

Charolais Charbray International Annual General Meeting  
2 July 2024 • Calgary, Alberta, Canada • 5:12 p.m.

Attendance: David Erskine, Ireland  
Margaret Ferguson, Australia  
Colin Rex, Australia  
Annali Harmson, Estonia  
Mariliis Vahar, Estonia  
Michael Sturgess, USA  
Hugo Retailleau, France  
Malcolm Schultz, Australia  
Mattie Kelly, Ireland  
Norma Delgado, Mexico  
Szabolcs Szentpétery, Hungary  
Jitka Hatlakova, Czech Republic  
Jerry O'Keefe, Ireland  
Helge By, Canada  
Craig Scott, Canada  
Marton Bujdosó, Hungary  
Richard Tucker, United Kingdom

Bob Ferguson, Australia  
Laurena Jeannot, France  
Kamil Malat, Czech Republic  
Reet Pikk mets, Estonia  
Sven-Olaf Hägg, Sweden  
Donnie Leddy, USA  
Michael Osborne, Australia  
Servando De Loza Torres, Mexico  
Antonia Delgado, Mexico  
Darwin Rosso, Canada  
Laszlo Meszaros, Hungary  
Lee Eaton, USA  
Michael Delaney, Ireland  
Candace By, Secretary  
Katka Weiszova, Czech Republic  
Chris Curry, United Kingdom

1. Chairman, Helge By called the meeting to order.
2. Moved by Colin Rex, Craig Scott, that the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.
3. Moved by Donnie Leddy, Kamil Malat, that the minutes of the 2023 AGM be adopted as presented. Carried.
4. Financial Report – Hugo Retailleau reported on the financial standing of the organization. Everything is relatively stable, but the inception of the Youth Development Program has put a drain on the finances as 1000 Euros is paid to each participating country. It was felt the program is working as there has been active involvement in youth in the Congress and it has lowered the age of Congress participants.  
Moved by Colin Rex, Chris Curry, that the membership fee be raised to 100 Euros starting in 2027. Carried.
5. Website – members were reminded to send updates, in particular, National Show Champion photos need to be updated
6. Breed Development Report - Colin Rex  
At the last general meeting of delegates in Brno we had robust discussion on matters concerning the international Charolais world. Countries getting up to speed with Progressive Ataxia was a major topic and I think we can safely say the global Charolais organisations have taken responsible steps to monitor this condition in a practical manner. There was also some discussion on matters in the EU countries and compliance with their

regulations and potential threats to breed organisations. At the next Zoom meeting in August, we again discussed in depth genetic conditions and each person participating that night gave an update. Statistical information sheets have been sent to all members to add their data on membership, bull sales and prices to generate a historical record of the progress of the Charolais & Charbray breed. I strongly encourage all countries to fill in the sections applicable to them to provide the best snapshot of the breeds international presence. The Virtual Show was run again in 2024 and attracted an entry from across the globe.

As Chairperson I apologise for not organising another meeting of the committee earlier this year, unfortunately due to a family situation my focus was shifted slightly in this period. I urge you all to add items of concern or items to progress our breed to our agenda. We normally try and meet at least twice a year and every topic is on the table. The international development of our breeds is first and foremost and through dialogue, cooperation and commitment we can make great steps forward. Thank you once again for the opportunity to Chair this committee, it is not taken lightly and an honour to contribute in this way. I extend a sincere thank you to Candace for her efficiencies and secretary duties, her contribution is exceptional and appreciated.

7. Virtual Show Report – Candace By reported the profits from the last two shows combined were \$4,574.47 and the Virtual Show committee recommended the money be used to pay what was possible in Canadian funds. So much would be lost in exchange, it was felt it would be beneficial for the VS funds to be used to pay the Canadian Youth Development 1000 Euros to the Canadian Charolais Association (~\$1500 CAD), the website fees, Zoom fees, etc., then see what is left.
8. Future World Congress and Technical Conference
  - 2024 CCI Youth Program – Australia
  - 2025 Technical Conference – Mexico – April 20-26 with additional days for Charbray
  - 2025 CCI Youth Program – Canada
  - 2026 World Congress – Australia
  - 2026 CCI Youth Program – United States
  - 2027 Technical Conference – New Zealand
  - 2027 CCI Youth Program – France, pending confirmation
  - 2028 World Congress – United States – similar time of year as this year, would start or end at the Junior National, Kansas City, Missouri, where there are 500 animals and 300 youth participating
  - 2028 – CCI Youth Program – tenders open

There was interest from Spain in hosting a youth event. The idea will be entertained when the country participates in some current events or zoom calls.
9. Elections

Charolais Charbray International is administered by a Board of Directors composed by member associations. Each association appoints, for each meeting, two delegates. The Board of Directors appoints an Executive Committee composed of an International President, two vice-presidents (one of whom must reside in France) a Secretary and a

Treasurer. The International President will be elected each year, for a maximum of a two-year term. For continuity of the office, the nominee will be appointed one year in advance as First Vice-President. The International President will be the chair of the next world event (Congress or Technical), the 1st Vice-President will be the chair of the following world event, the 2nd Vice-President will be from France. The secretary and the treasurer of Charolais Charbray International will be elected at each AGM. The secretary and treasurer of Charolais Charbray International will take all direction from the International President.

President - Antonio Delgado, Mexico

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President - Colin Rex, Australia

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President - Hugo Retailleau, France

Secretary - Candace By, Canada

Treasurer – Cécile Laine, France

Breed Development Chairman – Sven-Olaf Hägg, Sweden

Moved by Craig Scott, seconded by Michael Sturgess that nominations cease, and the electoral ballot be accepted. Carried.

Colin Rex expressed appreciation to Candace By for her work as secretary and asked that the minutes record this expression of thanks.

10. Technical Conference 2025 – Antonio Delgado presented an invitation to attend next year's Technical Conference in Aguascalientes, Mexico, from April 20-26. For those interested in Charbray cattle, there will be an extra 4 days in Monterrey. The Mexican presentation at the Conference will focus on their research results from lowering methane emissions in grass fed cattle. The presentations by other countries will be discussed on the next zoom call, as although there is research being done, the results will not be ready by the time of the Technical Conference.

11. Laurena Jeannot, France, made a presentation on the Charolais cattle in France.

12. Colin Rex moved for adjournment. The delegate photo was taken at the final banquet.