

## Inter Island Sheep Breeders Association (IISBA)

Annual General Meeting

September 29, 2013

Hosted at Saanich Fairgrounds, Stelley's Cross Road, Saanich BC

### Present

Jacques Campbell - Treasurer

Celeste Lacroix - Secretary

Lorea Tomsin – Director

Cynthia Tupholme

Lorraine Buchanan

Tina Carin

Martha McMahan

Pat Tripp

Griff Trip

Robin Herlinveaux

Dave Wallace

Judy Wallace

### Regrets

Laurie Belanger – President

Kathy Millar - Vice President

Barbara Grimmer – BCSF Rep

1. **Call to Order:** Designate Lorea Tomsin called the meeting to order at 11:22 a.m.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** AGM Agenda for Sep. 26, 2013.  
*MOTION: to approve the agenda as circulated.*  
*(Motion Griff Tripp, seconded by Cynthia Tupholme)*  
Carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the AGM Dec. 16, 2012.  
*MOTION: to approve the minutes of the IISBA AGM held Dec. 16, 2012.*  
*(Motion Jacques Campbell, seconded by Griff Tripp)*  
Carried.
4. **Report of the Secretary:** Celeste Lacroix reported there has been no activity since the last annual general meeting.
5. **Report of the Treasurer:**  
Jacques Campbell presented a summarized financial statement report indicating that no activities other than membership deposits had occurred since last 2012 AGM. Bank Balance currently at \$5,855.28  
*MOTION: to accept the summarized financial statement report as read*  
*(Motion Lorea Tomsin, seconded by Cynthia Tupholme)*  
Carried.
6. **Old Business:**
  - a) **Education** - No further action had been taken regarding education or application to SIDS fund

since last year.

- b) **Education committee** – The education committee did not meet last year. A renewed commitment has been made and the committee membership has also been renewed. Education Committee members include Lorea Tomsin, Jacques Campbell, Griff Tripp, Pat Tripp, Celeste Lacroix, Barbara Grimmer. The committee will meet and provide an education plan for fiscal 2013/14 to the board. Tentative dates include:
  - November - education topic to be determined
  - February 8, 2014 - coordinated with the Island Agriculture Show in Duncan
  - May 3, 2014 – education topic to be determined
  - September 28, 2014 - AGM with educational content
  
- c) **Island Agriculture Show (IAS)** – IISBA had considered a booth for last year along with funding considerations but there was not enough time to organize all necessary activities / funding. The education committee will meet in early October to follow up on options. Attendees were in agreement that sharing a booth with XXXXXXXXX was a viable option. The IAS is scheduled for Feb 7 & 8, there appeared to be enough commitment from the attendees to be able to manage the booth with IISBA participation.
  
- d) **IISBA articles & constitution** – IISBA is currently operating under the standard society act of BC. Penny Stapleton has previously recommended that an IISBA constitution be developed to more clearly identify the objectives, mission and relevant operating articles for IISBA. Many of the files of the association have been lost in transition / over time. Some attending members thought they may have some old copies in storage.

*MOTION: to establish IISBA articles and constitution  
(Motion Cynthia Tupholme, seconded Griff Tripp)*  
Carried.
  
- 7. **BC Sheep Federation (BCSF) & Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF) Reports:** – Barb Grimmer (via Cynthia Tupholme). See attached for details.
  - a) BCSF is now a member of FARM, allowing all BCSF members access to the BC Ag Council.
  
  - b) BCSF is now a member of the BC Abattoir Association
  
  - c) Barbara Grimmer represents BCSF on the BC Farm Animal Care Council who have regular conference calls to discuss animal welfare issues. A draft new Sheep Code of Practice is on the BCSF internet for consideration / input.
  
  - d) BCSF voted at the last AGM to approve the \$0.25 CSIP tag fee to pay the CSF dues instead of the soon to be depleted SID fund.
  
  - e) Barbara Grimmer holds the position of Secretary on the CSF. Corlena Patterson has recently accepted the Executive Director position for CSF.
  
  - f) Work is ongoing regarding CFIA tag revocation but to date we can still ship with pink tags.
  
  - g) Work is also ongoing regarding traceability and declining lamb prices. Prices are normalizing, problem seem to be caused by NZ and Australiz market access and droughts in US. There are

new cost of production tools on the CSF website.

8. **Website report** – Jacques Campbell

- a) SIDS fund approval notification has been received for \$300, not the original \$500 requested. Cheque is in the mail. SIDS has requested that the project timelines be revised to reflect the delay in approval to Oct 1, 2013 to Jan 31, 2014. SIDS has also requested inclusion of a recognition of the funding sources on the website as well as that the site be widely available to sheep producers in BC.
- b) There will be a need for an additional payment for \$300 for hosting and the domain address. This will cover 2 years of operation.
- c) IISBA will continue with its commitment to support an honorarium of up to \$500 for the Web Manager for the initial set up of the IISBA website. Ongoing support and maintenance were discussed and it was agreed that IISBA will review the feasibility at the next AGM. It is hoped that the increased membership will fully support the website support activities.
- d) Website Committee membership was reviewed and renewed. The following members have volunteered to participate for fiscal 2013/14 including Cynthia Tupholme (Lead), Martha McMahon, Lorraine Buchanan, Celeste Lacroix, & Lorea Tomsin.

9. **Board of Directors Elections:**

Elections were held for all positions on the IISBA Board of Directors as follows;

- President – *Lorea Tomsin*
- Vice President – *Griff Tripp*
- Secretary - *Celeste Lacroix*
- Treasurer - *Jacquie Campbell*
- Director at large #1 – Tina Carin
- Director at large #2 – Martha McMahon
- BCSF Rep - *Barb Grimmer*

*All positions were filled by acclamation for the 2013-14 term. Carried.*

10. **New Business**

- a) **BCSF News** - BCSF has requested some feedback as to whether members still wanted to receive the NEWES in paper format. Result: Almost unanimous Yes!
- b) **BCSF Treasurer** – BCSF is seeking a treasurer. No volunteers were forthcoming from IISBA though a question was posted as to whether BCSF would pay travel costs for the treasurer to attend AGM?
- c) **Membership Fees**  
A discussion was held regarding whether the \$10 IISBA membership fee was sufficient. Other associations generally charge \$20 or more.  
*MOTION: At next years AGM, IISBA vote on increasing the membership to \$20  
(Motion Jacques Campbell, seconded by Griff Tripp)*

Carried.

**11. Next Meeting**

2014 IISBA AGM shall take place Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014 - Location to be determined based on the proximity to majority of active members.

**12. Adjournment** 3:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by,  
*Celeste Lacroix - Secretary*