

Charolais International Annual General Meeting  
23 April 2016  
Guadalajara, Mexico

Delegates in Attendance:

Luis Enrique Villaseñor Guitiérrez, President, Mexico  
Manuel Garza Montemayor, Mexico  
Kate Jordan, New Zealand  
Targo Pikk mets, Estonia  
Tõnu Põlluäär, Estonia  
Colin Rex, Australia  
Chris Knox, Australia  
David Benson, United Kingdom  
Steve Nesbitt, United Kingdom  
Bill Nottke, United States  
Neil Orth, United States  
Mel Reekie, Canada  
Helge By, Past President, Canada  
Clément Perrodin, Treasurer, France  
Dominique Loulerque, Vice President, France  
Zoltán Domokos, Hungary

Guests:

Reynaldo Farías de la Garza, Mexico  
Gregorio Farías Mateos, Mexico  
Cesar Cantú Martínez, Mexico  
David Hobbs, United States  
Candace By, Secretary, Canada

1. The meeting was called to order.
2. The agenda was accepted as presented.
3. The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting at the Technical Conference in Canada were read by Clément Perrodin and approved.
4. The financial report was presented by the Treasurer and accepted by the delegates. There are currently 93,359.31 Euros in the account.
5. World Technical Conference 2017
  - The possibility of having the Technical Conference at the start of the 2018 was discussed if no one comes forward to host in 2017. There was also a consensus to keep the Technical to 3 to 4 days in the future.
  - Moved by Neil Orth, seconded by Steve Nesbitt  
That Sweden be asked to add a Technical Conference at the start of the Congress in 2018.  
Carried.

- Moved by Steve Nesbitt, seconded by Manuel Garza Montemayor  
That Technical Conferences be held to 3 days maximum. Carried.

- There was general agreement to have Marketing and Promotion of the Charolais breed as a topic for the next Technical. Each country would do a presentation on their country's activities in this regard and it should be open to everyone who wishes to attend. Helge By will contact Lennart Nilsson about this.

- Topics for future consideration: youth programs, health protocols, breeder education

#### 6. Interbeef

- Australian Charolais Society is in discussion about requirements to upload Charolais data in Interbeef. Slovenia and Croatia are also interested.

- An evaluation on maternal effects will be tested soon.

- Some work has been done regarding calving ease and fertility.

- They are studying the possibility of integrating Interbeef through other countries.

#### 7. Website

- Candace By made a proposal to build the new website in Canada. This was accepted.

- Manuel Garza Montemayor suggested free membership for one year might be a good way to entice more participation from inactive members. David Benson suggested only paid people be on the site. Candace By suggested Clément Perrodin circulate his list of contacts to all delegates before invoicing memberships. This way everyone can add updates or contacts in inactive countries so they are invited to participate. Helge By suggested that everyone reply to all when responding to the email so everyone is better informed between meetings.

#### 8. Charbray recognition

- Luis Enrique Villaseñor Guitierrez explained the importance of the Charbray being a part of Charolais International. As many southern hemisphere countries require long-eared cattle for sustainability, it is important to offer them the support of the organization. This would potentially increase the membership in Charolais International and extend a welcome to countries with high Charbray membership that have become inactive.

- Colin Rex explained that Charbray in Australia is separate from the Charolais Society and they do not have the 5/8 - 3/8 restriction like Mexico.

- David Hobbs confirmed that Brazil has a 5/8 - 3/8 requirement.

- Neil Orth confirmed the United States requirement is 5/8 to 13/16 Charolais and 3/8 to 3/16 Bos Indicus.

- Moved by Helge By, seconded by Steve Nesbitt

That Charbray be recognized as part of Charolais International and have a page in the website inviting their participation. Mexico will compile the regulations for membership in the organization. Carried.

#### 9. Elections

- Moved by Helge By, seconded by Neil Orth

That David Benson be elected President for one year, Lennart Nilsson - Vice President, Dominique Loulerque - Vice President and Clément Perrodin - Treasurer. Carried.

- Moved by Neil Orth, seconded by Mel Reekie  
That the official signing authority for Charolais International be transferred from Michel Baudot to Dominique Loulerque. Carried.

- Moved by David Benson, seconded by Colin Rex  
That Candace By be named secretary. Carried.

- Moved by Manuel Garza Montemayor, seconded by Chris Knox  
That Luis Enrique Villaseñor Guitiérrez be Chairman of the Charbray component of Charolais International and be responsible for compiling the regulations for presentation at the next Technical meeting. Carried.

10. Neil Orth asked for a round of applause to thank David Benson for 29 years of service to Charolais International.

11. World Technical Conference 2017 continued

Luis Enrique Villaseñor Guitiérrez proposed that Monterrey, Mexico, be the host of the 2017 Technical Conference. It is unusual for a Congress and a Technical Conference to be in the same country in succession, but this will offer a close proximity for South American countries to become active and feel welcome after the Charbray recognition is made known. Luis would be honoured to have David Benson be president for the year. This was accepted by the delegates. Towards the end of May was discussed as a possible time.

- Since Mexico will be hosting the 2017 Technical Conference, Sweden will not be asked to add one at the beginning of the 2018 Congress, as discussed earlier in the meeting.

12. Helge By expressed regrets from Sweden as no one was able to attend the Congress. A brief slide presentation was presented inviting everyone to attend the 2018 Congress in Sweden June 29th to July 7th, beginning in Stockholm.

13. The meeting was adjourned and an AGM photo was taken.