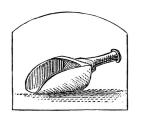


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THE SCOOP MAY 30, 2012

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1. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I was pleased to attend the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC) Annual Meeting as the CSBA representative to CLRC. The meeting was held in Calgary, Alberta over two days March 30th and 31st. The weather was great and we had an excellent turnout from many of the breed associations from western Canada, as well as a few from the east such as myself, Mary Cork from



Alliston On, and Sheryl Blackburn from Eldorado, On. CLRC had a successful year with registrations up in numerous breeds, including CSBA with over 107,000 pigs being registered. My compliments to the exporters who had a lot to do with these excellent registration numbers, with many Canadian Purebred pigs exported to countries around the world. "Keep up the good work, boys". If anyone has any issues or comments

concerning CLRC, I would welcome them. Canadian purebred swine breeders have done an excellent job in producing the leading swine genetics in the world today. Please don't be shy.....get out there and shout it out!

2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for Canadian Swine Breeders Association was held Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at the Stage West Hotel in Mississauga, Ontario. President Jim Donaldson presided and welcomed everyone. There were 17 members and guests in attendance.

Copies of the Annual Report are available in English and French; please contact our office and we would be happy to mail you one. Rosemary Smart presented a PowerPoint presentation on the years 1911-2011, highlighting the swine industry, now posted on our website, www.canswine.ca.



Left to right, front to back: Bob Robinson, Rose Robinson, Dave Vandenbroek, Andre Auger, Daniel Rousseau, Line Theroux, Alfred Wahl, Jim Long, Paul Riese

The slate of officers is the same as last year. Paul Riese was elected as our new representative to PigGen Canada and the Ontario representative to CSBA is now John Gough.

President: Jim Donaldson

First Vice President: Alfred Wahl Second Vice President: Andre Auger

Fourth Position on the Executive: Donald MacDonald

Representative to CLRC: Jim Donaldson (Alternate: Jim Long) Representative to CCSI: Line Theroux (Alternate: Andre Auger)

Representative to PigGen Canada: Paul Riese (Alternate: Alfred Wahl)

3. NEW MEMBERS TO CSBA

We are very pleased to welcome 13 new members to CSBA to date in 2012. They are: Mike Fryatt. Chase, BC.

Peter Fournier, Applewood Hogs. Enderby, BC

Nikki Tate Stratton, Dark Creek Farm. Victoria, BC

John & Jane Fowler. Bear River, NS

Ron Brodrecht. Holyrood, ON

Jamie Collishaw. Cambridge, ON

MacLachlan Meadows (John & Doreen MacLachlan). Kemptville, ON

Rock Ridges Farm (Chris & Barb Heffernan). Mallorytown, ON

Our Gate To Your Plate (Andy & Lisa Sproston). Grimsby, ON

Murray Thunberg. Cambridge, ON

Stone Meadow Farm (Roger Hogan & Janet Cox). Maryhill, ON

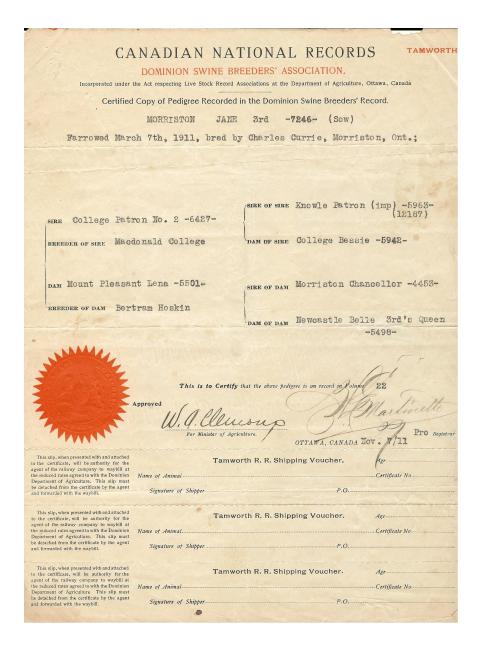
Florian Saint Yves. Charette, QC

Rodney & Audrey Rink. Watrous, SK



4. HISTORY

In April, we received a telephone call from John Halliday, Owen Sound, Ontario. John was cleaning out some old "stuff" and discovered some documents from his grandfather, Bert Armstrong, who farmed near Teeswater, Ontario and raised Tamworth swine. John sent them to us and we now have ten Pedigrees dated 1911, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919 and 1922. In 1911, Canadian National Records issued the certificates for the Dominion Swine Breeders Association. In 1917, the names change to Canadian National Live Stock Records for the Canadian Swine Breeders Association. All of the pedigrees are on our website on the Archives tab....www.canswine.ca. We sincerely thank John for sending the pedigrees to us and will add them to the other historic documents that we have. We welcome any "historians" to come in and visit us and have a look at our pictures and books.



2011 ACHIEVEMENT MERIT AWARD WINNER

At the Annual General Meeting, President Jim Donaldson presented an engraved mantel clock to

Robert J. Robinson, the 2011 recipient of the Canadian Swine Breeders Association Achievement Merit Award. After graduating from the University of Guelph, Bob worked for the ShurGain Division of Canada Packers for 10 years, calling on dealers and gathering knowledge before following his dream to farm; his "vista" to own land and raise animals was realized in 1967 when the farm near Walton, Ontario was purchased and Vista Villa was born. Vista Villa Farms has pedigreed pigs for 45 years and registered the most purebred pigs in Ontario in 2011. Bob has served as director or chairperson on Ontario Swine Breeders Association, Ontario Swine Improvement, Ontario Pork Industry Improvement Programme, Ontario Pork Congress, Canadian Swine Breeders Association, Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement, the Royal Agriculture Winter Fair, the Huron County Federation of Agriculture and Huron County Pork Producers, as well as many volunteer positions in his community. Bob and his lovely wife Rose have five children: Scott, Jane, Brent, Anne Jim Donaldson (left) presents the award to Rose and Jeff. Today, Scott, Brent and Jeff all contribute to the success of Vista Villa; Scott



and Bob Robinson.

joined the operation in 1987, Brent in 1993 and Jeff in 1995. Following in their father's footsteps, they have all taken leadership roles in the swine industry. Bob's friendly personality and enthusiasm for the swine industry has made him a well respected and welcome participant in breeding stock industry activities and has opened the doors for him to meet many great people from breeders to industry representatives, commercial producers and herd health professionals. Bob's dream of farming in 1967 has widened from a one man show to employing 20 workers plus family and their spouses. His interest in raising the best animals never wanes and his well lived philosophy is never become discouraged or lose sight of the target!

6. PIGGEN CANADA (www.piggencanada.com)



Creating an organization that would seize new opportunities on developments that are taking place in the field of swine genomics was first proposed at a Canadian swine industry genomics workshop held in Banff, Alberta in January 2009. This was followed by another workshop in February 2009, where major swine genetics suppliers founded PigGen

Canada, a not for profit organization. PigGen Canada's objectives are to represent the Canadian

swine genetics industry with a single voice, and to develop strategies and support for Canadian swine genetics research. PigGen Canada was incorporated in 2009. The 11 founding member organizations of PigGen Canada are: Alliance Genetics, Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement (CCSI), Canadian Swine Breeders Association (CSBA), Designed Genetics, Fast Genetics, Genesus, Genetiporc, Hypor Canada, La Coop Federale, PIC Canada and Topigs Canada. Independent breeders across Canada are represented through the CSBA and CCSI, while the larger Canadian companies and multinationals are participating directly as members.

7. CANADIAN SWINE HEALTH BOARD (CSHB)

This is a new organization with a mandate to provide leadership, coordination and support in the management of the health of the Canadian swine herd. The following three areas will be undertaken to ensure a healthy and economically viable industry:

- Biosecurity and best management practices
- Research on circovirus and emerging diseases
- Long term disease risk management strategies including surveillance

The goal of the website (www.swinehealth.ca) is to provide useful information about the activities of the CSHB. Members are: Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians, Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement Inc., Canadian Meat Council, Canadian Pork Council, The Veterinary Colleges of Canada.

8. CSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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