROJECT</b>	<b>\$ 2 500,00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Expense / Dépenses</b>	<b>\$ 107 948.70</b>	<b>\$ 82 596.39</b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>-\$ 14 958.70</b>	<b>-\$ 15 986.90</b>



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## 2025 Budget

The 2025 budget was discussed and approved by the Board of Directors via an email motion adopted on February 12, 2025. It is presented on pages 19 and 20.

Here are the considerations that led to the adoption of the 2025 budget:

### **Type Evaluation**

The CMGA board thought about investing \$10,000 to review the Type Evaluation Program and received half of that amount, or \$5,000, in grant funding. This money would be used to develop an application for evaluating goats, develop the program for Kikos and Savannahs, and train the evaluators so they can use the application and evaluate the two new breeds. We thought that this in 2025 we would develop the application and train the evaluators to use it. Then, in 2026, we would develop the program for other breeds. For type evaluation itself, we have budgeted that the revenue from the evaluations will pay the evaluators fees.

### **Membership and registration revenue**

The decrease in membership and registration revenue are not usual and have decreased by 15% in 2024, whereas they usually vary by about 5%. So we took the income for 2023 and reduced it by 5%, hence the values that were proposed for membership and registration.

### **Integrated Genetic Services project (CASPP-058)**

Our contribution to this project will be \$5000 in 2025 and we hope to be able to get back at least the same amount.

### **Ad & Promo expenses**

We have decided to put aside promotional activities that could generate additional costs for our organisation in 2025.

### **Show ribbons expenses**

In 2025, we will review their distribution for fair boards and show committees so they can order the ribbons through CMGA and have them delivered directly to the fair organizations. This will eliminate our management of inventory and postage.

### **Meat Goat Journal expenses**

Since we will have 3 editions in 2025, one of which has already been distributed, we have decided to try one online and one paper copy for the other two. This would reduce costs of about \$1,000.

### **Research support - Organic Science Cluster 4 - Dr Emma Borkowski**

In 2023, the CMGA made a commitment to support Dr Emma Borkowski on her research on parasites part of the Organic Science Cluster 4. Our organisation had decided to support for \$500 in 2023 and 2024, but the project was only accepted at the end of last year, so we have to anticipate an invoice of \$1,000.00 for 2024 and 2025.

### **Here are some of the other considerations we had at the time of budget preparation:**

- 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.

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## Increase in CLRC unit cost for 2025

CLRC has announced that the unit cost of \$7.85 will be increased to \$8.35 in 2025, an increase of \$0.50 per unit processed. However, this doesn't mean that the CMGA will pay \$0.50 more per transaction as each type of transaction has a different value in unit cost. For example, the registration of a purebred goat is 1.0 unit, while a transfer is 1.3 unit. So for each transfer, it's an increase of \$0.65. Then, a volume factor of 1.2 is added for another increase of \$0.60 plus an entry fee which is worth 1.3 unit. This fee is charged each time a customer file is opened to process a request. So the total increase per transfer processed with the CLRC is equivalent to a total increase of \$1.90.

## Changes to CMGA Fee Schedule

Resulting an increase in unit cost for 2025, the CMGA board has voted these changes to the CMGA Fee Schedule effective January 1st 2025:

- Fees will be raised by \$1.50 per transaction. So in some cases, depending on the activity processed, the fees will cover more than the increase in the unit cost, while for other activities, the CMGA will be in deficit. We hope that at the end of the year, the total fees charged to members will cover the increase in the unit cost to CMGA.
- Raise DNA testing fee from \$42 to \$45.
- We encourage members to register and transfer groups of animals to benefit from the per head decrease linked to the number of animals registered or transferred at the same time. The CMGA is also benefiting from multiple registrations and transfers.

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## 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 2025 Budget*

**2025 BUDGET**

<b>Income / Revenu</b>	
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$250.00
ADVERTISING / PUBLICITÉ	\$1,800.00
AGM Income / Revenu de l'AGA	\$9,000.00
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	\$13,000.00
MEMBERSHIPS / COTISATIONS	\$11,000.00
SHOW FEES / FRAIS D'EXPOSITIONS	\$860,00
REGISTRATIONS / ENREGISTREMENTS	\$45,000.00
SALES / VENTES	\$200,00
INTEGRATED SERVICES (PROJECT CASPP-058) / INTÉGRATION DE SERVICES EN GÉNÉTIQUE	\$5,000.00
<b>Total Income / Revenu total</b>	<b>\$86,110.00</b>
<b>Expense / Dépenses</b>	
<b>ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>AGM / AGA</b>	<b>\$12,125.44</b>
<b>CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA</b>	
Telecon Expenses / Conférences téléphoniques	\$230.00
<b>Total CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA</b>	<b>\$230.00</b>
<b>CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB</b>	
Show Ribbons / Rubans	\$706.00
<b>Total CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB</b>	<b>\$706.00</b>
<b>CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification</b>	
Evaluator Fees & Expenses / Frais et dépenses des évaluateurs	\$8,000,00
Forms & Handbook / Formulaires et manuels	\$0,00
Type Evaluation Program Review Project / Révision du programme de classification	\$10,000.00
<b>Total CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</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 2025 Budget (continued)*

**2025 BUDGET**

<b>MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE</b>	
MGJ Postage / Envoi postal	\$260.00
MGJ Printing / Impression	\$850.00
MGJ Shipping/Handling / Port et manutention	\$850.00
Production and artwork / Production et graphisme	\$2,340.00
<b>Total MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE</b>	<b>\$4,522.00</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION</b>	
CLRC Levies / Charges SCEA	\$21,000.00
CLRC Miscellaneous / Divers SCEA	\$500.00
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>\$23,420.00</b>
<b>OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU</b>	
Accounting and Legal / Comptabilité et frais juridiques	\$3,020.00
Office supplies and equipment / Équipement et matériel de bureau	\$45.00
Postage / Poste	\$1,200.00
Telephone - Internet / Téléphone	\$255.00
Website / Site Internet	\$580.70
Quickbooks	\$928.00
Enterprise Registrar / Registraire entreprises	\$38,00
<b>Total OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU</b>	<b>\$6,066.00</b>
<b>REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS</b>	
DNA Testing / Testage AND	\$3,000.00
CLRC Admin Fee re Bureau Veritas billing / Frais admin. liés à facturation Bureau Veritas	\$120.00
<b>Total REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS</b>	<b>\$3,120.00</b>
<b>UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES</b>	
Bank Service Charges / Charge service bancaire	\$300.00
CNGF Membership / Cotisation FCNC	\$1,125,00
Research support - Organic Science Cluster 4 - Dr Emma Borkowski / Support recherche -	\$1,000.00
<b>Total UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES</b>	<b>\$2,425.00</b>
<b>YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE</b>	
Youth Point Chase / Chasse aux points	\$350.00
Youth Support Fund / Fond de support à la relève	\$500,00
<b>Total YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE</b>	<b>\$850,00</b>
<b>NATIONAL INTEGRATED GENETIC SERVICES PROJECT</b>	
	<b>\$5 000,00</b>
<b>Total Expense / Dépenses</b>	<b>\$103,229.44</b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>-\$ 17,119.44</b>



## 5.2 Production Committee

### Type Evaluation

Although the minimum number of farms and animals required for the campaign to take place was not reached, the CMGA Board of Directors decided that the valuations would still take place, as there was also the issue of training the evaluators. As a result, 3 farms in Ontario, 4 in Quebec, 2 in Saskatchewan and, for the first time in 2024, 3 farms in Nova Scotia participated in the campaign.

The results from previous Type Evaluation campaigns are available on the CMGA website: <https://canadianmeatgoat.com/type-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.

### Evaluators Training

Seven trainee evaluators participated in the autumn 2024 training. They were Becky Vissers from Ontario, Alexy Brien and Catherine Michaud from Quebec, Kelsey Morehouse from Nova Scotia and Ebony Lysyshyn, Nicole and Stephen Poburan from Saskatchewan. We hope that this training of new evaluators will help reduce type evaluation costs and increase the availability of the service to breeders. We have seen interest from many experienced people in following the evaluator's training. Unfortunately, we had to make choices because we didn't have much time or other resources to devote to it in 2024.

### Breeders Sessions

In addition to type evaluation sessions and training of new evaluators, we took advantage of Ian and Barbie Clark's presence in Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan to



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organize training sessions for breeders. In fact, it was on the initiative of two of our members, Gwenn Dexter in Nova Scotia and Ebony Lysyshyn in Saskatchewan, that the CMGA stepped in to assist them in organizing these two training sessions. Both events were a success with almost all the breeders from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in the east and 9 breeders from Saskatchewan and Alberta in the west attending.

### **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. 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. Here is an update on what has been done so far and having a closer impact on the meat goat sector.

The project ended at the end of March 2024. However, the work on a number of tasks continued beyond this deadline. For example, genetic evaluation calculations continued, a logo was developed to give the Network a visual image, and a website was launched to bring together all relevant information concerning genetic evaluation of small ruminants.

The Steering Committee worked on the second phase of the project to apply for a grant to continue the work already well underway, and to add other components such as genetic evaluation using genomics, incorporation of the traceability mandate into the genetic evaluation program, transfer of classification data to the genetic evaluation program, development of a more user-friendly data collection interface, and many other items that will contribute to further integration of genetic services.

Here is an update on what has been done within the scope of the project 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. Breeders are now able to register and transfer their goats online. Breeders are 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.

#### Towards a Sustainable Genetic Evaluation Service 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 second round of genetic values calculations was launched in March 2024. A form was created to collect 2023 data from the pilot group of producers. Completing the form was a challenge, but breeders succeeded and were able to send their data within the deadline. Building on these data, we planned to transition to a routinely run system with the ambitious goal of incorporating new pilot data and delivering updated genetic evaluations in time for the 2024 breeding season. Although we did not meet the 2024 target, progress remains strong, and the commitment from all involved organizations and individuals is unwavering.

It is important to note that this system is being designed with a broad scope in mind—supporting multiple species and multiple organizations. We are adopting a generalized and modular approach so that the software tools and processes can be applied beyond the immediate needs of meat goats. Equally important is ensuring that the system does not become overly dependent on any single organization or individual. While this approach requires a greater upfront investment of time and effort and has proven more challenging than anticipated, we are steadily moving closer to providing a sustainable option for evaluation services.

We look forward to presenting our progress and outlining the path forward at the upcoming CMGA Annual Meeting.

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](mailto:info@goatgenetics.ca)), or Frédéric Fortin ([frederic.fortin@cepoq.com](mailto:frederic.fortin@cepoq.com)).



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## Registration of the Savannah Goat Breed in Canada

It is my pleasure to let you know we are nearing the finish line regarding registering Savannah goats in Canada!

Some of you may recall at our 2020 AGM there was an enquiry regarding the possible registration of Savannah goats by the CMGA.

The Savannah goat is a meat breed along with the Boer and Kalahari which all originated in South Africa with their own distinct genetic lines. The Savannah goats can stand alone as an alternative meat breed or make an excellent cross for commercial enterprises.

The Savannah committee was established in early 2022 consisting of myself, Catherine, Joy Hurlburt, Katheleen Audet, Sylvere Vandemoortele, Jake O'Neil and Brian Payne. The first order of business was to contact all known Canadian Savannah breeders to see if there was enough interest in this proposal. We also sent a letter to Dr. Richard Browning a geneticist at Tennessee State University to help us draft a letter to establish a basis for Savannahs as a distinct breed which is required by the Animal Pedigree Act.

We met several times via Zoom in 2023 and 2024. The first meeting was to discuss the actual steps needed to have Savannahs registered with the CMGA. We talked about DNA testing, registering Full bloods and whether to have a breed up program, also the similarities and differences between Savannahs, Kikos and Boers.

We then worked on the actual breed standards. We started with the South African standards and made some slight changes mostly in the wording for clarity and to align with the Boer standards. Once these were completed Catherine sent them out to the breeders for comments.

The breed standards and bylaw changes were presented to the CMGA board for review on July 25, 2024.

We then sent them to Jack Oats of the Animal Pedigree Act and received permission to proceed with the bylaw changes and to conduct the vote electronically due to the Canada Post strike. The online vote on breed standards and bylaws, which ran from 13 December 2024 to 7 January 2025, was unanimous in favor of adding Savannahs to our meat goat range.

With our new constitution now giving us the right to do so, we then proceeded to an electronic vote on the proposed changes to our constitution. The online vote took place between January 10 and February 2, 2025. There were 4 proposals to include Savannah goats. We received a total of 10 votes, and all were unanimously in favor of the proposed changes. We are now at the point where the members have accepted the changes to the constitution and bylaws to include Savannah goats in the Canadian Herd Book. We'll be spending the next few months completing the necessary paperwork and gathering all the information needed to submit our application to the federal government.

The final step for the association will be to convince Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada that we have completed all the required steps to get the new breed on the Canadian Goat Registry.



## 5.3 Show Committee

In 2024, five meat goat shows were held, which were met with great enthusiasm by all participants and the industry as a whole. It was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, exchange ideas, and compare our goats. We also experienced that special anticipation before entering the show ring. Unfortunately, three shows had to be cancelled, two of them due to a lack of participation (Barrie, ON, and Interior Provincial Exhibition, BC). The third show (Richmond, QC) was regrettably cancelled due to a misunderstanding between the fair and the breeders, highlighting the importance of effective communication in the organisation of events. It is essential for fair boards and breeders to communicate clearly from the outset to ensure the smooth organisation of shows.

A total of 325 animals were shown at sanctioned events.

Shows	Purebred Boer Does	Percentage Boer Does	Purebred Boer Bucks	Commercial Does	Market Kids
<i>Expo Calixa-Lavalée</i>	21	0	9	0	0
<i>Expo St-Hyacinthe</i>	52	0	24	0	0
<i>Brome Fair</i>	55	0	19	0	0
<i>Norfolk County Fair</i>	18	4	4	13	0
<i>RAWF</i>	56	10	17	21	2
<b>Totals for 2024 (5 shows)</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Totals for 2023 (5 shows)</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>

The winners of the 2024 Canadian Show Champions contest are:

**Purebred Boer Doe:** Galiman Adèle, owned by Ferme Jocelyn Urbain

**Percentage Doe:** Barnsdale Kicking it Old School, owned by Barnsdale Acres

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

**Purebred Buck:** Urbain Lucas, owned by Ferme Jocelyn Urbain

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 great fun at the youth shows this season, with **69 kids** taking part in **nine** official or open meat goat shows. A big thank you to everyone who took part, and to their parents for helping them get there. We are very pleased to announce the winners of the 2024 Youth Point Chase: Our Honourable Mention is **Sophia Graham**, from ON. Well done! Our Runner-Up is **Braelei James**, from ON. Awesome! And our winner is **Grace Knox-Kruis**, also from ON. Congratulations!

### Youth Support Fund

The Youth Support Fund is a great way for young people to get help and support to achieve their goals in the meat goat industry. The CMGA believes it is important to get young people involved in the meat goat industry. The CMGA will give up to \$500 every year to young people who have applied and have been chosen to receive it. The selection committee will decide who gets the money and how much each person will receive.

Unfortunately, we did not receive any applications for the Youth Support Fund this year.

A reminder to all young members (21 years of age or under) in 2025 to ask questions and get involved. The Youth Support Fund and the Youth Point Chase are great programs, and we want more young people to get involved. CMGA is very proud of the hard work and passion of our young members!

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## 5.5 Ad and Promo Committee

In 2024, the Ad & Promo Committee continued the work 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 project had the objective of improving the visibility of the organization and perhaps attract new members. Unfortunately, the project has been suspended for the time being. The volume of sign orders required to keep the cost low enough for our members to be interested in purchasing them was too high. In addition, the high cost of postage doubled the price, making it a less attractive promotional item for our members. However, the project has only been suspended, and there is no guarantee that it will not return to our organization's list of projects.

Towards the end of 2024, the committee also initiated the development of an online boutique, with the aim of providing members with clothing featuring our organization's logo. However, the boutique has not yet achieved the desired level of success, and we will need to enhance our promotional efforts.



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# 5.6 General Manager

## 2024 AGM

The 2024 CMGA AGM was held on February 26th, 2024, by online seminar. A pan-Canadian virtual meeting was organized again. The participation was great with 34 participants, CMGA members and guests and it was nice to meet each other.

The meeting began with the usual introductions of the President, Becky Vissers. The meeting continued with the instructions for using the online seminar platform, the presentation of the financial report and the various committees' reports. The CNGF report was presented by CNGF General Manager Cecilia Green, with support from Mallory Kaiser, CNGF Vice-president, and Ruth Ryckman, CMGA representative. Brianna Sullivan and Laura Lee Mills from CLRC also gave a demonstration of the web interface for registering meat goats online.

Another important thing to mention is the adoption by a majority of members of all six amendments to the CMGA bylaws that were presented. Those amendments were submitted to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and were approved in the fall of 2024. More information on those new amendments to the CMGA bylaws will be featured in the Constitution Report.

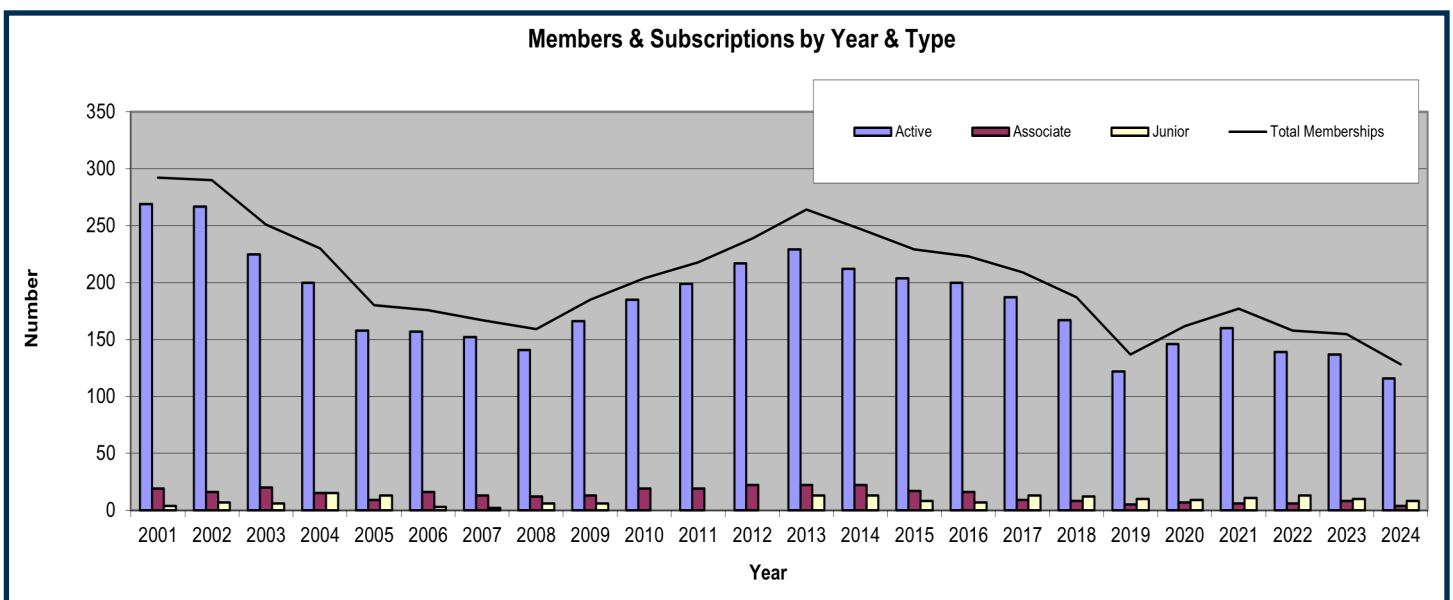
### Meat Goat Journal and other media

In 2024, the publication of the Journal continued. The distribution of the Winter 2023 edition had to be delayed until early January 2024 due to excess work at the CMGA office. Summer 2024 was distributed in September and the 2024 Winter issue distribution was delayed to January 2025 due to the Canada Post strike. We also published 4 CMGA Express in February, April, June and November. 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

In 2024, the number of CMGA members has plummeted from 155 in 2023 to just 128 in 2024. This is the lowest number of members in over twenty years!

The following table is showing membership variations since 2001:



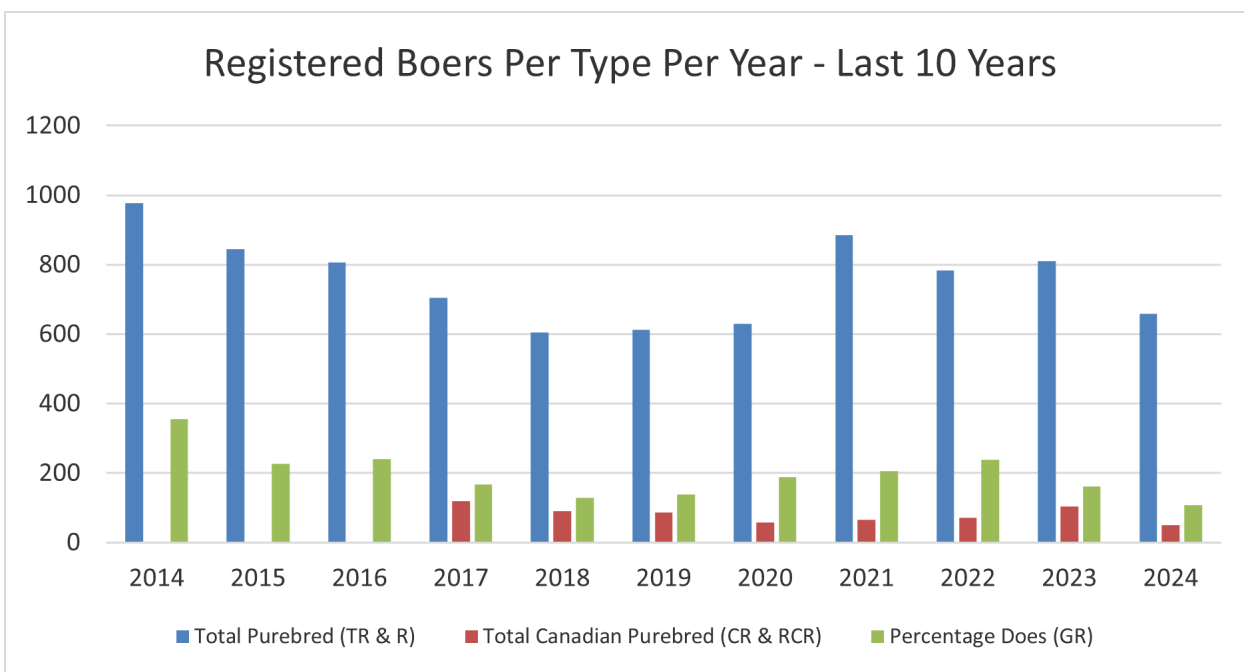


Is it the economic climate that is forcing our members to pay their bills rather than renew their membership? Is this the only reason, or are there others that we don't understand? Perhaps it would be a good idea to ask our current and former members to take the pulse.

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


As noted in the Financial Report, the number of registrations in 2024 fell sharply to a total of 887. Compared to 2023, this is 253 fewer animals of all breeds and statuses. The largest decrease was in the Canadian Purebred status, which fell by almost half. In the graph below, you will be able to see the proportion of Purebred, Canadian registered and percentage Boers 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.



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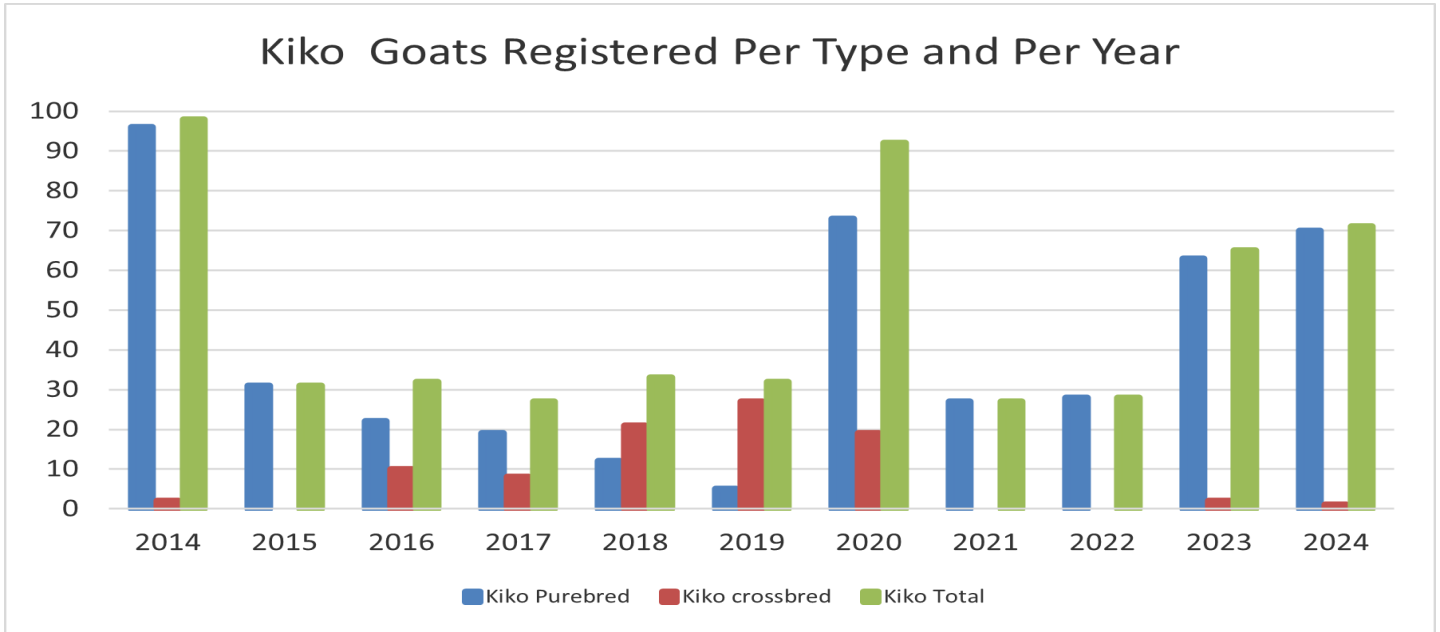
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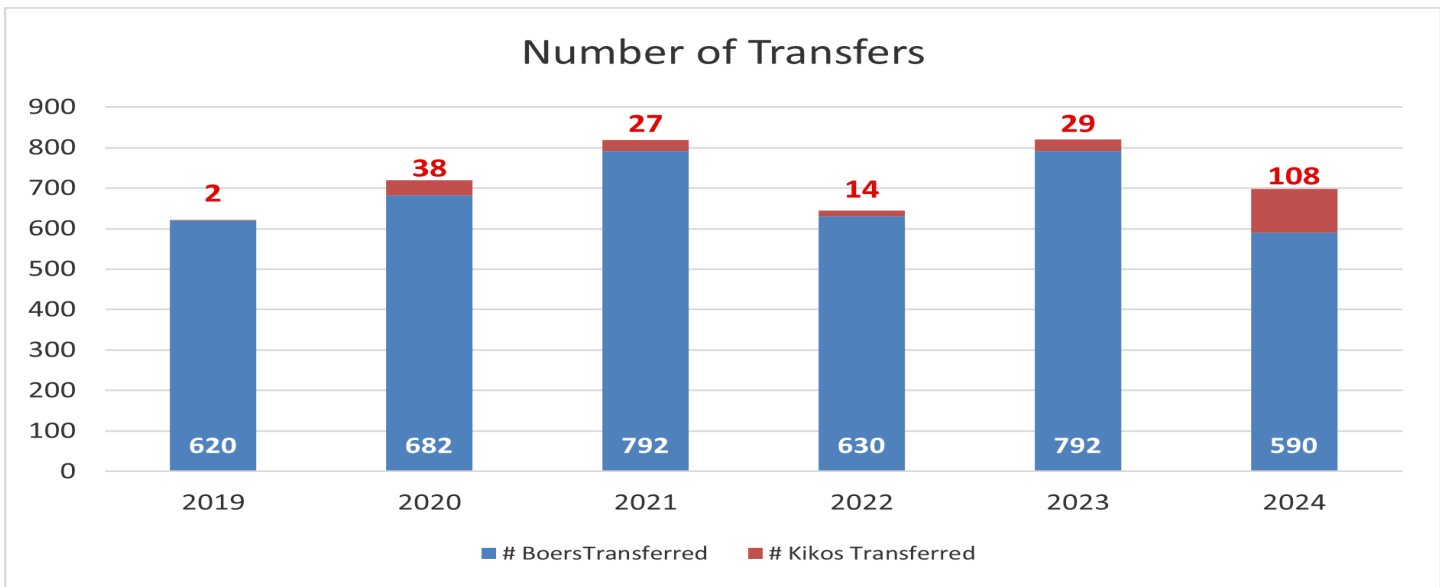
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The good news is that the number of registered Kiko goats has not decreased and has even increased slightly.



The total number of transfers decreased in 2024, but on a positive note, the number of Kiko goats transferred more than doubled in 2024, from just 29 in 2023 to 108 in 2024. Once again, the Kiko goat breeders are bringing some light into these rather gloomy statistics.



## Strategic Planning

The 2020-2024 Strategic Plan expired at the end of 2024. With 3 new members joining the Board in 2025, it was decided to postpone the strategic planning exercise until after the AGM to allow these new members to fully participate in the process.

Nevertheless, let's take a look at what has been achieved under the strategic plan that has just been completed.



*Goal #1: to increase use of technology.*

The redesign of the website is completed. Communication with our members and the industry in general through social media and mass mailing was increased. In 2024, we have increased the number of newsletters to 4 plus the other more official communications required by our bylaws.

The strategic objective on setting up an electronic registration system has been achieved in 2024. Users Manuals in English and French are completed.

*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 has not been addressed. Instead, the CMGA Show Committee has decided to allow judges accredited to judge dairy goats to be trained to judge meat goats. In 2024, we have trained a new judge, Callum McLeod from Alberta. The priority has been put on reviewing the actual CMGA type evaluators' training protocol qualify more evaluators, what we did in 2024. We still have to review the protocol to train less experienced people, but as it stands now, we have enough evaluators for our needs. The item of the action plan that we will have to postpone to the next strategic plan is the migration 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. For 2024, we had decided to forward to our members and to advertise on our website the information on all training initiative from extension programs or other organisations. On a number of occasions we have published training initiatives for our members. There could have been more.

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

As you can see from the financial report, we have accumulated a large deficit in 2024, which is not at all consistent with achieving this target. The Board will have to address this target in the 2025-2029 plan and find ways to increase income and reduce expenditure. 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. In 2024, some parts of the Code have been highlighted through our

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publications, such as body condition scoring and heat stress management, but we could have done better.

*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, we have launched a number of initiatives to promote goat meat such as highlight restaurants that serve goat meat, promote the recipes that are already on our website, find new ones and obtain the permission to have them published in our Journal or on our website.

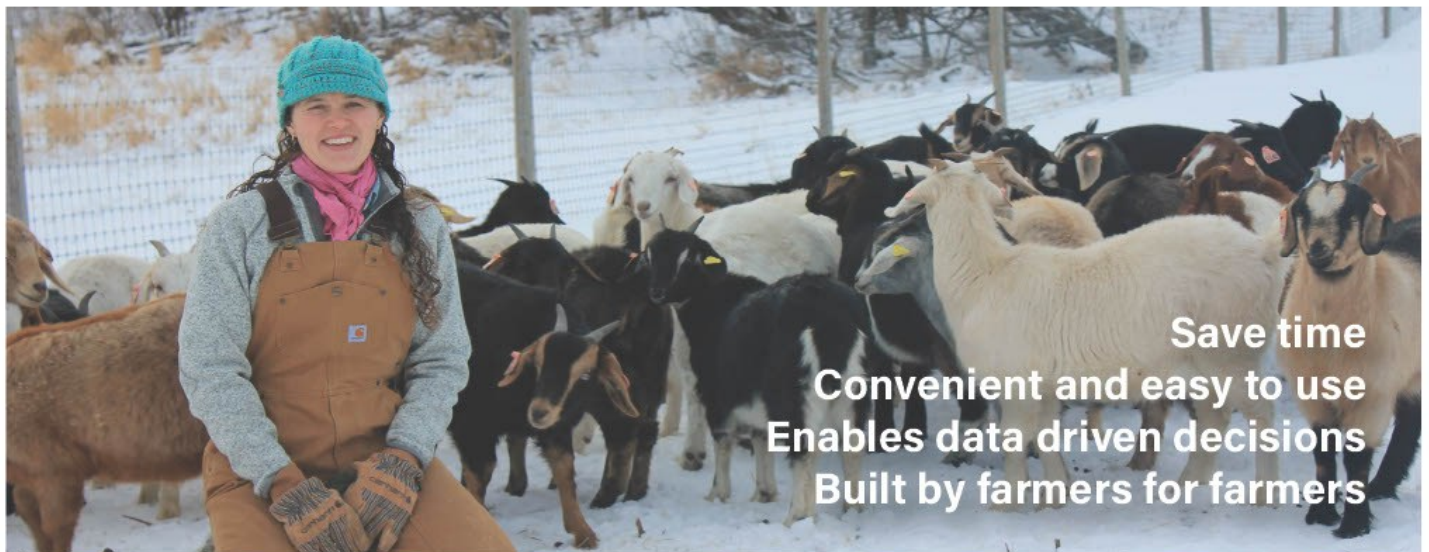
The 2020-2024 CMGA Strategic Plan is available on the CMGA website for consultation.

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.

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## 5.7 Report from the CNGF

### CNGF Office

- The CNGF has elected a new Treasurer for their board, Michele Bowering (representing Ontario Goat).
- Looking into the start of 2025, the focus will be put on website updates to effectively educate and communicate changes in the industry.
- The CNGF AGM will be held by webinar on Monday February 24th.

### Traceability

- CNGF is working alongside the CFIA to finalize some specifics regarding traceability regulations.
- Currently, the CFIA is set to allow microchips to be used for PET goats instead of a tag and this is something CNGF does not currently support. The risk of a microchip ending up in the meat of an animal they may start as a pet but end up at an abattoir is a risk we do not want to take. The CFIA has no answers right now as to the consequences of what would happen if a microchip was found in the meat, but they could guess that it would require a recall from meat from that production facility.
- Other identification such as herd marks is currently not available to producers, but is still an option in the future for certain cases and with the approval of CCIA, CFIA and CNGF.
- CNGF is hoping to have CFIA join their AGM to give an update on the Regulations and when they will be



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implemented. This will be a good opportunity to ask questions directly for those that are attending the AGM.

- No advancements or more information spread regarding the traceability and identification program.

### Updates on Scrapie

- CNGF executive members Cecilia and Mallory met with CFIA regarding updates to the Scrapie Program on November 15th, 2024.
- There are a few new updates to note.
  - Canada has almost met all the requirements for WOA (World Organization of Animal Health)
  - Australia and New Zealand are losing their disease free status which may cause disruption in further import of Kiko semen into Canada.
  - There are now only 2 labs in Canada that test for Scrapie which will slow down testing.
  - Bucks are treated the same as does now regarding regulations for Scrapie status.

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

- Earlier in the fall, CNGF submitted some data to help with the logistics of goats and their movements in the country. CFIA is now working to finish up the emergency action plan that will be ready in March 2025 for further input from the goat industry.
- The idea behind this project is more than just distributing vaccines in a timely manner and while we are a few years into the project it will most likely be a few more before everything is complete.
- Currently, nothing is final as everything is still up for correction and discussion.

## 5.8 CMGA Constitution

In 2024 the way in which proposed amendments to the Constitution are voted on have changed. Amendments, together with the ballot papers, are emailed to each member at the same time as the notice of the AGM. Voting is now online and closes 21 days before the AGM.

### Article XII of the CBCA Constitution reads as follows:

1) This constitution may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members 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.



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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.

For amendments proposed in 2024, voting was open until February 2, 2025. 10 members exercised their right to vote. Given that the aim of changing the constitution was to allow more members to exercise their voting rights, we wonder whether these changes have really achieved their goal. 10 members out of 128 is still a small number, and it means that only 8% of the members were involved in the development of their organisation. Perhaps this is because it was the first year and members were not used to this way of doing things. The CMGA Board is open to suggestions on how to improve participation to the voting process.

Here are the results of the vote:

- Bylaw Amendment 1a) to modify Article II to include Savannah goats in the Canadian Herd Book: **10 in favor**
- Bylaw amendment 1B) to add Section 3 to Article XVIII that states the General Rules of Eligibility for Savannah goats: **10 in favor**
- Bylaw amendment 1C) to modify Section 3 (new Section 4) of Article XVIII to include Savannah goats, and any other goat breed that will be registered under the CMGA umbrella in the future, into the General Rules of Eligibility for all breeds: **10 in favor**
- Bylaw amendment 1D) to modify Section 7 (new Section 8) of Article XVIII to include Savannah goats' registration resulting from embryo transplant: **10 in favor**
- Bylaw amendment 2 to add a requirement to provide the import permit when applying to register an imported animal: **9 in favor, 1 opposed.**

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