



## QUEBEC AYRSHIRE SOCIETY

Benefitting once again this year from the joint organization of the Ayrshire Canada Annual Congress, the Annual Meeting of the Quebec Ayrshire Society had a great turnout at the Howick-Huntingdon Ayrshire Club. Certain breeders even thought ahead and arrived early in order to beat the storm and stay safe and warm.

No changes were made to the Society's Board of Directors. Board members chose to keep on the representative of the Des Bois-Francs and the St-François Club, Ms. **Caroline Couture** (Du Petit Lac) as president. Ms. **Jessie Rioux** (Plein Soleil), representative for Eastern Quebec and Bas-Saint-Laurent will act as vice-president, assisted by Mr. **Jacques Daoust** (St-Clément) of the Howick-Huntingdon Ayrshire Club. Mr. **Mario Lacerte** (Marilie) North Shore, Mr. **Carol Martel** (Mardel), Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean,

Mr. **Claude Larocque** (Laroc) Bedford-Saint-Hyacinthe and Mr. **Steve Lacroix** (Bellevue du Lac) of the Appalaches Ayrshire Club complete the team.

Three resolutions were approved by the members. The first was addressed directly to Ayrshire Québec and the team of employees in order to ensure a greater social media presence on show days. The other two resolutions were redirected to Ayrshire Canada. One of the two addressed the desire to see the classification results updated on the Ayrshire Canada website on a daily basis, whereas the other requested the assessment of the constraints and impacts of registrations by email. These two resolutions were accepted at the Ayrshire Canada Annual Meeting for evaluation.

As a major funding partner for the Quebec Ayrshire Society, Mr. Mario Hébert of the [CIAQ](#) presented the centre's various

achievements and challenges. We had the opportunity to attend a presentation by the always lively Mr. **Christian Bilodeau** from Ferme Cock Rond. Mr. Bilodeau presented the development stages and operations for the high-performance farm on which he is partnered, together with dairy producers. They started a business specialized in contract farming replacement animals, from birth to calving.

Numerous production and conformation performances were highlighted during the awards brunch. You can find [the awards booklet by following this link](#).

## ONTARIO AYRSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Ontario Ayrshire Association held its Annual General Meeting on March 8-9th, in Western Ontario. The meeting opened on a sad note, due to the premature deaths of Mr. Brian Mitchell (Silver Cedar) and Mr. Scott Jerney (Pine Plains), two

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major players in Western Ontario. Mr. Mitchell had been president of the association for the last 4 years.

A few changes were made to the Board of Directors. Ms. Jessica Dumbar and Mr. John Ahrens (Ayr Wyn Dale) joined the team. Ms. Dumbar was already involved in the association as a publicist. Ms. Kim Ried stepped down as secretary and Ms. Rosemary Jakeman from Boon Crocket took her place.

The Board of Directors is completed by Mr. Bernard Daoust (President), Mr. Chuck Mattis (Hickory Grove), Ms. Eleanor Robinson (Tilecroft) and Mr. Robert Lancaster (Misty Meadows). The association's financial situation is sound. The winners of the provincial production performance awards were highlighted in [the booklet](#), presented at the Ayrshire Canada Annual Meeting.

The day following the meeting, the club organized two highly interesting tours of Paul Hampson's and Rose and Mac Jakeman's farms. Before beginning the tours, we took a moment to support the regional 4-H team in their fundraising event at Jakeman's Maple Farm. **Greg Mount** (Ayrvale) was generous in picking up the breakfast bill, but the responsibility for working off all those waffles and maple syrup is all mine! 😊

We began our tour at Boon Crocket farm, where we visited their brand-new facilities which include a single-sided milking parlour, free stalls on deep bedding, and natural ventilation. The favourable winter climate of the Southern Ontario region allows the herds to spend time outdoors throughout most of the year.

The second visit took place at Paul Hampson's farm, Actifact Haven, where we also discovered newly constructed buildings. After several weeks of delays in the construction projects, most of the herd is now kept in free stalls. The former tie-stall barn is still used for milking, and cows remain there at night. The Hampson team can now expect better and easier work days ahead.