

Annual Report

Canadian  **Meat Goat** ASSOCIATION
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2025



2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

February 26, 2026 | Webinar

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AGENDA
FEBRUARY 26 • WEBINAR**

1. Conference: *Understanding housing improvement and enrichment options to develop best management practices within the goat sector.*

By Madison Penney, PhD Student, Department of Population Medicine, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph.

Summary of the results of a Canada-wide goat producer survey last year regarding environmental enrichment and current practices. An update will also be provided on an ongoing study using three different types of enrichment on commercial dairy goat and meat goat farms.

2. 2026 CMGA AGM

2.1 Call to Order

2.2 Introduction of Board of Directors and staff

2.3 Approval of the agenda

2.4 Review and approval of 2025 AGM minutes

2.5 Committee Reports:

- a. Treasurer
 - Adoption of the Treasurer's report
 - Presentation of the 2026 budget
 - Appointment for review of 2026 financial statements
- b. Production Committee
- c. Show Committee
- d. Youth Committee
- e. General Manager Report
- f. CNGF Report
- g. Constitution Committee: results of vote on the proposed amendments

2.6 Strategic Planning 2026-2030

2.7 Introduction of 2026 CMGA Board of Directors

2.8 New business

2.9 Adjournment

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President's Message

Welcome CMGA Members and guests!

First, I would like to thank all who have taken the time to attend our 2026 virtual AGM. We know folks are stretched for time while managing competing priorities, and your attendance and engagement was deeply appreciated.

Another year has come and gone. We were pleased to be able to support eight sanctioned shows in 2025, including the first ever sanctioned Kiko show in North America. If you haven't already, be sure to read the related article in the Winter 2025 edition of the Meat Goat Journal – now fully digital. Our Type Evaluation program was offered again in 2025 with five farms participating across the country with two new classifiers evaluating forty-four (44) goats total.

We are also well invested in the genetic services project which will enhance herd productivity and profitability. This is something the industry needs to move forward on if we are all to stay in business and remain profitable. Other commodities are thriving because of their genetic programs, and meat goats should be no exception.

As we conclude our 30th year as an association and look forward to 2026, your board is still struggling to balance the budget. I want to give a big thank you to Kerry and Catherine who have worked hard to find a balance between keeping our members' costs as low as possible along with the ability of the CMGA to stay afloat. Our main income is through membership and registrations, and with that income we need to at least cover the costs of running the association and the diverse services and programs that it offers. A balanced budget (or even a surplus!) would enable us to continue to invest in projects which benefit all of our members and the Canadian meat goat industry in general.

So, we are asking ourselves - and our members - why membership and registration numbers are declining in an era where goat meat is in increasingly short supply due to high demand. Is it because we have fewer purebred breeders and more commercial ones? Is it because producers do not see the value in registration? New producers may ask "what do I get for my membership dollars?" The answer isn't the same for all of us but maybe it should be – it's an investment in the meat goat industry in Canada. Along with discounts on registration fees and the ability to participate in sanctioned shows, the Type Evaluation program and the soon to be genetic evaluation program, the CMGA is also your national voice for the meat goat industry. We pass on your input to governing bodies regarding such things as traceability, import/export, and scrapie surveillance. Think of the progress that has been made in the meat goat industry over the past 30 years and imagine where we could be in the next thirty... assuming we're still here to advocate for producers. So once again, as we did at last year's AGM, we are asking you for your ideas on how to not only survive but grow our association once again.

I would like to thank all of our volunteer board members for their time and commitment in 2025 and wish all the best to our outgoing directors Jasmin Bautz (SK) and Ashley Priest (ON). A big thank you as well to Catherine, who keeps the office functioning smoothly and everyone on track. Her knowledge and dedication are invaluable to the board. I would also like to welcome our two new directors Lisa Gidney (SK) and Devon Pickering (AB).

So, let's all remember - an investment in the CMGA is an investment in the Canadian meat goat industry's future.

Here's to a growing and profitable 2026!



Ruth Ryckman
President

About the Canadian Meat Goat Association

In 1992, an enterprising group of Canadian entrepreneurs was instrumental in the importation of Boer goat embryos into Canada from New Zealand and France, and later directly from South Africa. On November 27, 1993, the Canadian Boer Goat Association was formed through an ad hoc process involving 7 charter members. On October 10, 1995, this Association was officially incorporated by Agriculture Canada under the Animal Pedigree Act, with official by-law approval coming on January 3, 1996. This approval provided sole authority as the only association approved to register Boer and Boer cross goats in Canada. The newly incorporated association, which had begun its registration process under the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, moved to Canadian Beef Improvement Inc., and eventually began self-registration 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.

2025 Board of Directors

President	Treasurer	Directors at Large
Ruth Ryckman	Kerry O'Donnell	Brianna Miller
Vice President	Secretary	Gwenn Dexter
Jasmin Bautz	Ashley Priest	Christina Hary

Mission

The Canadian Meat Goat Association is incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act and fulfills its obligations by establishing breed standards, maintaining pedigree records, and delivering a credible system of registration for Boer, Kiko, and Savannah goats in Canada. The Association supports and promotes Canadian meat goat producers through a strong commitment to developing and delivering programs, activities, and resources that reflect both the needs of its members and the emerging nature of the industry. By actively promoting and pursuing collaboration with other organizations, it positions the sector to grow, innovate, and thrive.

Vision

The Canadian Meat Goat Association brings together the strengths of Canadian meat goat breeders to produce high-quality and consistent animals that meet the growing market demand. With a strong focus on genetic improvement, it supports the development of breeding stock with profitable and economically important traits. This helps to ensure the long-term sustainability of the sector, while positioning the industry to seize new opportunities for the benefit of all producers.



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4. 2025 AGM Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Canadian Meat Goat Association AGM February 22, 2025

Canadian Meat Goat Association

Annual General Meeting

February 22, 2025

PERTH, ONTARIO

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 am EST by Becky Vissers.

2. Introductions of Board and Staff

Becky introduced each CMGA Board members and staff.

3. Approval of the Agenda

There were no proposed additions to agenda.

IT WAS MOVED BY Sarah James and SECONDED by Jasmin Bautz that the agenda be approved as presented.

The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

4. Approval of the 2024 AGM Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY Ashley Priest and SECONDED by Ruth Ryckman that the minutes from the 2024 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. No questions from the membership.

- *Approval of the Treasurer's report*

IT WAS MOVED BY Sarah James and SECONDED by Greta Prins that the Treasurer's report be adopted as presented.

The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

Catherine presented the proposed 2025 budget

Comments/questions:

- A member asked whether the association has the funds to "cover" the 2024 deficit and projected 2025 deficit
- General Manager replied that yes, based on the current account balances, but if the association continues on this path of significant deficit, can only survive for 3 more years
- *Approval of the firm appointment for the review of 2025 financial statements*

4. 2025 AGM Meeting Minutes continued...

Minutes of the Canadian Meat Goat Association AGM February 22, 2025

IT WAS MOVED BY Christina Hary SECONDED by Sara James that Raymond-Chabot-Grand-Thornton (RCGT) in La Pocatière be appointed for the 2025 CMGA financial review.
The vote was CARRIED by a majority.

b. Production

Ruth Ryckman presented the Production report. No questions from the membership.

c. Show Committee

Sarah James presented the Show Committee report. No questions from the membership.

Sarah announced the 2024 CMGA Canadian Show Champions as follows:

Purebred Buck: Urbain Lucas – owned by Ferme Jocelyn Urbain

Purebred 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

d. Youth Committee

Jasmin presented the Youth Committee Report. No questions from the membership.

Jasmin announced the winners of the Youth Point Chase award:

Honourable mention: Sophia Graham

Runner up: Braeli James

First place: Grace Knox-Kruis

The Youth Point Chase will continue for 2025. Attendees were encouraged to get youth involved in showing goats.

e. Ad & Promo Committee

Ashley presented the Ad & Promo Report. No questions from the membership.

f. General Manager's Report

Catherine presented the General Manager's Report.

Comments/questions:

- A member asked if we were certain that membership and registrations are lower because producers/breeders are experiencing financial constraints.
- General Manager response: we are guessing, can look into finding out for certain, possibly with a survey
- A member commented that the CMGA membership fee is reasonable, and that there could be a number of reasons producers/breeders are not joining, such as not enough notice, more reminders needed, forgetting
- A member asked about association demographics – how old is the membership in general? Could we consider creating discounts for targeted age groups
- A member suggested changing the timing of membership renewal – Christmas/end of year period is busy and expensive

4. 2025 AGM Meeting Minutes continued...

Minutes of the Canadian Meat Goat Association AGM February 22, 2025

- A member asked what the value is of the CMGA – what is the selling point to encourage people to join?
- General Manager replied:
 - Discount on registration costs
 - Meat Goat Journal
 - Type Evaluation program
 - Genetic Services Project (once launched)
 - Some programs are still being set up “behind the scenes” and are not of immediate benefit
- A member suggested that we look to increase commercial breeder participation in the association
- A member suggested that we collaborate with dairy goat producers/breeders – their cull goats and buck kids are part of the meat goat sector
- A member suggested a split renewal payment to ease the financial burden
- A member suggested an early renewal discount or the addition of a late fee for those registering past the deadline

g. CNGF Report

Ruth presented the CNGF Report.

Comments/questions:

- A member asked about the status of the scrapie program, answer was not available at the time of AGM.

h. Constitution Committee

Jasmin presented the Constitution Committee report. No questions from the membership.

6. Items from the floor

None

7. 2025 Board of Directors

Becky introduced the 2025 Board of Directors: Ruth Ryckman, Jasmin Bautz, Brianna Miller, Ashley Priest, Gwen Dexter, Christina Hary and Kerry O’Donnell.

8. New business

None

9. Adjournment

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

5.1 Financial Report

On pages 10 and 11, you will find the figures from 2025 Budget VS 2025 Actual.

Notes regarding 2025 revenue and costs:

Income

Youth Project

Sales from the online store are shown on this line. Profits from clothing sales are entirely dedicated to the youth project, which is used to pay for Youth Point Chase prizes. Looking at the results of this activity, we raised \$124.87 through online sales, but the expenses related to the prizes amounted to \$375, resulting in a shortfall of \$250.13 for this activity.

Advertising

This revenue item consists of income from the sale of advertising in the Journal. We lost two advertisers in 2025, for the second consecutive year, and we have gained one new. In addition, one of our advertisers changed their ad from a full-page back cover to two full pages inside the journal, which slightly increased advertising revenue. 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. Also, the fact that the newspaper is now published exclusively online has reduced advertisers' visibility, as free paper copies are no longer distributed at events. The CMGA will ensure that the Journal is given greater visibility on the website by making the latest editions available to the general public more quickly.

AGM Income

Attendance at the 2025 AGM was lower than expected. We had anticipated seventy people at the AGM and around thirty at the 30th anniversary cocktail party. In the end, we had twenty-one paying participants in person and online, and six paying participants at the cocktail party. The dedication of our sponsors helped reduce the deficit associated with the event. We raised \$5,700 in sponsorships. The deficit related to the event is \$5,667.99.

Type Evaluation

Participation in the program was reduced in 2025, but we ran the campaign anyway because we wanted our new evaluators to gain experience. The significant reduction in classification-related expenses still allowed us to make a profit, while reducing costs for participants. The 2025 budget also included a \$5,000 grant for the development of the classification program, but the grant was declined. The balance sheet for this activity for 2025 is \$619.53.

Membership

The association had a total of 147 members in 2024, an increase of nineteen members compared to 2024, which, as we recall, was the year with the lowest number of members this organization has ever had. We had expected to have the same number of members as we had in 2022-2023, which was around 150 members.

Registration

Registration activities continued to decline in 2025, and after a 22% decrease in 2024, we saw a further 14% decrease in 2025. Once again, we had hoped that registration activity would return to 2022-2023 levels, but this was not the case.

5.1 Financial Report (to be continued)

At last year's AGM, our GM spoke about the critical importance of membership and registration revenue to the sustainability of our organization. These revenues are the foundation that allows the CMGA to operate, maintain the integrity of the Herd Book, and support our members.

Our GM emphasized that sustaining this revenue is a shared responsibility. The more we collectively support registrations and maintain active memberships, the stronger our organization will be. Unfortunately, current financial trends indicate that this message has not yet translated into the level of engagement required.

Last year, it was stated that if revenue continued to decline at the present rate, the CMGA would have approximately three years remaining. Updated projections now indicate that this timeline has shortened to roughly two years.

In light of this reality, the Board has prepared the 2026 budget with careful consideration and strategic adjustments. Details of these decisions will be presented later in this report.

Show Fees

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

Sales

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

Integrated Genetic Services Project (CASPP-058)

We had planned for this project to start in 2025, but we are still in the consultation stage with the boards of directors of our partners.

Interests

This amount comes from a tax refund withheld by the government and paid two years later.

Total income

Total income was \$19,384.97 lower than anticipated.

Expenses

Ad & Promo

We had a logo designed to mark our 30th anniversary. This logo was used in our communications.

AGM

The actual amount for AGM is \$417.68 less than what we had budgeted.

CMGA Shows

There were more shows than expected, so we had to buy more rosettes.

CMGA Type Evaluation

We were expecting \$8,000 in expenses for evaluator fees and expenses and \$10,000 in expenses for developing the

5.1 Financial Report (to be continued)

program. The evaluators' fees were much lower than expected because participation was also low and the grant application was rejected.

Meat Goat Journal

The postage, printing and shipping and handling fees were spent only for the Winter 2024 journal that was published in January because early in 2025, the CMGA board decided to publish the journal online only. So, for the Summer and Winter 2025 editions, only production and artwork fees applied. We also had a special insert in the Summer edition to highlight the involvement of our long-standing members in our association.

Membership Expenses

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

Office Expenses

Overall, office expenses were lower than expected, mainly because postage costs were half of what had been anticipated. We also managed to get a discount for QuickBooks for part of the year. However, telephone costs increased by approximately \$6/month, as did website costs.

Registration expenses

These costs are due to the DNA tests conducted to determine parentage as part of our random testing program, but also to the costs incurred by producers who conduct parentage tests 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 2025, a total of forty-three animals were tested for parentage and of that number, nineteen were tested as part of the random parentage testing program.

Integrated Genetic Services Project (CASPP-058)

We had planned for this project to start in 2025, but we are still in the consultation stage with the boards of directors of our partners.

Youth Project

The Youth Support Fund has been put on hold due to the financial position of the CMGA.

Total Expenses

Expenditures were \$27,804.71 lower than anticipated. This was mainly due to project expenditure that did not occur and to reduced membership expenses related to lower registration activities.

Net Income (deficit)

Even though expenses were much lower than budgeted, the decrease in revenue related to registration activities was such that the anticipated deficit was \$1,580.26 higher.

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

The journal is published twice a year, online only. Available free of charge to all members and by subscription on requests. Members and subscribers have exclusive access for one year, after which it is made available to the general public on the CMGA website: [Meat Goat Journal - Canadian Meat Goat Association](https://www.canadianmeatgoat.com)

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2025 Adopted Budget VS 2025 Actual

2025 BUDGET

2025 ACTUAL

YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$ 250.00	\$ 124.87
ADVERTISING / PUBLICITÉ	\$ 1 800.00	\$ 1 901.00
AGM INCOME / REVENU DE L'AGA	\$ 9 000.00	\$ 6 039.77
TYPE EVALUATION / CLASSIFICATION	\$ 13 000.00	\$ 2 512.00
MEMBERSHIPS / COTISATIONS	\$ 11 000.00	\$ 10 660.00
REGISTRATIONS / ENREGISTREMENTS	\$ 45 000.00	\$ 34 034.87
SHOW FEES / FRAIS D'EXPOSITIONS	\$ 860.00	\$ 1 310.00
SALES / VENTES	\$ 200.00	\$ 60.00
PROJECT CASPP-058	\$ 5 000.00	\$ -
INTERESTS / INTÉRÊTS	\$ -	\$ 82.52
TOTAL INCOME / REVENU TOTAL	\$ 86 110.00	\$ 56 725.03
Expense / Dépenses		
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION	\$ 0.00	\$ 345.50
AGM / AGA	\$ 12 125.44	\$ 11 707.76
CMGA BOARD EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DU CA		
Teleconferences / Conférences téléphoniques	\$ 214.90	\$ 230.00
Travel / Déplacements	\$ -	\$ -
BOARD EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DU CA	\$ 214.90	\$ 230.00
CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB		
Show Ribbons / Rubans d'expo	\$ 706.00	\$ 1 155.84
Judges Licensing Forum / Formation de juge	\$ -	\$ -
Total CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB	\$ 706.00	\$ 1 155.84
CMGA TYPE EVALUATION / CLASSIFICATION		
Evaluator Fees & Expenses / Frais et dépenses des évaluateurs	\$ 8 000.00	\$ 1 811.47
Forms & Handbook / Formulaires et manuels	\$ -	\$ 81.00
Total CMGA TYPE EVALUATION / CLASSIFICATION	\$ 18 000.00	\$ 1 892.47
GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE		
Saslary / Salaire	\$ 26 765.00	\$ 26 764.92
General Manager - Other - Directrice générale - Autre	\$ -	\$ -
Total GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE	\$ 26 765.00	\$ 26 764.92

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2025 Adopted Budget VS 2025 Actual (to be continued)	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL
MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE		
MGJ Postage / Envoi postal	\$ 260.00	\$ 402.67
MGJ Printing / Impression	\$ 1 072.00	\$ 536.00
MGJ Shipping/Handling / Port et manutention	\$ 850.00	\$ 425.00
Production and artwork / Production et graphisme	\$ 2 340.00	\$ 1 545.00
Inserts / Insertion	\$ -	\$ 460.00
Total MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE	\$ 4 522.00	\$ 3 368.67
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION		
CLRC Levies / Charges SCEA	\$ 21 000.00	\$ 18 538.17
CLRC Miscellaneous / Divers SCEA	\$ 500.00	\$ 96.00
CLRC Credit Card Admin. / Admin. de Carte de crédit SCEA	\$ 1 320.00	\$ 1 162.53
CLRC Annual Service Fee / Frais de service annuels SCEA	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Total MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION	\$ 23 420.00	\$ 20 396.70
OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU		
Accounting and Legal / Comptabilité et frais juridiques	\$ 3 020.00	\$ 3 018.75
Office supplies and equipment / Équipement et matériel de bureau	\$ 45.00	\$ -
Postage / Poste	\$ 1 200.00	\$ 511.01
Telephone - Internet / Téléphone	\$ 255.00	\$ 330.28
Website / Site Internet	\$ 580.00	\$ 760.00
Quickbooks	\$ 928.00	\$ 736.86
Enterprise Registrar / Registraire entreprises	\$ 38.00	\$ 39.00
Total OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU	\$ 6 066.00	\$ 5 395.90
REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS		
DNA Testing / Testage AND	\$ 3 000.00	\$ 3 691.56
CLRC Admin Fee BV Billing / Frais admin. SCEA facturation BV	\$ 120.00	\$ 110.00
Total REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS	\$ 3 120.00	\$ 1 378.96
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES		
Bank Service Charges / Charge service bancaire	\$ 300.00	\$ 303.11
CNGF Membership / Cotisation FCNC	\$ 1 125.00	\$ 1 125.00
Research Support / Support à la recherche	\$ 1 000.00	\$ 1 000.00
Total UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES	\$ 2 425.00	\$ 2 428.11
INTEGRATED GENETIC SERVICES PROJECT / PROJET SERVICES GÉNÉTIQUE	\$ 5 000.00	\$ -
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE		
Youth Project prize / Récompense Projet jeunesse	\$ 350.00	\$ 375.00
Youth Support Fund / Fond de support à la relève	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Total YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$ 850.00	\$ 375.00
Total Expense / Dépenses	\$ 103 229.44	\$ 75 424.73
Net Profit (Loss)	-\$ 17 119.44	-\$ 18 699.70

2026 Budget

The 2026 budget was discussed and approved by the Board of Directors via an email motion adopted on February 16, 2026. It is presented on pages 17 and 18.

As membership and registration fees no longer cover all of the CMGA's annual expenses, the CMGA will have to pass on the full cost of the services it provides, including administrative costs and a reasonable profit. The CMGA is not anymore in a financial position to be offering any programs or services at cost or at a deficit.

All efforts have been focused on returning to a balanced budget. These decisions include, among other things:

- Increasing by 5% the costs of registration activities and memberships to cover the 3% increase in CLRC fees and a 2% indexation of its administrative costs.
- No longer sending paper membership cards to its members. Members will be able to print or download a copy of their own membership cards using the "Manage My Account" application on the CLRC website.
- Increasing the show fees to cover all costs (ribbons, postage, documentation, administration) and make a reasonable profit.
- Finding a sponsor to cover the Youth Point Chase contest prizes. Actually, a part of the costs are covered by selling CMGA-branded clothing, but it's not enough.
- Making sure that the Meat goat Journal costs are covered by advertisers. As soon as the cost of producing the Journal is no longer covered by its advertisers, the CMGA will have to decide whether or not to continue publishing it. The magazine's expenses currently include only graphic design, as the content is produced by the executive director, representing an additional annual cost of \$1,620. It is estimated that revenue generated by the sale of advertisements in the newspaper should amount to at least \$3,000. The Canadian Meat Goat Journal is the only remaining Canadian publication completely dedicated to the Canadian goat industry, and more specifically to the Canadian meat goat industry.
- Reducing the GM time/salary by 1/3.
- Cutting teleconference and telephone fees. The GM will now offering them through her service provision contract.
- Youth support fund will not be offered for a second year.



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Increase in CLRC unit cost for 2026

CLRC has announced an increase in the unit costs by \$0.25 per unit for 2026. This represents an inflationary increase of approximately 3%.

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.

COUNTRY LOG

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PUREBRED, PERCENTAGE AND COMMERCIAL BOER GOATS

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We recognize the important role of the **Canadian Meat Goat Association** in preserving breed integrity, supporting breeders, and advancing the Canadian meat goat industry.

CANADIAN MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

APPROVED 2026 Budget

2026 BUDGET

Income / Revenu	
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$125.00
ADVERTISING / PUBLICITÉ	\$1 600.00
AGM Income / Revenu de l'AGA	\$0.00
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	\$4 000.00
MEMBERSHIPS / COTISATIONS	\$10 900.00
SHOW FEES / FRAIS D'EXPOSITIONS	\$1 681.00
REGISTRATIONS / ENREGISTREMENTS	\$31 000.00
SALES / VENTES	\$0.00
INTEGRATED SERVICES (PROJECT CASPP-058) / INTÉGRATION DE SERVICES EN GÉNÉTIQUE	\$0.00
Total Income / Revenu total	\$49 306.00
Expense / Dépenses	
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION / PUBLICITÉ ET PROMOTION	\$0.00
AGM / AGA	\$0.00
CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA	
Telecon Expenses / Conférences téléphoniques	\$0.00
Travel / Déplacements	\$0.00
Total CMGA Board Expenses / Dépenses du CA	\$0.00
CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB	
Show Ribbons / Rubans	\$1 664.76
Total CMGA SHOWS / EXPOS DE L'ACCB	\$1 664.76
CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	
Evaluator Fees & Expenses / Frais et dépenses des évaluateurs	\$2 860,00
Forms & Handbook / Formulaires et manuels	\$150,00
Total CMGA Type Evaluation Program / Programme de classification	\$3 010.00
GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE	
Salary / Salaire	\$17 397.00
GENERAL MANAGER - Other - DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE - Autre	\$0,00
Total GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE	\$17 397.00

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	2026 BUDGET
MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE	
MGJ Postage / Envoi postal	\$0.00
MGJ Printing / Impression	\$0.00
MGJ Shipping/Handling / Port et manutention	\$0.00
Production and artwork / Production et graphisme	\$1 500.00
Total MEAT GOAT JOURNAL / REVUE	\$1 500.00
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION	
CLRC Levies / Charges SCEA	\$21 000.00
CLRC Miscellaneous / Divers SCEA	\$100.00
CLRC Credit Card Admin. / Admin. de Carte de crédit SCEA	\$1 250.00
CLRC Annual Service Fee / Frais de service annuel SCEA	\$600.00
Total MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES À LA COTISATION	\$22 950.00
OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU	
Accounting and Legal / Comptabilité et frais juridiques	\$2 000.00
Office supplies and equipment / Équipement et matériel de bureau	\$50.00
Postage / Poste	\$200.00
Telephone - Internet / Téléphone	\$0.00
Website / Site Internet	\$815.00
Quickbooks	\$305.00
Enterprise Registrar / Registraire entreprises	\$39.00
Total OFFICE EXPENSES / BUREAU	\$3 409.00
REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS	
DNA Testing / Testage AND	\$1 300.00
CLRC Admin Fee BV Billing / Frais admin. SCEA facturation BV	\$120.00
Total REGISTRATION EXPENSES / DÉPENSES LIÉES AUX ENREGISTREMENTS	\$1 420.00
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES	
Bank Service Charges / Charge service bancaire	\$300.00
CNGF Membership / Cotisation FCNC	\$1 125.00
Total UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES / DÉPENSES DIVERSES	\$1,425.00
YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	
Youth Point Chase / Chasse aux points	\$300.00
Youth Support Fund / Fond de support à la relève	\$0.00
Total YOUTH PROJECT / PROJET JEUNESSE	\$300.00
NATIONAL INTEGRATED GENETIC SERVICES PROJECT	\$0.00
Total Expense / Dépenses	\$52 575.76
Net Profit (Loss)	-\$ 3 269.76

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Breeding • Showing • Promoting Quality Meat Goats



From Passion to Partnership

For 30 years, goats have been part of our daily life.

We began specializing in meat goats in 2001, building a herd through dedication, learning, and participation in meat goat shows across the region.

Behind every registered animal stands the work of breeders and the structure that supports them.

The **Canadian Meat Goat Association** plays a key role in maintaining standards, encouraging improvement, and connecting producers across the country.

We are proud to be part of this community and to support the CMGA.

5.2 Production Committee

Type Evaluation

The classification campaign took place in 2025. This created an opportunity to put our new evaluators to work. Three farms in Nova Scotia and two farms in Ontario registered to have their goats classified. A total of 44 goats were classified. This significantly reduced costs for the CMGA and for breeders compared to the previous campaign in 2024, with site fees dropping from \$335 to \$300 and fees per goat from \$26 to \$23 for the first 19 animals evaluated and from \$23 to \$20 for 20 or more animals evaluated.

The classification program will be offered again in 2026. We anticipate that participation will more than double, as most regular participants have indicated that they want to have their goats evaluated every two years.

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.

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 advisory committees. 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.

The project ended at the end of March 2024. However, the work on a number of tasks continued beyond this deadline. For example, the work on genetic evaluation calculations and paperless registration continued, and the content of the website was improved.

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

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.

The sheep sector is currently using the paperless registration certificates feature, meaning that the original version of the certificate will be the one that will be displayed online. Breeders are able to print it at home or request a paper

copy from the CLRC office for a certain fee. This feature will also be developed for goats under phase 2 of the project.



Work on a proposal for phase 2 of the project

In 2025, the Genetic Services Network (GSN) partnership reached a milestone leading to the submission of phase 2 of the project. After nearly two years of preparatory work, the year was mainly devoted to consolidating the project, obtaining validation from partner organizations, and aligning sectoral objectives.

The work made it possible to:

- clarify the structure of inter-organizational collaboration and the responsibilities of partners;
- harmonize the network's common vision so that it benefits all participating sectors rather than a single group of breeders;
- define the expected benefits at the network level (development of tools, knowledge transfer, collective skills);
- develop the technical content and activities for phase 2, as well as their sequencing until 2029;
- consult with the boards of directors of the participating organizations;
- adjust the project to address concerns and ensure partner buy-in;
- prepare the documents needed to submit the funding application.

These steps have resulted in a coordinated, coherent project that is ready for submission, marking the transition from the design phase to the structured implementation phase of the network.

The final project proposal and budget are now with the organizations' boards of directors for final approval.

Here are the details of the activities that will be covered by the project:

Activity 1 – Organizational integration and network governance

The first activity focuses on structuring the collective operation of the network and ensuring continuous coordination between participating organizations. A Steering Committee will meet monthly to guide priorities, monitor progress, and maintain consistency across species developments. When required, specialized advisory committees will be created to address issues specific to certain sectors or services.

This activity also includes a comprehensive review of current service delivery models. Partners will analyze how data

collection, customer service, promotion, and research activities are presently conducted in order to identify overlaps, inefficiencies, and barriers to program adoption. Harmonization opportunities will then be proposed, including simplifying animal registration processes and reducing administrative burden for breeders.

Finally, the activity includes the development of a financial sustainability plan to ensure continuity of genetic services beyond the end of government funding. This step establishes the strategic foundation of the project and aims to create a durable multi-species genetic services framework in Canada.

Activity 2 – Modernization of animal identification and registration systems

The second activity focuses on improving the animal registration system managed by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. The objective is to make the platform easier to use, faster, and better aligned with regulatory requirements, particularly goat traceability mandates.

Processes will be mapped and analyzed to identify the most burdensome steps for users. Simplified forms, automatic fee calculations, and direct access to certain data will increase autonomy for both associations and breeders. Registration certificates will become digitally accessible, and repetitive operations will be automated to reduce processing times.

The system will also be adapted to incorporate traceability identifiers as the primary identification number for goats while maintaining traditional identification methods. These improvements will enhance user experience while reinforcing the integrity of pedigree records.

Activity 3 – Development of data collection and utilization systems

The third activity aims to address existing data gaps in goats, particularly in dairy and meat production. It will develop affordable and accessible tools to record, store, and consult information required for genetic selection.

Existing reporting programs will be adapted for goat producers, with customizable outputs depending on production type. Classification and performance results will be integrated directly into animal records, providing breeders and buyers with a complete profile combining pedigree and performance.

Data exchange protocols will also be established between classification systems and genetic evaluation programs to improve evaluation quality. Finally, clear rules regarding data access and ownership will be defined to secure information use and encourage producer participation.

Activity 4 – Advancement of genetic evaluations and genomic integration

The fourth activity represents the scientific core of the project. It aims to continue integrating goat genetic evaluations into a shared multi-species framework and to prepare the use of genomic data.

Evaluation methodologies will be aligned with those used in other species to benefit from shared software tools, databases, and standardized reports. The project also includes establishing a coordinated DNA sample management and storage system to support future evaluations.

The incorporation of genomics will improve evaluation accuracy, especially for traits that are difficult to measure, while reducing long-term costs through shared infrastructure. This activity will position Canadian goat genetic services at a level comparable with international standards.

Activity 5 – Communication, training and producer adoption

The fifth activity ensures practical adoption of developed tools by producers. A unified communication strategy will be developed to explain the economic benefits of genetic selection and reduce adoption barriers.

Economic analyses, surveys, and focus groups will identify obstacles to participation and guide messaging. Educational materials, case studies, and training activities will support producers in using genetic information effectively.

The project also includes the creation of a centralized breeding stock portfolio presenting animals with genetic evaluations, along with webinars, meetings, and conference presentations. The goal is to increase participation among both seedstock and commercial producers so that genetic progress translates into real productivity gains.

Association priorities

Within this project, the Canadian Meat Goat Association will primarily focus on Activity 4, related to the development and integration of genetic evaluations. Equal priority will then be given to Activities 2 and 3, addressing modernization of the registration system and development of data systems, which are essential to the effectiveness of goat genetic evaluation programs.

Registration of the Savannah Goat Breed in Canada

The Savannah goat breed can now be registered in Canada through the CMGA. Thank you to all members who responded to the call to vote on the constitutional amendments that made this possible. CMGA is now working with the CLRC to program the registration system. When the system is ready, we will let the breeders know when they can send their registration documentation and what they should be providing.

5.3 Show Committee

by Kerry O'Donnell

2025 was an exciting year for the CMGA show program. Not only did we see an increase in the number of shows nationwide, but we also saw an increase in the numbers of animals exhibited, along with an increase in the number of new exhibitors stepping into the ring. 2025 saw a total of 524 animals being shown in CMGA sanctioned shows, compared to the 325 shown in 2024.

2025 brought another first for CMGA when we saw the first CMGA sanctioned Kiko goat show take place. A triple sanctioned Kiko goat show was held in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan in July 2025.

Agriculture Canada provided approval to include the Kiko breed in the CMGA herd book in 2013 and since that time, Kiko breeders have had the opportunity to register their Kikos with CMGA rather than a foreign registry. CMGA was contacted by motivated Kiko breeders in early 2025 with a request to consider creating a framework to include Kikos in CMGA sanctioned shows. CMGA rose to the occasion and spent early 2025 actively working on a show scorecard for the Kiko breed. The scorecard was developed with the assistance of CGS Licensed Judges and active Kiko breeders. The end result was an opportunity for Kiko breeders to showcase their animals at a well attended event and to showcase the breed to the general public.

In addition to the triple sanctioned Kiko show, the Lloydminster show also held a triple sanctioned meat goat show. We would like to commend and thank the organizers of that show for not only taking a leap of faith and hosting not one ring, but three rings of the newly developed Kiko show, but also a triple ring meat goat show which showcased all divisions (purebred does, purebred bucks, percentage does, commercial does and market kids).

The province of Quebec has been a long-standing supporter of CMGA sanctioned shows, and this year was no different with continued strong support from our Quebec breeders who presented 67 does and 40 bucks in 2025.

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, Ontario was the host of the 2025 CMGA National show. All divisions were offered and a total of 93 animals were showcased at this prestigious event.

CMGA is committed to the quality of its show program and as a result, a yearly teleconference meeting is arranged with all current licensed CMGA judges. The purpose of this call is to gather feedback from our Judges on what their experiences have been inside and outside of the show ring - what has gone well, what has not gone well, and what can we do to improve. These comments are taken back to the Board of Directors and are used to refine and improve the show program.

2026 will see price increases for organizations who wish to hold a CMGA sanctioned show.

These fees have not been raised since at least 2014 due to the fact that CMGA has historically felt that financially supporting shows was important to showcase the meat goat industry. CMGA has taken a financial loss on show sanctioning fees for many years, and in 2026, can no longer absorb this cost. The price increase has been instituted to insure CMGA covers its costs and has a small profit to go towards supporting the Association as a whole. The price increase is in line with other Associations pricing for sanctioned shows and we trust that show organizers and Fair Boards will understand and support the price increase.

CMGA would like to extend our thanks to our Judges. We appreciate your professionalism, your expertise, the education you provide to exhibitors in the show ring, and your willingness to support the show program.

Last, but certainly not least, we want to acknowledge all of the exhibitors who take the time and effort to attend CMGA sanctioned shows. Preparing, feeding, training, grooming, and managing animals for a show is not a small task. Many hours are spent by breeders in order to have their animals in optimal condition to show, and we appreciate your efforts to showcase your animals and our industry.

Congratulations to everyone in 2025. The 2026 show season is just around the corner, and we are looking forward to seeing what it will bring!

The winners of the 2025 Canadian Show Champions contest are:

Purebred Buck: Calico Creek Ollie on Point, owner Ebony Lysyshyn

Purebred Boer Doe: Calico Creek Dixie, owner Landon Spokowski

Percentage Doe: Mystic Hills Ollie's Lil Red Dress, owner Ebony Lysyshyn

Commercial Doe: Dolly, owner Chèvrerie OPA

Shows	Purebred Boer Does	Percentage Boer Does	Purebred Boer Bucks	Commercial Does	Market Kids
<i>Expo Calixa- Lavalee -</i>	26	0	10	0	0
<i>Border City Goat Show – Barbie Clark</i>	24	3	15	14	2
<i>Border City Goat Show – Ian Clark</i>	24	3	15	14	2
<i>Border City Goat Show – Callum McLeod</i>	24	3	15	14	2
<i>Expo St. Hyacinthe</i>	67	0	30	0	0
<i>Brome Fair – Patrick McClean</i>	67	0	25	0	0
<i>Norfolk County Fair -</i>	12	3	0	8	0
<i>RAWF -</i>	45	9	16	20	2
Totals for 2025 (8 shows)	289	21	136	70	8
Totals for 2024 (5 shows)	202	14	73	34	2

5.4 Youth Committee

By Jasmin Bautz

Youth Point Chase

We had great fun at the youth shows this season, with 54 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 that the winners of the 2025 Youth Point Chase: Our Honorable Mention is Madelyn Cook, from SK. Well done! Our Runner-Up is Grace Knox-Kruis, from ON. Awesome! And our winner is Miranda Gilroy, also from ON. Congratulations!

CMGA believes in investing and encouraging our youth and is seeking a sponsor that shares this vision. The sponsor would cover the belt buckle that is awarded to the Youth Point Chase winner, at a cost of approximately \$200. As with other sponsors, CMGA will offer visibility in return. This belt buckle represents pride and dedication – qualities that build confident and capable youth to create a future in our industry. I strongly feel that support such as this during my own years in youth programs gave me the courage to grow into an invested young farmer. We appreciate those who invest in our youth and stand behind the kids in the barn.

Youth Support Fund

The CMGA is actually not in a financial position to allow for the reallocation of financial resources dedicated to the CMGA Youth Support Fund. This funding program will be put on hold until CMGA's finances improve. The Youth Support Fund is a 500\$ amount that is awarded annually by the CMGA to one outstanding youth member who is actively involved in the commercial meat goat industry. The purpose of the fund is to support youth members that show a vested interest in the industry and pursue activities that help them develop as potential future industry leaders.

5.5 Ad and Promo Committee

By Ashley Priest

The Advertising and Promotion Committee was pleased with several initiatives that ran in celebration of the Association's 30th anniversary. A commemorative anniversary logo was developed and featured across our communications, publications, and event materials throughout the year, helping highlight this important milestone. The Committee also coordinated recognition of long-standing members, acknowledging their dedication and contributions to the growth and success of the Canadian meat goat industry. In addition, members were encouraged to promote the Association through branded clothing and accessories available in the e-store. These efforts strengthened member engagement, enhanced visibility, and reinforced pride in our Association and industry achievements.

5.6 General Manager

CMGA Annual General Meeting and Breeder Education Day

"30 Years of Canadian Meat Goats: Proud of Our Legacy, Excited for the Future"

On February 22, 2025, the Canadian Meat Goat Association (CMGA) hosted its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Breeder Education Day at Code's Mill on the Park in Perth, Ontario. The event marked an important milestone — 30 years of the Canadian meat goat industry — under the theme "Proud of Our Legacy, Excited for the Future."

The day brought together members, partners, and industry stakeholders for networking, education, and celebration.

2026 AGM



April 15th, 2026
4596 Road 145, Kinkora, ON
10am-3pm

Registration opens at 9:30am

AGM: 10am - 2pm
Members only meeting: 2pm - 3pm
\$30 AGM admission

or

One free admission/lunch included with purchase of 2026 membership to Ontario Goat for only \$100!

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Exhibitor booths included the Genetic Services Network, the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA), and CMGA.

CMGA President Becky Vissers opened the event and introduced the 2024 Board of Directors and the conference speakers.

Educational Program Highlights

The conference program featured expert speakers covering key industry topics:

- **Betty-Jo Almond (AgSights)** Choosing the Right Goat Herd Management System: Record-Keeping Options for Every Farmer
- **Ashley Scott (CCIA) & Catherine Michaud (CMGA)** Traceability in Canada: Roles, Responsibilities and Recent Updates
- **Brian Sullivan (Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement) & Frédéric Fortin (CEPOQ)** CapriGen: Advancing Genetic Evaluation for Canadian Meat Goats
- **Dale Daroch (Jones Feed Mills)** Current Insights and Future Directions in Goat Nutrition
- **Dr. Annie Daignault, DVM (CEPOQ)** Essential Neonatal Care Practices for Goat Kids

A special panel discussion titled “30 Years of Canadian Meat Goats” featured long-time CMGA members and producers Nancy McNeil (Chèvrerie Du Biquet), Shannon Thurston (Staveley Farms), Ruth Ryckman (Rolling Change Ranch), and Greta Prins (Treeline Boers), who shared reflections on their experiences and the evolution of the sector.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM provided members with updates on CMGA programs and activities, along with an opportunity for open discussion and engagement with the Board and staff. The 2025 Board Members were presented, and the traditional silent auction concluded the formal portion of the day.

30th Anniversary Celebration

The event concluded with a Dinner Cocktail celebrating CMGA’s 30th anniversary. A tribute was presented to nine members who have dedicated more than twenty years of service and support to the organization, highlighting their lasting contributions to the Canadian meat goat industry.

The 2025 AGM and Breeder Education Day successfully combined education, governance, and celebration — honoring three decades of progress while looking confidently toward the future of the sector.

Meat Goat Journal and other media

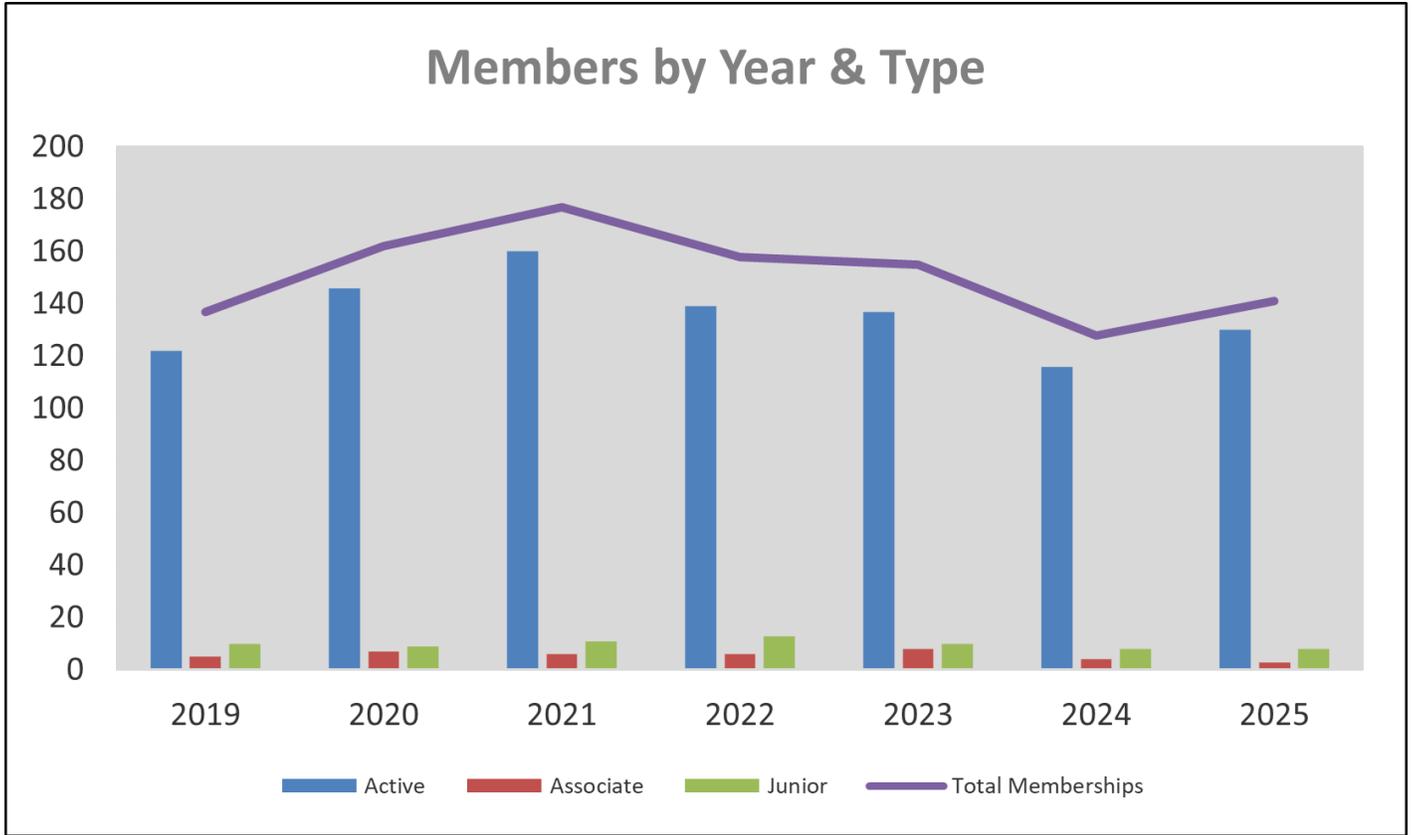
In 2025, both editions of the newspaper were published exclusively online. We also published 3 CMGA Express in April, June and December. The goal was to send a quarterly newsletter, but unfortunately it was not possible to achieve this objective. If you have any suggestions for topics to cover in the 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 2024, the number of members rose slightly in 2025. The following table is showing membership variations for the last 6 years.

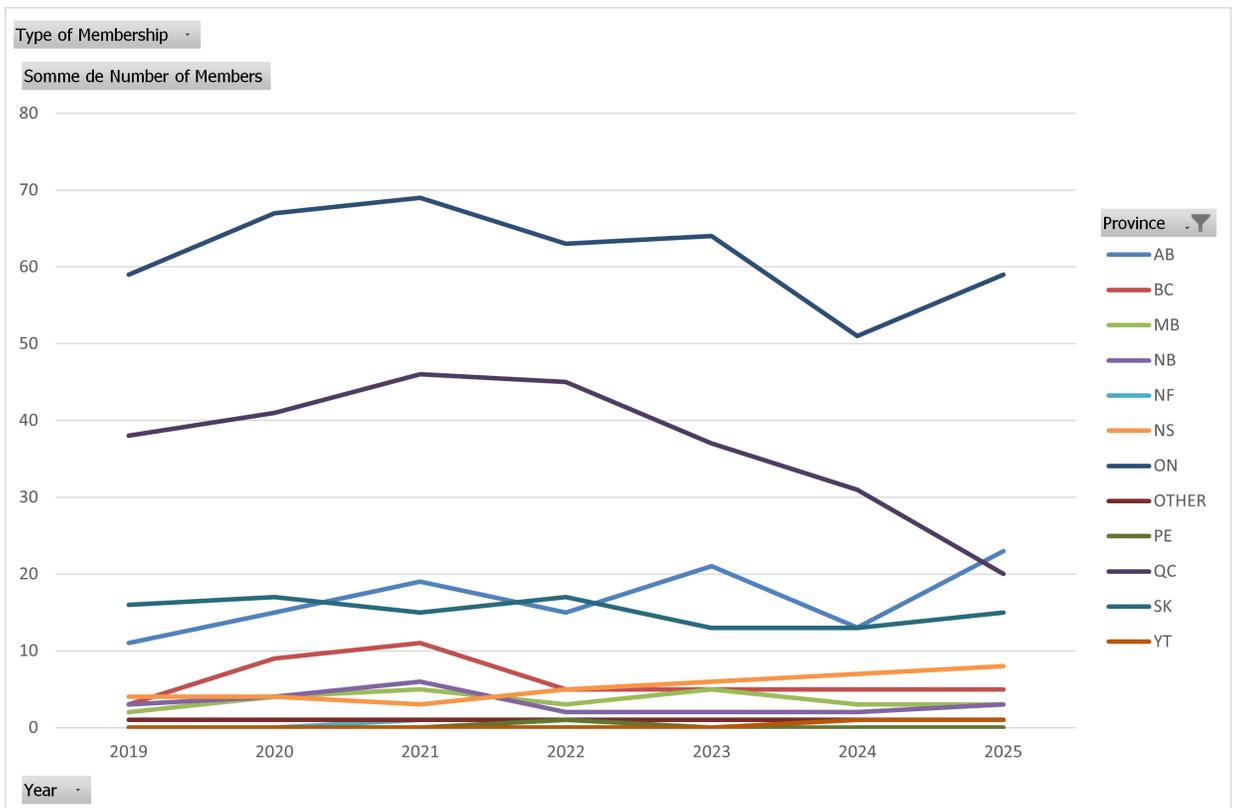
The list of CMGA members is still available on the CMGA website. Updates are made as members renew their membership or as new members join the organization. Please ensure your contact information is up to date by contacting the office with any changes. If you would like to have some information removed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

information, please let me know.



When we look and the number of members variations by province in the following graph, we see that Ontario has the highest number of members and saw a decrease of 18 members from 2021 to 2024 and a slight increase of 8 members in 2025. The

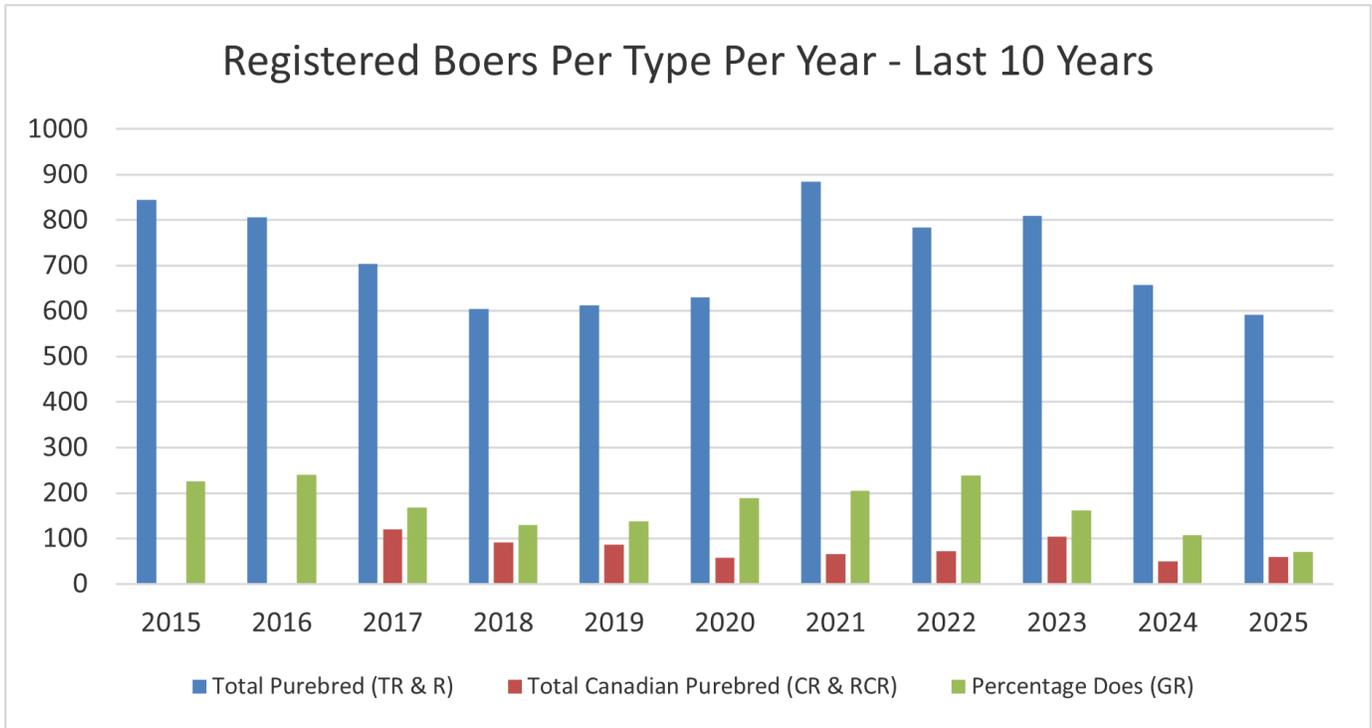
biggest decrease is in members from Quebec. The CMGA lost more than 50% of its members from Quebec between 2021 and 2025, from 46 to only 20 members. The biggest increase in CMGA members in



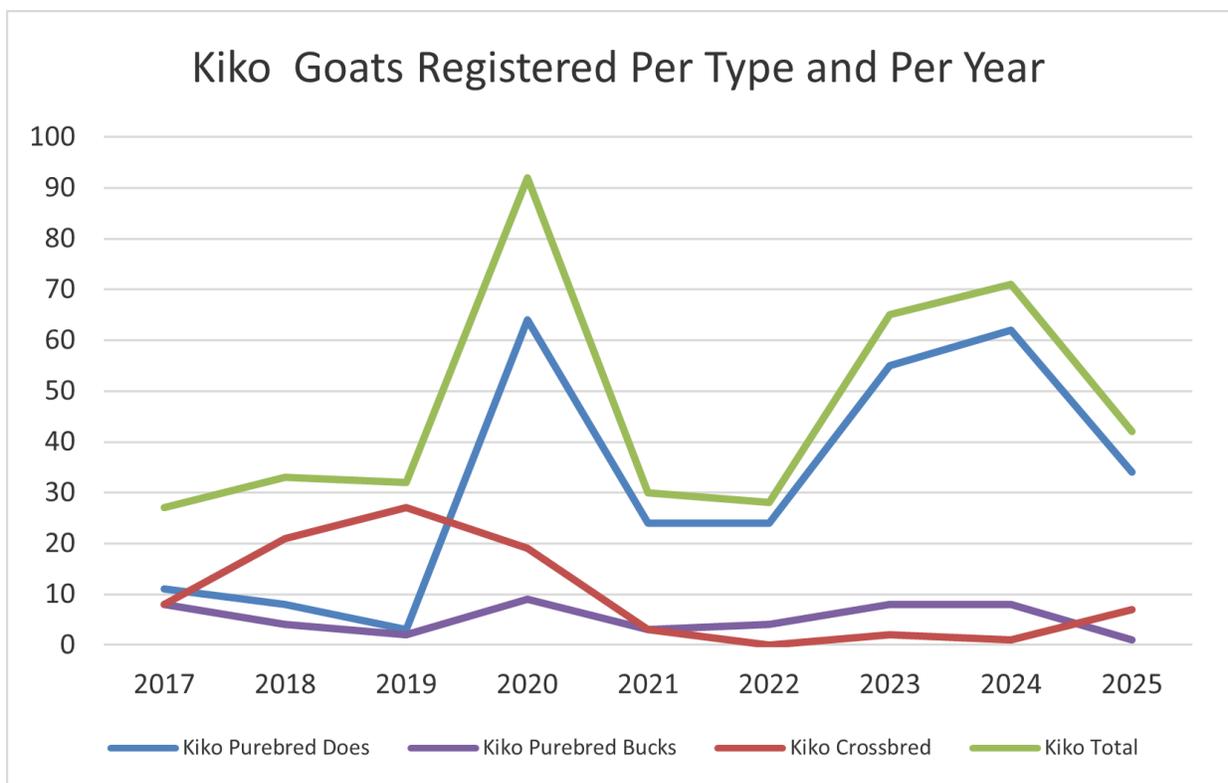
2025 is in Alberta. All other provinces also saw a slight increase in the number of CMGA members in 2025.

Registrations

After a 22% decrease in registrations in 2024, we saw another overall decrease, this time of 14%, in 2025. The decrease for Boer goats alone was 11%. You can see this variation in the following graph.

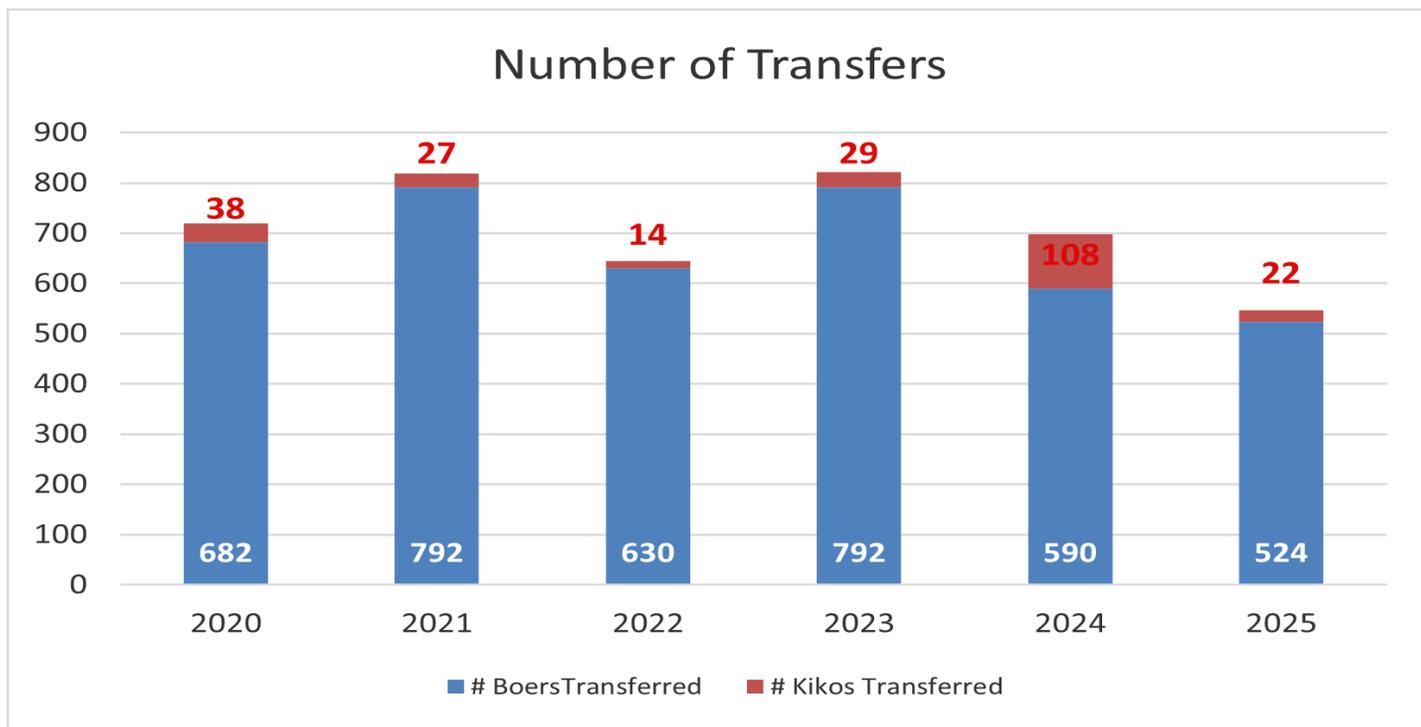


The decline in Kiko goat registrations was the worst, with a 41% decrease. We would have hoped that with the registration of offspring from semen imported from New Zealand in 2024 and the organization of a Kiko goat show in



2025, the number of registered Kiko goats would have at least remained the same in 2025. See the details in the following graph.

Regarding transfers, the number have also decreased by 22% in 2025, and mainly for Kiko goats (80%).



Strategic Planning

Our Executive Director and two members of our Board of Directors attended a training session on developing and implementing a strategic plan. The first steps in developing the ACCB's plan have been taken, and the Association's vision and mission statements have been revised.

Vision

“The Canadian Meat Goat Association brings together the strengths of Canadian meat goat breeders to produce high-quality and consistent animals that meet the growing market demand. With a strong focus on genetic improvement, it supports the development of breeding stock with profitable and economically important traits. This helps to ensure the long-term sustainability of the sector, while positioning the industry to seize new opportunities for the benefit of all producers.”

Mission

“The Canadian Meat Goat Association is incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act and fulfills its obligations by establishing breed standards, maintaining pedigree records, and delivering a credible system of registration for Boer, Kiko, and Savannah goats in Canada. The Association supports and promotes Canadian meat goat producers through a strong commitment to developing and delivering programs, activities, and resources that reflect both the needs of its members and the emerging nature of the industry. By actively promoting and pursuing collaboration with other organizations, it positions the sector to grow, innovate, and thrive.”

Activities will continue in 2025 to finalize strategic planning.

5.7 Report from the CNGF

The Canadian National Goat Federation (CNGF) has had a good year working on different challenges facing the goat industry. We have been working to prepare for the upcoming traceability regulations, lobbying the government regarding proposed tariffs on goat dairy products and working to find more approved indicator options for identifying goats.

Traceability has been the focus of 2025 as we had many communications with the CFIA that suggested these regulations would take effect soon. While we are still awaiting the start date, but our job at CNGF is to be prepared to communicate the requirements with all producers, transporters, abattoirs and sale barns so this transition is as seamless as possible. It is important to note that CFIA is the regulatory body that makes the rules, but CCIA is where goat producers go to obtain their approved indicators (tags). There are currently a few options for ear tags as well as leg bands that will be accepted for goats under the regulations. CNGF is exploring other options for tags and indicators to provide a variety of options to best suit our producers.

Early in 2025, we saw the risk of tariffs being applied to specifically our goat dairy products being exported to the USA. Over 80 million litres of goat milk gets exported and this could have a detrimental impact on our industry. Unfortunately, our goat milk is under the same code as cattle milk which is protected by supply management and this ultimately is what is the most concerning. Throughout 2025, cross border negotiations have been threatening tariffs. CNGF will continue to address this matter as things change.

The CNGF is happy to have CMGA as a member organization and we look forward to working together on future projects.

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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 CMGA 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.*

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.*

Six amendments were proposed in 2025 and voting was open until February 2, 2026. At first, 12 members exercised their right to vote. Several members informed us that they had not received the email or that it had ended up in their spam folder. It was therefore decided to resend the email and reopen the voting period for an additional period of time. In total, we received 26 votes, representing a total of 18% of members. A vote had to be canceled because the member voted twice with two different votes, one vote in favor of everything, but the last amendment and one vote against everything.



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Here are the results of the vote:

- 1) **Amendment of Article I to conclude the incorporation of the Savannah breed into the Canadian Herd Book.**
In favor: 26. Opposed: 0. Abstention: 0.
- 2) **To remove the obligation from the CMGA of issuing a membership card to its members.**
In favor: 25. Opposed: 1. Abstention: 0.
- 3) **To clarify the definition of “Purebred” goat and the whole process of breeding up a goat from half (50%) Boer to a Purebred Boer designation.**
In favor: 25. Opposed: 1. Abstention: 0.
- 4) **To clarify the definition of “Purebred” goat and the whole process of breeding up a goat from half (50%) Kiko to a Purebred Kiko designation.**
In favor: 19. Opposed: 1. Abstention: 6.
- 5) **To clarify the definition of “Purebred” goat and the whole process of breeding up a goat from half (50%) Savannah to a Purebred Savannah designation.**
In favor: 19. Opposed: 1. Abstention: 6.
- 6) **Exceptional Registration of Canadian-Born Goats Previously Registered with a Recognized Foreign Registry.**
In favor: 22. Opposed: 1. Abstention: 3.

Vote on the Canadian Savannah goats breed standards

The Canadian Savannah goats breed standards were developed by the committee that worked on the Savannah goat registration procedure in Canada. They were sent to all known Canadian Savannah goat producers for their comments and amendments. The final version for approval was sent for review at the same time as the proposed amendments to the CMGA's bylaws.

Article XVIII, paragraph 8 states that:

“The Breed Standards of this Association shall be developed outside these Bylaws and must be ratified and/or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership at any general meeting or mail-in vote.”



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