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## La Société Canadienne des Éleveurs de Moutons

### Press Release April 1, 2022 – CSBA AGM and Board of Directors Update

The Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association just held their 133rd Annual General Meeting on Saturday March 26, 2022 in Fall River, Nova Scotia. The minutes from the meeting will be available on the website as well as all the provincial reports, president's report and GM Report. We were also able to host a zoom meeting along with the in-person AGM which encouraged producers from across Canada to join. As we weren't able to complete this last year, it was a special day for the board, to present Trenholm Nelson and Bruce Sinclair with the awards for their service to CSBA. Bruce had stepped down from this role as president but continued to be an integral part of the board of directors. Trenholm Nelson of Quebec was awarded a plaque for his 23 years of service to the board. Trenholm also held the presidency role for 7 years during his time on the board. He had resigned from the role of board of directors but was thanked for all his significant contributions over the years.

The CSBA board of directors announced that Keith Todd of Ontario will remain in the role of president and Bernadette Nikkel of Alberta will join as Vice President. The CSBA also announced a new Executive which is being held by Bruce Sinclair of Nova Scotia and Johanne Cameron of Quebec. All of these directors bring extensive industry experience and knowledge to move the sheep industry forward. Thank you to the remaining board of directors as they continue to represent CSBA at their provincial level.

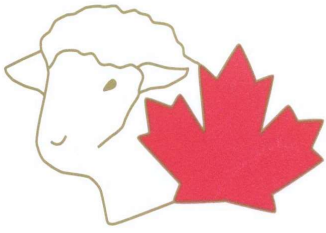
The CSBA would also like to thank Delaney Hopkins for her role as Junior Director over the past year and appreciates her input and perspective.

The 134<sup>th</sup> AGM is set to take place in Saskatchewan.

This past year, the Sheep and Goat industries launched a collaborative project over the next three years for improving and integrating genetic improvement services in Canada. This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada under Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program. AAFC will contribute \$495,000 over three years to match co-funding provided by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec (MAPAQ) and the project partners. There are several objectives to this project and more information can be found on the website at [www.sheepbreeders.ca](http://www.sheepbreeders.ca).

One of the main objectives of this year's meeting was to examine the Constitution and move towards a smoother transition as we rely more on electronic communications. One aspect of making the registration system more efficient and economical is the ability to complete these options online. As CSBA experienced another loss this year financially, we encourage you to have a valid email address on file with CLRC so that you remain up to date with CSBA communications as we move away from costly postage mailings.

The PSBO and CSBA look forward to seeing you at the All Canada Classic this year in Ancaster, Ontario July 7-9. More information can be found on the website at [www.sheepbreeders.ca](http://www.sheepbreeders.ca) or contact the PSBO



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of the sale as well and we look forward to extending the buying to online producers. Due to the enormous success of the online sales in the sheep industry over the last few years, the CSBA highly recommends that all Classic entries with the exception of Leicester, Lincoln, Romney, Cotswold, Ramboulliet, Columbia, Corriedale, and Targhee, be slick sheared for pictures, videos and for the Classic Sale. This process allows the buyers to see exactly what they are buying without varying fleece lengths. Wool breeds are encouraged to send pictures or videos of parted fleece along with complete animal shots. Photo and video clips will be included in the DLMS online catalogue.

The 2023 All Canada Classic is set to take place in Barriere, British Columbia.

The board also moved to proceed with the recognition of the Valais Black Nose Sheep Breed. This will be voted on by membership in the upcoming year so please be sure to send in your ballots when the constitutional amendments are circulated with membership updates. We would like to thank the Canadian Valais Blacknose Sheep Society for submitting a comprehensive proposal for the New Breed Recognition Process.

Congratulations to the 2022 Photo Contest Winners. First place went to Nicole Ridder for Karlstern Farms with the photo "Gazing over his Kingdom". Second place went to Josephine Moats for MacPapas Sheep with the photo "Hiding Sheep" and honourable mention went to Joanna Walker of Furze Farm for the photo "Sunset Supper". The winners can be found on our website.

Although this year marked another increase in price for services from CLRC, the CSBA board of directors voted to keep the current fees the same this year for membership and absorb the price increase through the association.

CSBA wishes another successful year to all members and welcomes any comments or inquiries you may have.