

ONTARIO SIMMENTAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING  
MINUTES March 7, 2020 – Holiday Inn, Peterborough

Welcome & opening remarks at 1:25 pm from Tina  
Tina introduced the board to the membership

Approval of agenda - additions  
Reed – add Royal Winter Fair Simmental Rep under #11  
Billy – Barrie fair show under #21

**M/S Blair Williamson/Tracey McIntosh Carried**

Identify voting members by holding up ballots  
39 members & 9 proxy votes

Appointment of Scrutineers - Bruce Holmquist and Dan Ferguson  
**M/S Blair Williamson/ Scott Dykstra Carried**

Approval of minutes of the 2019 annual general meeting  
**M/S Brittany Barkley/Lindsay Mitchell Carried**

Receive and accept of the 2019 financial report – presented by Tina as printed in the AGM package  
**M/S Jerry Barber/Billy Elmhirst to accept the 2019 financial report as presented Carried.**

Budget for 2020 is included in package  
question – has the OSA thought about setting funds aside for CSA meeting in Ontario in 2021  
Could be added to the 2021 budget  
**M/S to accept the 2020 budget Reed Crawford/Brad Turpin Carried**

President's report is included in package – page 8 - please read  
Thank you the OSA board, thank you to the CSA for all the help and answers to questions and thank you to the membership for their support -Tina

Motion to Ratify the acts & proceedings of the Board of Directors and Officers of the Association for the past year  
**M/S John Pearson/Reed Crawford Carried**

By-Law Amendment Proposal #1 - Pg. 6  
Proposed by Reed & Jane Crawford  
Seconded by Scott Dykstra

Each paid member entitled to 1 vote + 1 proxy for another paid member  
Question of validity of mail in ballots with no rational or background provided as to the reasons behind this  
By-law # 1 – Tina read by-law as printed in AGM meeting pkg  
Reed commented on the sheet of Rational handed out to everyone at the meeting  
Comments

-people showing cattle appear to be leading/directing the breed  
-who is going to keep track of who is/has been showing in past years -  
MSM will have to check with Royal to confirm who has showed  
-what difference does it matter

- Reed – it appears to matter to people that show
- how to determine who is exhibitor
- exhibitor will be whose name/names are on the entry form
- as long as the name/names are on the pedigree they can nominate - entry name and pedigree ownership name would be the same
- voting with all members having a say won't change
- understand what is trying to be done but takes the general membership out of the process
- is that what we want to do – take the members out of the process and only have exhibitors take part in this
- is it in the vested interest of the Association to take general members out of the process
- Bruce clarified what is quorum-it is 75% of who walks through the door [present in person or by proxy at the AGM]
- how often does a person who nominates a judge not show at the Royal

Called for the vote

For 39; against 12; passes with 76.5%; included 2 mail-in ballots; there was 1 spoiled mail in ballot

#### **Amendment Motion carried**

Proposed By-Law Amendment # 2 – pg. 7

Proposed by Scott Dykstra

Seconded by Reed Crawford

Mover Scott Dykstra explained the rationale

No discussion

Called for the vote.

While waiting for vote count, Tina moved ahead on agenda

Royal Simmental report – John Pearson

included in AGM package

-heads up for 2022 National shows for all breeds

-will be a lot to organize for everything

-Speckle Park will be joining the show this year

Charles -next year we will not be under the Gardner for tie outs as there will be construction going on

Jerry – question – going forward 2021 – Sunday as a 4 breed to flip it Angus &

Simmental in the afternoon from the Limo & Shorthorn

Suggested that a motion come from this meeting to lobby the Royal Winter Fair beef committee to change this. Billy commented that this could still be done for this year **M/S Jerry**

**Barber/Billy Elmhirst** to lobby the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Committee to move the Simmental show to the afternoon show slot on Sunday for 2020 Carried For 42; against 9; passes with 82.3%; included 2 mail-in ballots & 1 spoiled mail in ballot **Amendment Motion carried**

Discussion on when amendment changes go into effect

Tina - Minutes are only “Draft” until approved at a general membership meeting

Jerry – by-law is very unclear as to how system will go into effect

**Motion by Jerry to select judge today with a vote of 51% seconded by Reed Crawford**

discussion - Vote with an Exhaustive Ballot method

***(definition as provided to membership from “Background/Overview of existing voting methods in support of by-law amendment #2” handout page below)***

*(a) In the **EXHAUSTIVE BALLOT** system, the voter marks the person they wish to vote for on their ballot. If no candidate receives a majority after the first ballot, the candidate(s) receiving the fewest votes is/are eliminated and an ensuing round of voting is executed. This process will continue until one candidate receives a clear majority.*

For 32 Against 0 Abstained 6

Bruce – at CSA changes go into effect the next year as they have an approval process - reality of governance bylaw changes for CSA is they have to through a vetting process and wait for government regulatory departments that oversee agricultural organizations in Canada to approve them but minutes are only draft until approved at next general membership AGM

Member comment -historically the voting process was a 3/2/1 or a 5/2/1

OSA board could call a special bi-annual AGM general membership meeting for the whole membership at some time through the year to approve the minutes.

Amendments have passed and will be in effect upon approval of the 2020 Annual Meeting minutes at the next annual or general membership meeting of the Association.

**2020 Royal Judge Selection**

-bio's included in package

-Lee & Dawn Wilson of Bashaw, AB; nominated by Jackie MacGregor, seconded by Gerald & Keith Donovan

-Andre Stepler of Miami, MB; nominated by Grace Kuhl, seconded by Blair Williamson -Brian McCarthy of Moosomin, SK; nominated by Jean O'Connor, seconded by Whitney De Decker

- Blair McIntosh of Maymont, SK; nominated by Kade Early, seconded by Jerry Barber -Ryan Rash of Crockett, TX; nominated by Brittany Barkley, seconded by Lindsay Mitchell

-Justin Morrison of Radville, SK; nominated by Billy Elmhirst, seconded by Dan Munro All

candidates were highlighted by their nominators or representatives Ryan Rash was voted as the Royal show judge

Nominations for RAWF beef committee – presentation by Lindsay Mitchell (information as provided to members attending meeting as follows)

***Ontario Simmental Association Reps on the Royal Winter Fair Beef Board  
2 Positions***

*-Both position holders will be appointed to the OSA Royal Show Committee unless a representative is the Chair of the Beef Board*

*-3-year term (Except for first 2 years there will be a 1-year and a 2-year term. When those*

*terms expire future rep positions will be held for 3 years and then up for re-election with no limit on terms) -Reps will be responsible to report back to the OSA Board of Directors at our conference calls when the Royal is on the agenda*

*-Reps must be available during the Royal to help the OSA Royal Show Committee -Reps must attend any face to face meeting called by the Royal*

*Ontario Simmental Association Royal Winter Fair Barn Boss  
1 Position*

*-Position holder will be appointed to the OSA Royal Show Committee*

*-Must be available to the exhibitors for the duration of the Royal for stalling and barn questions*

*-Keep exhibitors in the loop of all important information before the Royal begins, i.e. where tie outs are located, special tie out times, loading and unloading plans, and other important messages from the Royal -Post stalling assignment and be available to assist exhibitors with move in questions -Position length is 3 years with no limit on how many terms may be served*

*-Barn boss must attend any face to face meetings called by the Royal*

*All positions will be nominated and voted on at the OSA AGM*

Barn Boss – 3-year term

2-year term – Billy Elmhirst – Billy will be appointed by the board as he is currently serving as chair of this committee

1 year term – TBD.

Reason is that there has been no protocol on selection/appointment to these positions or what is expected of them

There will be other members of the board or volunteers on the OSA show committee

Call for nominations for Barn Boss

M/S by Jerry Barber/Sylvia Megans to nominate Charles Burns

M/S by Brad Snider/Tracey McIntyre to nominate Brad Turpin

M/S for nominations to be closed Brad Snider/Dylan Foley Carried **Motion to destroy all of**

**today's ballots M/S Larry Barkley/Charles Burns Carried**

Charles Burns will continue to be the barn boss for a 3-year term

Nominations for Rep position

John Pearson nominated by Scott Dykstra/Brad Snider

Scott Martin nominated by Whitney De Decker/ Brittany Barkley

Jack Oats nominated by Reed Crawford/Tracy McIntyre

**Motion to close nominations - Andrea Stillman /Billy Elmhirst carried**

John Pearson elected as Royal Beef Committee Rep

Director nominating committee report

Tina Hiddink and Pat Tabor are finishing terms – Tina is not eligible for re-election this year

Nominating committee proposed names

Nathan Latchford

Pat Tabor

1<sup>st</sup> call for nominations from the floor –

Bull Sweepstakes winners

this year it will only include paid OSA members

56 bulls transferred in 2019 for paid members

101 total bulls transferred in total

# 23 –Pascal Raymond from Ferme Gaynon

# 11 – R & D Ranch from Gerald & Keitha Donovan

# 15 – Ferme DEM from Ferme Gaynon

Coffee break

Female group

270 females transferred with 142 from OSA members

# 61 Marbrook Farms from Gravandale Simmentals

# 33 Andrew & Helen Oats from Ian McRae

# 17 Megans Cattle Company from Barlee Simmentals

OSA awards of Excellence Show report– Pat Megans

RAWF, Glencoe, Peterborough, Renfrew were the shows that points were achieved from

Ontario Show Bull of the year winner River Point Cattle Company sponsored by Barlee Simmentals

Ontario Show Female of the year winner Barlee Simmentals sponsored by Megans Cattle Company

Second call for nominations for director

Third call for nominations for director

Scott Martin nominated by Lindsay Mitchell

**Motion to close nominations Charles Burns/Brad Snider Carried** Vote

for director – 2 names on ballot

Reports from OVSC, ECOSA and Member Services Manager are in package

Ontario has made a formal application to CSA to host AGM in Ontario for 2021 – Bruce has confirmed that we will get it.

New Business

Barrie Fair – Billy Elmhirst

-need to have decent numbers

-other breeds have a junior show in the morning

-40 to 50 head would be good

-great facility

-supreme is a qualifier for Royal and Agribition

-pay prize money

-show on Sunday

Lindsay – board have discussed this – OSA have to provide all the prize money – have backed away because of this

-we won't provide prize money – that is a non-starter!

-Billy to confirm and get back to board

Katie Elmhirst re YCSA for 2021

-AGM was done on conference call

-Grace Kuhl-Vice-President, Alexa Avelar-President, Katie Elmhirst-Secretary, Brandy Thaxter-Treasurer, Sydnee Magee-Social Media Manager, Board members-Liam Banks, Dawson Pinkham, Dani Davis, Ben Davis

-July 17-19 in Lindsay

-would appreciate having an OSA member join in their board meetings as an advisor -will have a raffle this year to fundraise for 2021

How do rules for YCSA national show/provincial show get determined how are rules on animal ownership determined – proposal being considered – all rules have been made by the YCSA board in the past with eyes overseeing from the CSA

board - CSA board will approve changes

won't come into effect for this year – basic change will be that you don't need to own the animal

– if approved would be in effect for 2021 – 1 year trial was the motion – would still be bred & owned classes – 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of YCS

-virtually every member borrows calves

-problem of having to transfer calves in and out of names just to show

Directors elected to the board are Pat Tabor & Nathan Latchford

Bruce Holmquist

-story about Jerry Barber and Federal Ag Minister Bibeau at Agribition - Thanked OSA for hosting National Show

-Welcomed Shane to board and thanked Larry for his term

-Beth Rankin has left – Laurie MacDonald has taken over

-Randy Bollum has not spent a lot of time in the east yet

-Sue Gilles

-YCS rep

-board has approved another part time person to help reduce the office workload - membership in second place to Angus - 1888 Simmental members across Canada

22,800 Simmental registrations

registered 15700 purebreds 50/50 bull/female ratio.

4543 fullbloods

on line users are appreciated

10% increase in cows in 2 years – but we have a million less cows in Canada Advertising, if targeted to youth or commercial programs will match it 1 to 1 for funds back to province registrations dropped a little in Ontario

THE enrollment program is mainstay of program – 35,000 cows last year – Ontario at 5%

New Holland support contract is up with no commitment to continue

Promo and advertising to the province's is 10% of budget

-redoing a new program to parentage test

-spend \$170,000 on promotion as cost effectively as possible – each province & YCS gets a free page every month

-Sue works at stocking some promotional items to be available – have some new items – blue backed RFID buttons

-added a blue dangle tag – can have farm name added – just cover cost -

Ontario purchased 10% of tags

-award of excellence program has gone well

-struggle on getting information back on the shows – cattle have got to be registered at shows

-foundation gave \$15,000 to YCS

-July 23-27 AGM in MB

-one by-law change – housekeeping change on genetic testing -SK & MB directors up for election – Frank Robblee not running again

-Ballots for election sent to all CSA members – mail in ballot for director & by-law change

-thoughts on electronic side for transfers to be sent to new buyer instead of seller -if animal is bred AI with no exposure there would be gestation date generated

-question about “Red Charlie” carriers - click on lab results and it doesn't show up – American Association list them on their data base

-bull can't be homo black and Red Charlie carrier

Tina thanked Whitney De Decker and announced that she has resigned  
Ashton Colvin is our new Member Services Manager

Adjournment Brad Turpin