

Charolais International Annual General Meeting
2 June 2017, Monterrey, Mexico, Duration 1:55

Attendance:

Luis Enrique Villaseñor Guitiérrez, Mexico, President
Candace By, Canada, Secretary
Mike Elder, Canada
David Hobbs, United States
Kevin Maguire, Ireland
Peter Phythian, United Kingdom
Cesar S. Cantú, Mexico
Roberto Ruben Leal Gonzelez, Mexico
Juan Domingo Sandoval Valladares, Guatemala

Clément Perrodin, France, Treasurer
Helge By, Canada
Dr. Moises Montaña, Mexico
Nevan McKiernan, Ireland
Colin Rex, Australia
Ben Harman, United Kingdom
J. Manuel Garga Montemayor, Mexico
Kamil Malat, Czech Republic

Action Required

1. President Luis Enrique Villaseñor Guitiérrez called the meeting to order and expressed a warm welcome to all attending. In the interest of efficiency, Manuel Garza acted as Chairman to alleviate the need of translation.
2. Additions were made to the agenda and it was approved by the delegates.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were circulated.
4. Moved by Colin Rex, seconded by Cesar Cantú that the minutes be adopted as presented. Carried.
5. Financial Report was presented by Clément Perrodin, Treasurer.
The new website cost 1300€ and another 700€ was spent to keep the old domain name and redirect it to the new site. This was part of a 3-year contract that should not have to be honoured again. Membership fees brought in 1232€ so there was a deficit for the year of 1094,98. There is still a healthy reserve fund of 92,651,51€ but it is earning minimal interest.

There was a request by the membership to find a more cost effective way for countries to pay memberships other than wire transfers.

France

Moved by Ben Harman, seconded by Helge By that the treasurer investigate a new account that would have better international transaction ability and possibly better interest rates, reporting the risk versus payout; and that the executive have the ability to act on these findings. Carried.

France/executive

Candace By suggested that since the accounts are going to be changed, now would be a good time to update the account name from FIARBEC to Charolais International.

France

6. Moved by Ben Harman, seconded by David Hobbs that the financial report be adopted as presented. Carried.
7. Old Business
 - a. Interbeef Update - Colin Rex shared Australia's plans at the last AGM to enter data into Interbeef. Since then, factors have led to a change of plans and they will no longer be pursuing this. France also has heard less from Interbeef, their time has been more dedicated to genomics. If anyone wants to speak with someone at Interbeef, Laurent Griffon is a good contact. He is not a scientist, but assists associations in getting started, etc.
 - b. Website - Candace By - The new website is live at charolaisinternational.com and many countries have sent information for it. It will be an evolving site and everyone needs to

update the calendar and national show champions yearly. There was a question about ability to update the site themselves, but this is not possible. The updates must be emailed to the secretary. Everyone

It was also explained that the website is open to all languages. Charolais International business, by statute, is to be conducted in English, but any country can provide translations for pages and they will be posted. It would be great if the website was completely available in all member languages to help grow interest in the breed. Everyone

Colin Rex expressed appreciation to the secretary for building the new site in a timely fashion, providing everyone the opportunity to participate in a fresh site with all of the news.

There was a question about the visitors to the website. Due to a problem with Google Analytics there is no tracking information available going back to its conception. There will be moving forward. The site package allows for a certain GB of bandwidth per month, based on the bandwidth usage, there have been substantial visits per month.

- c. Charbray addition to Charolais International - Luis Enrique Villaseñor Guitiérrez thanked Charolais International for adding Charbray to the organization. They will continue to keep promoting the breed. They have developed a written prototype of the breed and it will be sent to the secretary in Spanish and English with pictures for charolaisinternational.com. This information was to be presented at the meeting, but due to circumstances beyond their control it was not possible. Apologies were expressed. They will continue working to increase membership with Charolais International from Charbray breeding nations. The delegates found the Charbray demonstration presented with live cattle was very beneficial. Mexico

- d. Mexico expressed an interest in continuing with a genomics project and being involved. Mexico would take the lead, but there will be participation from all interested nations. Ireland would definitely like to nominate someone to this project. Ben Harman suggested that countries converse electronically between meetings to make things move forward. Clément Perrodin confirmed saying that things have changed a lot since the Technical in Canada and maybe it is time to once again have a Technical on genomics. Cesar Cantú suggested the people that are interested get together on a conference call or something to get things going. Helge By suggested that all interested send the contact information (name, email and telephone) to the secretary to compile and she will circulate it. Everyone/Secretary

Ben Harman suggested that Mexico take the lead and plan a conference call for three months' time to make progress before the next Technical. The Secretary will provide the compiled list to all involved as soon as possible. Secretary/Mexico

Colin Rex stated each country will continue on their own program, but he would like to see the committee discuss the sharing of DNA testing between countries. It would be good to have a protocol for sharing so we minimize or eliminate duplicate testing. Genomic committee

David Hobbs explained that the A.I.C.A. already does share DNA with countries. Part of the issue is communication and part is developing uniformity in what everyone wants. Genomic committee

Helge By said the hurdle of identification differences of the same bull also needs to be solved. When looking at one bull, it has a different registration number in each country. Genomic committee

- e. Membership - The contact list and payment list were circulated. Everyone is encouraged to share information so more countries are in touch with the organization. There was discussion about the Brazil contact. David Hobbs offered to share a different contact in an attempt to gain their participation.

David Hobbs

The secretary will continue to send news to all organizations to encourage their participation in Charolais International. Ideas were thrown around to make the membership grow.

Secretary

8. New Business

- a. Charolais International Youth Program - Helge By presented a program to promote organized youth activities in all countries.
- It is hoped countries without youth programs may find this helpful to model start-up programs.
 - Countries with youth programs will have opportunities to trade ideas to enhance their programs.
 - Countries without youth programs are welcomed to host the Charolais International Youth Program providing they plan educational and social activities focusing on Charolais.
- Framework of the Program
- maximum of two participants per country per year (to be set by the host country)
 - age to be determined by the host country
 - names must be submitted by the home country's association
 - Charolais International would pay half of one participant's expenses (travel, accommodation, registration) to a maximum of 1000€
 - Home associations or individual participants will be expected to pay or fundraise the remaining half
 - Money would not be paid until after the event
 - The home association shall submit an invoice to the Charolais International treasurer for payment
 - Delegates shall be full participants, but where there are prizes awarded, international guests will not compete for prizes
 - Only countries with paid up memberships may participate
 - Host countries shall be selected at Charolais International AGMs

Helge and Candace By offered to host the inaugural event in Canada in 2018.

Cesar Cantú spoke favourably of the event as long as it focuses on developing leadership.

Moved by Helge By, seconded by Kevin Maguire, that Charolais International accept the proposal to start a Youth Program. Carried.

Moved by Kamil Malat, seconded by Ben Harman that Canada host in July, 2018 as proposed. Carried.

Helge & Candace By

The host country needs to send out the dates as soon as possible. The program and finances will need to be monitored and evaluated to ensure there is always funding available for the program.

Ben Harman requested that Helge and Candace By write a protocol of successes and failures of the event that can be passed on to other host countries.

Helge & Candace By

- b. Presentation for World Congress 2018 in Sweden - Ben Harman presented this on Monday at the Technical Conference and it was decided not to do it again.
- c. Upcoming Technical Conference and Congress Hosts
 2018 - World Congress, Sweden
 2019 - World Technical Conference - Kevin Maguire suggested Ireland would be interested in hosting in conjunction with the Tullamore show in August, pending approval of their board.

2020 - World Congress, Australia

2021 - World Technical Conference - Czech Republic is interested pending association approval
Moved by Clément Perrodin, seconded by Ben Harman that these country hosts be accepted. Carried.

Juan Domingo, Guatemala, expressed interest in starting in the Charolais and Charbray breeds with the support of Mexico and Charolais International

d. Election of the executive

President, next Congress chairman, Lennart Nilsson

Vice-President, France, Dominique Loulerque

Vice-President, Ireland, next Technical chairman, Kevin Maguire

Secretary - Candace By

Treasurer - Cécile Laine

Moved by Ben Harman, seconded by Peter Phythian that the executive be elected as nominated. Carried.

- e. Social Media - Candace By talked about the facebook page called, International Charolais there are 5 administrators. The page has high visibility in the first few days of the Technical Conference. It is being followed by 9594 people at this time. All countries are encouraged to share information of their facebook and twitter accounts so it can be included in all contact information on the website.

Everyone

- f. Statutes - As the statutes have not been reviewed since they were rewritten, it is in the best interest of the group to do so at this time. Clément Perrodin suggested they should be sent to France to be sure that are not contrary to the law which governs them.

Moved by Clément Perrodin, seconded by Manuel Garza that Ben Harman and Peter Phythian be responsible to review the statutes, submit them to France and upon approval send them to the secretary for distribution forty days before the next AGM. Carried.

Ben Harman/Peter Phythian/Secretary

- g. Protocol - Colin Rex suggested Charolais International have a list of items to guide new members at Charolais International to alleviate awkwardness among first time attendees. This protocol could include dress code, gift giving, AGM, etc. Colin offered to compile this.

Colin Rex

- h. Cesar Cantú suggested the work of Charolais International would benefit from having more continuous interaction. He suggested a conference call (or webinar, skype, etc.) every three months. It should be limited to one hour, the agenda should be circulated two weeks in advance.

Moved by Cesar Cantú, seconded by Clément Perrodin, that the secretary set up such a meeting every three months between now and the next AGM. Carried.

Candace By

- i. Ben Harman thanked Luis Enrique for hosting the meeting in Mexico's facility. He felt it was the most productive meeting he has attended. A round of applause ensued.

- j. Colin Rex moved a motion of appreciation for Clément Perrodin's involvement in Charolais International over the years. An enthusiastic round of support was expressed.

9. The President, Luis Enrique adjourned the meeting. Everyone exited for a photo.