

Minutes

Annual General Meeting
Canadian Guernsey Association
Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 10:30 a.m. Conference Call

1.0 **Call to Order**

President Morris Bartlett called the conference call to order at 11:00 a.m. following the Ontario Guernsey AGM.

Participants: Morris Bartlett, Jocelyn Forster, Rob Forster, Russell Gammon, Paul MacLeod, Colin Comfort, Ken Forster, Scott Gordon, Randall Affleck, Christian Kaiser, Brent Clements, Alan Spence, Jim Eby, Marie McNabb and Jessie Weir (recording).

2.0 **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed.

Paul MacLeod motioned, and Colin Comfort seconded to accept the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on Friday, March 22, 2019 were reviewed.

Marie McNabb motioned, and Jocelyn Forster seconded to accept the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

4.0 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- None

5.0 **President's Address**

- Morris Bartlett presented the President's Address as printed in the annual report.

Jim Eby motioned, and Rob Forster seconded to accept the President's report as read. All in favor. Motion carried.

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.

Scott Gordon motioned, and Paul MacLeod seconded to accept the administration/financial report. All in favor. Motion carried.

7.0 **Breed Improvement Committee Report**

- Scott Gordon presented the Breed Improvement Committee Report as printed in the annual report.
- Semex will be outright purchasing the Guernsey bull Springhill Jesse James. This will be a great option for the breeders, but not so good financially for the association. Semex royalty payment to the syndicate would change from 15% to 10% for any future agreements. Semex does want direction from the Breed Improvement committee on which bulls to purchase.
- Scott also reviewed the breed improvement statistics as printed in the annual report.

Rob Forster motioned, and Jocelyn Forster seconded to accept the Breed Improvement Committee report. All in favor. Motion carried.

8.0 **Fieldman Report**

- Russell Gammon summarized the report as printed in the annual report.
- Please forward pictures to Russell to use for the Facebook posts as he aims to meet his 366 posts for this year.
- Focus for 2020 will be tracking activity on registrations of animals imported from the US. Morgan Sangster and Natasha McKillop (Holstein Canada Field Service) will be contacted to help with this project. Russell will also work with agriculture communications regarding Guernseys in the agricultural community. Drafting herd profiles on Christian Kaiser, Lindrian Farm, Bruce Fuller & Dillman's was also mentioned with the priority on Christian Kaiser for the upcoming Journal.

Paul MacLeod motioned, and Colin Comfort seconded to accept the Fieldman report. All in favor. Motion carried.

9.0 **Amendment to By-Laws 15. Eligibility for Registration**

It is proposed Canadian Guernsey Association modify the By-Laws 15. 1. a. ii. as follows:

1. General
 - a. Eligible for Registration shall be:
 - i. Females born in Canada that have a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) purebred Guernsey inheritance.
 - ii. Males with four generations of 100% purebred Guernsey ancestry.

Change to:

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 - i. Females born in Canada that have a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) purebred Guernsey inheritance.
 - ii. Males with four generations of 100% purebred Guernsey ancestry. A genotype must be on file for all males for parentage purposes. If there is a trait or recessive identified through testing it would be documented.

Proposed by Scott Gordon, Seconded by Morris Bartlett

- Scott Gordon presented the above amendment and indicated it was to keep the purity of the herd book as pure as possible. No recessives have been noticed yet but if something does happen in the future it will be reported to the association.

Scott Gordon motioned, and Christian Kaiser seconded to accept the above amendment. 10 in favor, 0 against. Motioned carried.

10.0 **Awards**

- Morris Bartlett congratulated the production award winners and indicated the awards would be presented at the summer picnic.

11.0 **Elections**

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

- Morris Bartlett opened the floor for director elections for a two-year term.

Nominated	Nominated by	Agreed
Christian Kaiser	Rob Forster	Yes
Alan Spence	Scott Gordon	Yes
Ken Forster	Alan Spence	Yes
John Tamis	Ken Forster	Yes
Morris Bartlett	Jim Eby	Yes

Scott Gordon motioned, and Paul MacLeod seconded to close nominations. All in favor. Motion carried.

Christian Kaiser, Alan Spence, Ken Forster, John Tamis and Morris Bartlett join the following directors with one year remaining on their term – Scott Gordon, Jim Eby, Paul MacLeod and Rob Forster.

12.0 **New/Other Business**

- The Breeder's Cup competition will change for 2020. It will be a virtual contest with 3 on farm pictures forwarded to Russell Gammon. There will be 2 judges (1 Canadian and 1 from elsewhere). The deadline for the pictures will be May 1st. The judges placing will be worth 50% and the public vote would be other 50% of the score for final placing. Animals must be registered in the Canadian herd book and be 75% purity. Classes – 1st lactation, 2nd lactation, 3rd lactation & up, heifers up to 12 months and heifers over 12 months. Restrictions of 2 entries per class per herd. Scott Gordon will be providing to Russell a sample of the 3 picture shots for reference for other members. It would be important that the animals be clean but no professional pictures. No clipping of top lines. EastGen, Select and ST could be sponsors for the various classes. Morris Bartlett, Scott Gordon, Jessie Weir & Russell Gammon will work on this project. There was discussion on not having a charge for the contest.
- Brent Clements discussed animals from 7 farms in the US are being trucked shortly to Eric Salonen in Ontario.

- There was discussion on A2 milk being distributed across Canada through Agri-Foods and an agreement with The a2 Milk Company. The a2 Milk Company are trying to shut down farms who are branding and using the wording A2. Members are not receiving support from DFO. Jim Eby indicated Eby Manor's goal is to be 100% A2 by summer and all animals will be tested. Eby Manor will not be branding their bottles but will be using literature to inform. There was a suggestion to list on the bottles, milk from A2 tested animals. Guernseys are primarily A2 and should be promoted as such.

13.0 Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 pandemic our guest speaker for today, Tim May was postponed until another time.

Morris Bartlett thanked everyone for participating and asked the board of directors to remain on the telephone line for a short meeting.

14.0 **Adjournment**

Scott Gordon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m.