

**Charolais Charbray International Annual General Meeting Minutes
Brno, Czech Republic, 24 April 2023**

Attendance:

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| David Hobbs, United States | Nevan Mc Kiernan, Ireland |
| Aiden Mac Hale, Ireland | Craig Scott, Canada |
| Helge By, Canada | Colin Rex, Australia |
| Márton Török, Hungary | Laszlo Meszaros, Hungary |
| István Pomichal, Slovakia | Anne Thompson, Australia |
| Andrew Thompson, Australia | Clint Rusk, United States |
| Ben Harman, United Kingdom | Targo Pikkets, Estonia |
| Ilmar Kallas, Estonia | Anna Ingvar-Nilsson, Sweden |
| Rolf Svensson, Sweden | Greta Harman, New Zealand |
| Norman Atkins, New Zealand | Sébastien Cluzel, France |
| Cecile Laine, France | Denis Brugiere, France |
| Kamil Malat, Czech Republic | José Manuel Medina, Mexico |
| César S. Cantú, Mexico | Candace By, Canada |

1. Kamil Malat, President, called the meeting to order.
2. Moved by Ben Harman, seconded by Colin Rex, that the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.
3. Moved by César Cantú, seconded by Craig Scott, that the 2022 AGM minutes be approved as circulated. Carried.
4. **Financial Report** – Cecile Laine
The bank (as part of the strengthening of their security procedures) requires us to have a resolution in the 2023 CCI AGM minutes:
“Mr. Dominique Loulergue, representing France as treasurer of the association, and in his capacity as vice-president of the Charolais International association, holds the signature for all financial operations relating to the CHAROLAIS INTERNATIONAL Association.”
This was moved by Helge By, seconded by Colin Rex, and carried.
Moved by David Hobbs, seconded by César Cantú, that the financial statements be adopted as presented. Carried.
5. **Membership report** – the membership list was provided with the AGM documents and will be circulated with the minutes. All possible members are invoiced annually by the secretary. Countries are reminded to send an email to either Cecile or Candace when payment is made as the bank does not always identify the country sending the wire transfer. It can be hard to attribute it to the correct country.
6. Old Business
 - a. **Website** – www.charolaisinternational.com - Candace reviewed some changes to the website. Countries that are missing information on the website will be emailed by the secretary.

b. Breed Development Committee Report by Colin Rex, Chairman

The committee has met once online since the last Annual General Meeting due to the reduced time frame between international events.

The focus of the committee for the meetings has been developing a library to be available to all member organizations with information on genetic conditions of our breeds. We now have available documentation for Myophosphorylase and Myostatin and anticipate adding Progressive Ataxia and Leptin shortly. Education is key to managing genetic conditions and as member organizations we share a responsibility to inform our memberships of not only the genetic conditions in the population but also inheritance modes, testing facilities and practical management of the genes in their herds.

We continue to collect statistics on membership, bull sales and have included a table to record the highest prices attained in each member organization. It is available for viewing on the website. This data has long term benefits for monitoring the growth of our breeds over time, and I encourage all members to submit information that is applicable to their organization.

I wish to extend my appreciation to all delegates that have attended the meetings during the year. The meetings allow robust discussion on topics and whilst it is very difficult to obtain an international policy on all items the discussions are a valuable tool for each country to develop their own frameworks. Thank you, Candace, for your administration workload with minutes and agendas. I also wish to thank the organization for the opportunity to chair this committee and encourage all delegates to place items onto the agenda.

c. Virtual Show Report – Candace By and Colin Rex

The sub-committee for the International Virtual show has released the rules and entry conditions and we look forward to members promoting this competition to their membership. Entry videos are loaded onto YouTube and are available to view by anyone, thereby increasing the content of Charolais and Charbray online.

The entry fees have been lowered to \$75 CAD and the videos no longer need to show the animal on a halter. They must be under 1 minute, have no sound, show the animal walking, and walk around the animal once to show all angles. Entry forms and information are available on the website.

There is still an opportunity to sponsor prize banners for \$250 each. Any country wishing to sponsor one of the following is asked to contact the secretary: Champion Full French Bull, Reserve Champion Full French Bull, Champion Full French Female, Reserve Champion Charbray Bull, Reserve Champion Charbray Female, Reserve Champion Purebred Bull, Charolais Purebred Female and Reserve Champion Purebred Female.

There is an advertisement available to promote the Virtual Show in each country, either online or in print version. Requests for this can be sent to the secretary.

7. Future World Congress and Technical Conference updates

2023 – CCI Youth Program – Republic of Ireland – Nevan McKiernan – The dates are August 7-14 flying in and out of Dublin. Nevan requires confirmation of numbers immediately.

2024 – World Congress – Canada – Craig Scott and Helge By issued an invitation to attend the Canadian Congress in 2024. Delegates will arrive on June 21 in Toronto, Ontario, and departure will be July 6 from Calgary, Alberta. Some of the tourist destinations included are Niagara Falls, Inglis Historical Grain Elevators, Polar Bear Park, Temple Gardens Mineral Spa, Royal Saskatchewan Natural History Museum, John Scott Productions, Calgary Stampede and Banff National Park. Charolais and events include an RFID feedlot, many herd tours, gatherings of display cattle, a North American style sale and many steak suppers.

2024 – CCI Youth Program – Australia – probably in August, open to ages 18-25

2025 – Technical Conference – Monterrey, Mexico, during the last half of May

2025 – CCI Youth Program – Canada will host pending board approval

2026 – World Congress – Australia – This will be 11 days long and because of the size of the country, it will have opportunities to include pre and post tours. It will be held between July and September.

2026 – CCI Youth Program – tenders open

2027 – Technical Conference – United States will host pending board approval

2027 – CCI Youth Program – tenders open

2028 – World Congress – tenders open

2029 – Technical Conference – New Zealand

Only members in good standing shall be granted the opportunity to host a world event. Countries do not need to have an active youth program to host the youth, they must only be committed to offer an agenda that will build the participants' knowledge and understanding of the industry, while providing interaction for world youth.

8. Election of Officers

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.

The slate of officers for the upcoming year was nominated as:

Helge By, President, Canada

1st Vice President, Mexico

2nd Vice President, Dominique Loulergue, France

Treasurer – Cecile Laine, France

Secretary – Candace By, Canada

Moved by Ben Harman, seconded by Colin Rex, that this slate of candidates be accepted. Carried

Moved by Ben Harman, seconded by Craig Scot, that Colin Rex continues as Breed Development Chairman. Carried.

9. New Business

a. Ben Harman discussed the new EU legislation allowing any person to register an animal in an association without being a member, with non-punitive rates for member services. There was discussion from the floor about the difference between an EU paper and an Association paper, and the ability to get around this with varying levels of registration. It is believed it was initiated to harmonize trade between countries and was motivated by problems in the horse industry.

10. Clint Rusk moved to adjourn and photo of 2 voting delegates per country was taken.