

# AYRSHIRE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

## Annual General Meeting

Friday March 1, 2019 – 11 a.m.  
La Cache à Maxime, Scott, Québec

### Minutes

Present: Mario Lacerte, President, Oliver Balme, François Beaudry, Caroline Couture, Jonathan Lemay, Eleanor Robinson, Mary Ellen Trueman, Michel Boudreault, Ayrshire breeders, special guests, and sponsors.

Secretary: Lucie Lecomte, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Duane Tolhurst.

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mario Lacerte, President, calls the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. and welcomes everyone. He indicates to the members a few guidelines to follow for the proper conduct of this meeting.

He thanks everyone attending the meeting for coming and welcomes everyone again.

#### 2.0 MEMBERS IDENTIFICATION

Mario Lacerte asks all members to identify themselves with their voting cards and, having observed more than 25 members' voting cards, declares the Annual General Meeting to be legally constituted.

#### 3.0 NOMINATION OF THE SCRUTINEERS

Mario Lacerte asks those in attendance to nominate the scrutineers.

François Beaudry / Cynthia Daoust moves and seconds Mr. Pascal Lemire and Ms. Stéphanie Roy to act as Scrutineers.

CARRIED  
2019-0301-009

#### 4.0 READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Michel Boudreault reads out the Agenda and asks whether any items need to be added.

Claude Larocque / Bonnie Bergeron moves and seconds the adoption of the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED  
2019-0301-010

## 5.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 22, 2018 MEETING

Michel Boudreault presents an overview of the Minutes.

It is asked whether there are any questions. No questions.

There is a call to vote.

Richard Lagacé / Amélie Hardy Demers. moves and seconds that the Minutes from the March 22, 2018 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED  
2019-0301-011

## 6.0 OLD BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Michel Boudreault reads out the follow-up of the resolutions from the March 22, 2018 Minutes.

Resolution concerning animal purity percentages on our website. It is specified that the request was made to ABRI to post purity percentages on our website.

It is asked whether there are any questions. No questions.

## 7.0 PRESIDENT REPORT

Mario Lacerte presents a summary of his report presented on page 10 of the Annual Report.

It is asked whether there are any questions. No questions.

Patrick Riordon / Christian Bilodeau moves and seconds the President Report as presented.

CARRIED  
2019-0301-012

## 8.0 GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Michel Boudreault presents his report available on page 11 of the Annual Report.

It is asked whether there are any questions. No questions.

David De Launière / Jonathan Lagacé moves and seconds the General Manager Report as presented.

CARRIED  
2019-0301-013

## 9.0 BREED IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Pascal Morneau reads out the Breed Improvement Committee Report presented on page 12 of the Annual Report.

It is asked whether there are any questions.

Richard Lagacé wishes to congratulate the Breed Improvement Committee on the work done to increase production. However, he wonders whether other traits, such as milking speed and temperament, might have been neglected.

Pascal Morneau explains that the committee continues to work on these points and that they haven't been neglected by the committee.

Richard Lagacé asks what the Ciaq-Semex's visions are concerning bull selection to improve these points.

Jonathan Lagacé mentions that, in smaller breeds, more sudden changes of direction are sometimes required and these points have not been forgotten. Ciaq-Semex is working on it. The importance of working all together to move the breed forward is highlighted.

No other questions.

Jonathan Lemay / Cynthia Daoust moves and seconds the Breed Improvement Committee Report as presented.

CARRIED  
2019-0301-014

## 10.0 FINANCES

**Auditor's Report.** It is mentioned that it is available on page 13 of the Annual Report.

**Unaudited Financial Reports.**

Michel reads out the reports and comments them:

Statement of Financial Position – Statement of Net Assets – Income Statement (Revenue) – 2018 Breakdown of Revenue – Statement of Expense – Summary of the Cash Flow Statement. Explanations are provided on several points. The year is ending with a surplus of \$12,319 and on the balance sheet with \$552,318, for a difference of \$30,081 more than in 2017.

It is asked whether there are any questions. No questions.

Normand Lapointe / Claude Larocque moves and seconds the Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED  
2019-0301-015

## 11.0 NOMINATION OF AN AUDITOR FOR 2019

Attendees are asked whether they wish to nominate an auditor. The Board of Directors proposes the accounting firm BDO.

Richard Lagacé / Normand Lapointe moves and seconds to nominate the same accounting firm as last year, namely BDO Canada, for the Financial Statements ending November 30, 2019.

CARRIED  
2019-0301-016

## 12.0 BYLAWS CHANGES

### Current Bylaw

#### 22.2 Purebred Status

Shall be eligible to the Ayrshire purebred status, provided their Ayrshire characteristics include the colour red and white or white or red:

22.2.1 Female animals with no less than 87.5% (7/8) Ayrshire inheritance.

22.2.2 Male animals with no less than 93.75% (15/16) Ayrshire inheritance.

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### Proposed Change:

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22.2.1.1 For the purpose of calculating Ayrshire heredity, for a female with a genetic inheritance varying between 87.5% and 93.75%,

22.2.1.1.1 The percentage will be indicated on the registration certificate.

22.2.1.1.2 The percentage will be used to calculate the progeny's Ayrshire heredity.

22.2.2 Male animals with no less than 93.75% (15/16) Ayrshire inheritance.

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### Reasons for this change:

1. Avoid errors in the interpretation of the designation "purebred";
2. Facilitate the follow-up of an animal's Ayrshire heredity percentage;
3. Ensure the information published on the registration certificate matches the one used to calculate the progeny's Ayrshire heredity;
  - a) Even when a female is registered as "purebred" at more than 87.5%, (section 22.2.1), between 87.5% and 93.75%, it is the real percentage that is used.

It is emphasized that this change will affect in no way how animal inheritance is calculated, but will ensure that the information published on registration certificates matches the one used to calculate the progenies' Ayrshire inheritance.

It is mentioned that, previously, we couldn't find bulls on the market with a purity that was not 100% and that, although there are very few, we wish to be ready to face this reality.

Mr. Douglas Evans mentions that, in the United States, the animal's real inheritance percentage is written on registrations.

Yves Charpentier explains that the purity percentage remains the same (87.5%), however we wish to write the animals' real percentage on our registrations; from 93.75% and up, the percentage will not be written on the registration certificate, only the designation "purebred".

François Beaudry / Mary Ellen Trueman moves and seconds this Bylaws' change.

CARRIED  
By more than 2/3 of the members present  
2019-0301-017

Michel presents the general guidelines and objectives of the new strategic plan.

It is asked whether there are any questions. No questions.

Health break: 12:55 p.m.

Resumption: 1:55 p.m.

### 13.0 RESOLUTIONS

#### Resolution 1

- Whereas the Toronto Royal is one of the major events in Canada and visitors from all over the world attend;
- Whereas the monetary value of animals travelling to take part in the show at the Royal;
- Whereas exhibitors do all in their power to offer a high quality show;
- Whereas animal shows and exhibits constitute a promotional showcase for the breed;
- Whereas non-local breeders organize joint transportation for their animals with breeders from other breeds to reduce transport cost and improve logistics;
- Whereas breeders can travel for several breeds' shows;
- Whereas the importance of biosecurity and disease prevention among the various dairy herds;

Be it resolved, that the Toronto Royal ensures that the cleaning of spaces provided to exhibitors be entirely completed prior to their arrival on site, to prevent disease transmission, offer greater visibility to visitors walking by the breeders' exhibits throughout the week, and to preserve the Royal's brand image for foreign visitors.

Also be it resolved, that there be better logistics upon the arrival of exhibitors at the Royal, in order for animals to have a place to go to following long hours of transportation. Be it resolved also, that non-local exhibitors whose animals undergo several hours of transportation be given priority to arrive on site, to allow their animals resting time before the show.

Proposed by the Show Committee and Ayrshire Québec.

The Board of Directors supports this resolution.

Show Committee / Ayrshire Québec / André Clavet

moves and seconds Resolution 1 as presented.

There is a call to vote.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED  
2019-0301-018

## Resolution 2

- Whereas a breeder is their herd's owner and the person responsible for its evaluation;
- Whereas the importance for a breeder to have access to their own data and to be able to share its access as owner to whomever they consider important for the good management of their business;
- Whereas the increasingly greater financial pressure on Québec's dairy herds;
- Whereas the huge increase of robotized herds or milking parlour systems as well as the high reliability of data collected;
- Whereas the downward trend of official milk recording on farms;

Be it resolved, that, in order to have reliable evaluations reflecting reality, the Bedford/St-Hyacinthe Ayrshire Club asks the Association to put pressure on the various stakeholders, such as CQRL, Valacta, and the Fédération des producteurs de lait du Québec, for data collected on farms to be used in all of the genetic evaluations. The Bedford/St-Hyacinthe Ayrshire Club asks the Association Ayrshire du Québec to forward this request to Ayrshire Canada.

Proposed by the Bedford/St-Hyacinthe Ayrshire Club

It is mentioned that this resolution can be followed up by both Ayrshire Québec and Ayrshire Canada.

The Board of Directors supports this resolution.

François Beaudry / Andrew Shufelt moves and seconds Resolution 2.

Richard Lagacé mentions that he brought forward this resolution to his Club but that he isn't comfortable with the request to "put pressure". He points out that milking robots have all of the data available and that this data is used for genetic evaluations. He asks that stakeholders adjust to this reality.

Andrew Shufelt wonders how publishable and non-publishable information is managed vs. data transmitted by robots and those gathered by milk recording agencies.

Cynthia Daoust mentions that a request had been made to CDN in 2002, which had been more or less well-received, and that we ought to make sure to work together in order to move forward this file, which has been dragging on.

Richard Lagacé/ Claude Larocque moves and seconds to amend this resolution, to change the words "put pressure" for "request".

There is a call to vote for the amendment of this resolution.

CARRIED  
2019-0301-019

Robert Powell highlights the importance for breeds of working together so that our request carries greater weight with stakeholders.

Larry Ness specifies that CDN is holding a meeting this upcoming March 7.

### Resolution 2 Amended

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There is a call to vote on the above amended resolution.

CARRIED BY MAJORITY  
2019-0301-020

It is asked whether there are any other resolutions. No other resolutions.

### 14.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

#### Guests:

Daniel Côté, President Ciac  
Frédéric Côté, Garage Oscar Brochu  
Claude Dumais, La Coop  
Doug Evans, U.S. Ayrshire Breeders' Association  
Marie-Catherine Guimond, FAC  
Jonathan Lagacé, Ciac  
Pascal Lemire, Holstein Canada  
Julie Macfarlane, Ciac  
Stéphanie Roy, MAPAQ  
Jean-François Simard, CQRL  
Julie Viens, Société d'agriculture de St-Hyacinthe

#### Mr. Pascal Lemire, Representative for Holstein Canada, takes the floor

Mr. Lemire takes the floor on behalf of Ms. Ann Louise Carson. He highlights that Holstein Canada is proud to work with Ayrshire Canada, whether it concerns classification, registrations, accounting or others.

Key points presented:

- Occasional exchanges with Yves Charpentier and Michel Boudreault about classifiers;
- Animal well-being assessment, Holstein Canada to continue inspections;

- Industry Standards Committee: Mr. Lemire and Ms. Valérie Tremblay both sit on this committee as representatives for all of the dairy breeds. This committee is working on electronic data collection (milking robots, milking parlours, etc.) as well as production, which is divided in 3 parts (milk, fat, protein).
- Future: EDHI milk recording: Electronic recording: data exchanges with farms: he finds illogical the way the Standards Committee wishes to work on this file: he is asking for the breeds' support to assert the breeders' vision and help resolve this file in 2019.
- New terms to replace "publishable" and "non-publishable", which will now be "verified" and "unverified"; and, the milk's "kg" components will be reviewed.

Mr. Lemire explains that he hopes to make this committee understand that it must take into account the breeders' requests and not only work in accordance with the stakeholders' vision. He mentions that a greater number of farm visits is planned.

Richard Lagacé does not agree with this idea of additional farm visits. The increasingly higher milk recording cost is the reason why breeders are stopping it, or thinking about stopping it.

### **Mr. Douglas Evans, Representative for the U.S. Ayrshire Breeders' Association, takes the floor**

Key points presented:

- The U.S. Ayrshire breeders do not agree either with their dairy industry stakeholders;
- He congratulates Mario Lacerte and his family for their involvement and the work achieved for the Association over the years;
- In the U.S., breeders also work with a similar stakeholder to CDN for dairy production data and genomics;
- He asks breeders who wish to consign animals at the joint U.S. Ayrshire and Brown Swiss National Sale to communicate with him or his son. This sale will be held during the week of July 1, as part of the joint U.S. Ayrshire and Brown Swiss AGM.

## **15.0 NOMINATION OF THE 2020 ROYAL AND SUPREME DAIRY JUDGES**

It is asked to proceed to the nomination of the 2020 Royal and Supreme Dairy Judges.

Yves explains the nomination procedure.

### **Royal (2019 Judge and the names having received the highest number of nominations from voting exhibitors)**

2019 Judge: André Clavet

Names already written on the voting ballots which received the highest number of nominations: Peter Rossiter and David Wallace.

Propositions are requested for a 3<sup>rd</sup> name on the ballot vote.

#### **PROPOSITIONS:**

Dave Bergeron / Jonathan Lemay moves and seconds the nomination of Mr. Mark Rueth, from Wisconsin.

No other proposition.

There is a call to vote, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> name to be Mr. Mark Rueth.

CARRIED  
2019-0301-021

As such, the names that will be listed on the voting ballots for the 2020 Royal are:

Peter Rossiter, David Wallace, and Mark Rueth.

**Supreme Dairy (names which received the highest number of nominations from voting exhibitors)**

2019 Judge: Marc Charpentier.

Names already written on the voting ballots which received the highest number of nominations. No names. Therefore, we need 3 names.

**PROPOSITIONS:**

François Beaudry / Claude Larocque	moves and seconds the nomination of Mr. Richard Lagacé.
Amélie Hardy Demers / Anthony Bilodeau	moves and seconds the nomination of Mr. Jeff Stephen.
Andrew Shufelt / Robert Dufour	moves and seconds the nomination of Mr. François Beaudry.

There is a call to vote, for these 3 names to be listed on the voting ballots.

CARRIED  
2019-0301-022

As such, the names that will be listed on the voting ballots for the 2020 Dairy Supreme are:

Richard Lagacé, Jeff Stephen, and François Beaudry.

**16.0 NEW BUSINESS**

All are invited to the farm visits tomorrow, held at Ferme Niclau and Ferme Des Crêtes, starting at 9 a.m.

All are reminded to sign up for the Spring Show and that an advertisement flyer featuring the 2019 Elite Sale animals is now available.

**17.0 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

David De Launière / Roberto Dufour	moves and seconds the adjournment of the meeting at 3:10 p.m.
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