

Charolais Charbray International Annual General Meeting
August 7, 2020 • Zoom

Attendance: Candace By, Secretary
Chris Curry, United Kingdom
Colin Rex, Australia
Reet Pikkmeets, Estonia
David Hobbs, United States
Zoltan Domokos, Hungary
Craig Scott, Canada

Helge By, Canada
Greta Harman, New Zealand
Brendan Scheiwe, Australia
Peter Pythian, United Kingdom
Lennart Nilsson, Sweden
Pirkko Tauren, Finland

Due to technical issues 3 participants from France were unable to attend

1. President, Brendan Scheiwe, called the meeting to order.
2. **Approval of Agenda** - Moved by David Hobbs, seconded by Nevan McKiernan, that the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes** - Moved by Colin Rex, seconded by David Hobbs, that the minutes of the 2019 AGM be approved as circulated. Carried.
4. Moved by Peter Pythian, seconded by Lennart Nilsson, that the financial report be adopted as circulated. Carried.
5. **Membership report** – The secretary reported the membership to be stable with some countries becoming more consistently active and Austria as a new member. Lennart Nilsson will contact Norway to encourage them to become active again. Peter Pythian volunteered to contact South Africa to encourage their participation in meetings and activities.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Website** – The secretary reported the addition of the list of International events in the History section and media coverage where available. Any country that has coverage from other events is encouraged to submit it to the secretary for posting.
 - b. **Genomic Subcommittee Report** – Chairman, Colin Rex
The Genomics subcommittee has met by Zoom twice since the Technical Conference in Ireland last year. Attendance has included eleven countries, which has been a great result and highlights the willingness of the Charolais community to work together for a common goal. In general, the meetings have focussed on sharing genomic data across borders. This topic is extremely complex with each participating country having a pathway and preferred outcomes that are not necessarily universal. I am happy to report that the consensus has been positive for preparing a framework to move forward.
At the first meeting ownership of data and desire to share genomic data was discussed in detail which highlighted the significant variation between associations. A robust discussion on the protocol to when it would be appropriate to share data between associations highlighted the significant differences between countries.
At the second meeting, we gathered information on the number of testing facilities used by Charolais Associations internationally and discussed safeguards and protocols for data if it is to be shared. An issue with data formats from some testing facilities not being accessible at other facilities was raised. We also gained an insight into how advanced some countries were in accumulating genomic data. A survey was commissioned to establish where each member association has sourced genetics from, which will be a useful tool moving forward.

For associations to commence sharing genomic data having individual agreements between each country is the most likely way forward rather than a universal agreement, which will be hard to establish. Member associations can then tailor agreements to satisfy their governance of sharing data.

Genetic defects within the Charolais population was briefly discussed by participating countries as was conducting an international evaluation. These are items that will remain on the agenda for future meetings.

Overall, I consider we have made progress in moving forward with sharing of genomic data. It may not be happening at the speed some would appreciate, but it needs to be remembered this is a complex area. As an international community, the desire is present to work collaboratively to forward Charolais across the globe and for that I thank all meeting participants. I would express my appreciation to our Secretary, Candace By, for her commitment and time in attending meetings, processing minutes and the follow up items from meetings, sincerely thank you.

The secretary suggested it would be most helpful if Colin remained chairman of the committee to continue the progress made. The support was unanimous, and Colin agreed to continue.

c. Statistical Information by country – The secretary asked the participating countries about sharing the information with all or with only those that participated. It was generally felt that since the information was basically public knowledge, it should be shared with all. The information collected to date is attached. Other countries are encouraged to submit their information.

7. **Future world event updates:**

2021 World Technical Conference – Sweden has offered to host this event if the world health situation permits it. It would be a smaller event, restricted to voting delegates and spouses for each country. This will be discussed further at quarterly meetings. The decision may not be made until January.

2021 CCI Youth Program – The United States will be hosting the event around June 20-25. Delegates will probably arrive around the 16th or 17th of June and depart on the 26th or 27th. The arrival and departure will be Atlanta, Georgia. There will be relaxed age restriction. The cost will be monitored and held to the lowest amount possible. A video of the 2020 event was shared on zoom and is available at www.charolaisinternational.com Youth page for countries to promote the event and encourage participation.

2022 World Congress, United Kingdom – Peter Pythian reported the Congress will be held the first week of July for about 10 days. More details will follow as they are confirmed. They are being challenged by the hospitality industry for large non-refundable deposits, which is inhibiting to their organization.

2022 CCI Youth Program – Nevan McKiernan suggested that Ireland would be interested in hosting, this was well received.

2023 World Technical Conference – Kamil Malit submitted a request to host this event in Czech Republic. This was accepted.

2023 CCI Youth Program – Australia expressed interest in hosting this event. They will discuss with their Board and report back.

2024 World Congress – Canada confirmed it is still planning to host this event, as accepted at the 2019 AGM.

2024 CCI Youth Program- tenders remain open

Countries do not have to have an active youth program to host the youth event, they only have to be committed to offer an agenda that will build the participants' knowledge and understanding of the industry, while providing interaction for world youth.

2025 World Technical Conference – tenders remain open

2025 CCI Youth Program – tenders remain open

2026 World Congress – Australia requested to host this event. It was accepted unanimously. Only members in good standing shall be granted the opportunity to host a world event.

8. **Election of Officers** – As there is no international event in 2020, it was proposed that Brendan Scheiwe, Australia, remain president for the upcoming year. Chris Curry, United Kingdom, will be Vice-President, Dominique Loulergue, France, will be the second Vice-President; Candace By, Canada, will remain secretary; Cecile Laine, France, will remain Treasurer. Moved by Lennart Nilsson, seconded Greta Harmon, that these elections be accepted as nominated. Carried.
9. **a. Congratulations** were extended to the Czech Beef Breeders Association on their 30th Anniversary, the 50th Anniversary of the Australian Charolais Society and the 60th Anniversary of the Canadian Charolais Association. The secretary requested associations report milestone events so congratulatory letters can be sent on behalf of Charolais Charbray International. It was suggested that the website list the incorporation year of each country so this could be easily monitored. The secretary will request this information from each association.
b. Next quarterly meeting for the General assembly will be held in November and the next quarterly meeting for the Genomics subcommittee will be held in October.
10. President, Brendan Scheiwe adjourned the meeting.