



## 2024 AGM General Manager's Report

2023 proved to be a challenging year with regards to finances. Our year end shows a loss of \$30,213. Our membership numbers had a slight decrease to 964 from 1,018 in 2022. Our registration numbers decreased by 6.4% but transfers increased by 10%. Through a collaborative working group we are moving towards ways of creating a more efficient system for registration and transfers and we hope that this will help to support our producers in meeting their purebred sheep breeding goals.

Some of the board's accomplishments in moving forward with the CSBA's business plan in 2023 included:

- lowering registration fees if members are using online or electronic methods as well as removing the penalty amounts for animals registered over 18 months and 24 months of age
- providing a free membership initiative to encourage new breeders. In 2023, 163 free memberships were given out and 44 renewed in 2024. In 2022, there were 202 free memberships with 77 renewing already in 2023.
- Continuing the Junior Director Initiative. This has been such a great opportunity, not only for them but for our board in recognizing such knowledgeable producers and leaders that contribute to this industry.
- committing to research projects: 10% of the net income goes to fund research \$5,000 went to the National integrated Services project, \$5,000 went to the Carla saliva test project and \$5250 went to The Improving lamb survival in Canadian Sheep Project
- sponsoring the 2023 All Canada Classic, which was held in Barriere, BC. 156 animals were in the sale with an average sale price of \$1,035 for ewes and \$1,420 for Rams (Last year in comparison \$803 for ewes and \$1325 for rams.)
- maintaining an equal partnership in the support of GenOvis (Canada's genetic evaluation program).
- Participating with the Canadian Sheep Federation through annual membership and committee representation.
- funding The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (\$1500), Agribition (\$500) and 6 provincial level 4-H shows (\$250 each)

- continuing with the 7th Annual Photo Contest.
- awarding a \$500 CSBA Scholarship to Catherine Sylvestre who is attending Laval University.
- emailing updates and newsletters to members as well as maintaining an active website and Facebook pages for both the association and the Classic

The Quebec Purebred Sheep Association and the CSBA are preparing for the 2024 All Canada Classic, which will be held in Richmond Quebec at the Richmond Fairgrounds from July 11th to the 13th. You can find all the information on our website under the All Canada classic.

As always, I'm thankful to the provincial associations for electing such positive, hard working and forward-thinking representatives. Not only do provincial representatives sit on the CSBA board, but some of them represent the CSBA on other national boards, working groups and advisory committees. The Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, Canadian Sheep Federation, GenOvis, and the Scrapie Canada working group are a few of the organizations that rely on CSBA's expertise.

I would like to thank Keith Todd and the entire CSBA board for their ongoing support and dedication to the sheep industry. We want to wish Keith all the best and truly appreciate his dedication as president and his contribution to the board.

The board and I look forward to hearing from you so that you are properly represented in the CSBA's decisions and actions.

Sincerely,



Linda Brandes  
General Manager