

Minutes

Annual General Meeting
Canadian Guernsey Association
Thursday, March 29, 2018, EastGen, Guelph, ON

1.0 **Call to Order**

President, Alan Spence called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Alan Spence participated via telephone.

2.0 **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed.

Scott Gordon motioned and Paul Noble seconded to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

3.0 **Review of previous Annual General Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 were reviewed.

Colin Comfort motioned and Ed Warriner seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

4.0 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- None

5.0 **President's Address**

- Alan Spence presented the President's Address as printed in the annual report.
- Alan Spence asked Morris Bartlett to chair the remainder of the meeting and Alan wished everyone a happy Easter.

6.0 **Administration/Financial Report**

- Jessie Weir presented the administration report as printed in the annual report and gave a detailed report of the finances.

Ken Forster motioned and Paul Noble seconded to accept the administration/financial report. Motion carried.

7.0 **Breed Improvement Committee Report**

- Scott Gordon presented the Breed Improvement Committee Report as printed in the annual report.
- Scott also presented the breed improvement statistics for the past 10 years.
- CDN base changes were discussed and how the roll backs correlate with the bull proofs. The Breed Improvement Committee will provide feedback to CDN regarding LPI formula.

8.0 **Fieldman Report**

- Rob Forster presented the report as printed in the annual report.

Paul Noble motioned and Colin Comfort seconded to accept the Breed Improvement report and the Fieldman report. Motion carried.

9.0 **Awards**

- Morris Bartlett and Rob Forster congratulated the production award winners and presented the various awards.

10.0 **Elections**

Two-year term has completed for Ken Forster, Alan Spence, Morris Bartlett, Paul Noble and John Tamis

- Alan Spence opened the floor for director elections for a two-year term.
 - Morris Bartlett nominated by Scott Gordon. Agreed
 - Alan Spence nominated by Ken Forster. Agreed
 - Paul Noble nominated by Scott Gordon. Agreed
 - Ken Forster was nominated by Morris Bartlett. Agreed
 - John Tamis was nominated by Ken Forster. John will be asked.

Scott Gordon motioned and Colin Comfort seconded to close nominations. Motion carried.

Morris Bartlett, Alan Spence, Paul Noble, Ken Forster and John Tamis join the following four directors with one year remaining on their term – Scott Gordon, Jim Eby, Amy Kemp and Kyle Drost.

11.0 **New/Other Business**

- Jim Eby indicated there is a lady from Quebec wanting to start a Guernsey herd and process Guernsey milk.
- The demand for Guernsey cattle has exceeded the ability to provide the animals. There was a comment on trying to flush some good cows and produce embryos for herds wishing to purchase animals.
- Donald Caron from Holstein Canada was introduced and the members asked many questions of him. A2A2 testing and results was discussed. Currently the A2A2 results are sent to CDN for update. Once the new database is in place all animals will be available on the Holstein Canada database. At this point the A2A2 results are only available on the CDN website.
- The A2A2 testing is done currently through Pfister in Michigan. The current price is \$15 per A2A2 test with a turn-around time of 4 to 6 weeks and genomic testing at \$33.
- There was discussion on the importance of A2A2 in the population. Members are encouraged to send their A2A2 results directly to Holstein Canada.
- There was discussion on the process for genomic testing and the comparison of genomic testing results to other countries. There is not a direct comparison between the different countries for genomic testing. Donald Caron will research comparing the Canadian genomic result with an American result.
- There was discussion on tags and their retention. There are currently retention trials underway. Recommendations are now coming through to Holstein Canada from the trials. Holstein Canada is aware of the issues and are working toward a solid solution. If there are any problems or concerns you are encouraged to contact Holstein Canada.

12.0 **Adjournment**

Scott Gordon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Following adjournment, Ken Forster gave the blessing and the members enjoyed their lunch. Following lunch, Morris Bartlett introduced Marie McNabb, Vice-Chair, Gay Lea Foods as our guest speaker. Marie gave an interesting presentation on Gay Lea Foods and their future expansions. Marie is enjoying her time with Gay Lea and the places it takes her. Gay Lea was founded in 1958, a dairy farmer-owned co-operative with more than 1360 dairy farms and 4250 members overall. One vote per dairy farm license, 60 zone delegates and 11 producer directors. Marie was asked if there is a place for the benefits of Guernsey milk at Gay Lea. There is discussion around A2A2 currently and Gay Lea does process Eby Manor Guernsey milk. Gay Lea is looking at niche markets as well as the large picture. Marie discussed the many products available through Gay Lea. 2017 was a great year for Gay Lea with 788M in sales and 31.3M in profit and 39% paid back to members through patronage and dividends. Marie mentioned the most recent companies acquired and the building developments at Teeswater, Hamilton, Manitoba, and another facility at the juncture of Hwy 407 and 401. The dairy goat section has been a positive move for the company as well. Their new logo was shown Gay Lea Born on the Farm and a new website. Gay Lea is celebrating their 60th anniversary this year and having a gala on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at the Gay Lea Dairy Museum.

Morris Bartlett thanked Marie McNabb for her presentation with a gift of a Guernsey lawn chair. The day ended with a great auction raising money for the association.