

MINUTES
CANADIAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, GUELPH, ON
JULY 10, 2001

1. Call to order: The Annual General Meeting of the CSAS was called to order by K. Beauchemin at 12h20 on Tuesday July 10, 2001. Appointment of a Recording Secretary. President K. Beauchemin appointed Secretary-Treasurer H. Petit as recording secretary for this meeting.

2. Motion for approval of the agenda as printed.
M/S/C M. Price/J. House

3. Minutes of the 2000 Annual General Meeting were printed in the September Newsletter. K. Beauchemin introduced the executive for the present year.
3.1 Motion for acceptance of the 2000 minutes.
M/S/C T. Smith/J. House

3.2 Business arising from the 2000 minutes:

K. Beauchemin reminded that T. McAllister and her presented a motion at the last year's meeting in PEI to move forward an electronic form of our Newsletter and that such a motion has to be presented to members at least 30 d before a meeting. Those notices of motions were given last year. Motion 3 is as follows: It has been recognized by the Executive Committee of the CSAS that the Society is currently on a course which will result in financial difficulty. Let it be moved that we implement an increase of \$20 for regular membership, \$10 for retired members and keep student membership dues the same. E. Okine presented background and details on motion 3.

Discussion of the motion:

C. Farmer asked if we can get only the electronic version of the journal to decrease membership fees. K. Beauchemin specified that there is a minimal cost to print the journal and the electronic version wouldn't be that much lower as it is almost the minimal cost to produce it.

P. Sharpe asked about copies going to the library. M. Price specified that libraries are supposed to pay a higher fee.

Vote on the motion: majority won. Carried.

M/S/C E. Okine/K. Beauchemin

Motion 4 presented by T. McAllister: That the editor of the CJAS hold a position on the executive of the CSAS and the constitution and bylaws of the Society be amended accordingly.

M/S/C T. McAllister/K. Beauchemin

Motion carried.

4. New Business (Beauchemin/McAllister)

2 motions (1 and 2) were sent at least 30 d before to all members by email to most members. K. Beauchemin gave a background for motion 1.

Discussion on the motion: C. Farmer asked about representation of these 2 directors-at-large (east and west, location of the future meeting??). We'll look at where the meetings might be held, probably not considering east vs west. Duties first of these 2 will be to write down what organizers have to do, deadlines, etc. this will be included in our handbook. J. McKinnon asked some more precisions on the motion. He proposed an amendment on the motion as followed: Be it moved that the constitution of the CSAS be changed such that two Directors-at-Large, with a 2-yr appointment, be added to the executive with the primary duty of facilitating the annual meeting, including fund raising, venue, and program under the direction of the local organizing committee. J. M.Kinnon/C. Farmer

Discussion of the Motion: R. Hackard is against the amendment as he says that it is the executive's role to organize the CSAS meetings. J. McKinnon: it depends where will be hold the CSAS meetings and with or without AIC, will we be more independent in the future? It is not a medium of the executive. The local committee has to find sponsors, take care of the venue, etc. Coordination by the national organization and not the local (P. Thacker); local should be the facilitators and not the organizers.

There are 9 opposed to the amendment of the motion.

There are at least 24 in favour of the amendment of the motion.

The new motion (amended motion): J. McKinnon reread the amended motion.

There is no discussion on the amended motion and it is accepted.

Carried.

Motion 2 on the CSAS Constitution and Bylaws modifications:

Discussion on the motion: T. Scott: will it have to be repeated in the future? K. Beauchemin says yes because we want the constitution bylaws to reflect our actual situation. R. Weisenburger gave some precisions on bylaws regarding the federal government. Be it moved that the CSAS executive be in power to change the Constitution and Bylaws be modified to incorporate the relevant duties of each Executive Member.

M/S/C K. Beauchemin/T. McAllister

amendment of the motion: M/S/C R. Weisenburger/D. McKnight
vote on the motion. carried.

5. Reports:

5.1 Secretary-Treasurer's report (Appendix A)

Auditor's report for 2000:

The Secretary-Treasurer's report was given by H. Petit who thanks D. McKnight and S. K. Ho for the audit in 2000. The 2000 year was an improvement upon the last few years in that there was a slight loss of \$597. We had to take out \$2000 in the year 2000 as it was counted as a revenue in 1999 in PEI and the conference broke even. Therefore, we have to count for a loss of \$2000 in the year 2000. In 2000, there was also a particular expense paid for one of our members who acted as a representative of our society (\$2504) for the International Grassland Conference in Winnipeg in 1997. There was a motion at the annual meeting held in Vancouver by the executive that we should pay that amount of money (under travel in the year 2000). Finally, we moved forward the development of a Web site for our society (\$950 for 2000). Also, disbanding of the Western branch of the CSAS was an unexpected revenue for 2000.

Discussion: none.

Adoption of the Secretary-Treasurer's report.

M/S/C H. Petit/T. McAllister

Adoption of the auditors' report.

M/S/C S. Scott/M. Dugan

Appointment of Auditors for 2001

D. McKnight volunteered to audit the 2000 financial statements of CSAS in 2001 and it was suggested that S. K. Ho would agree to join him.

5.2 Website (Appendix B)

T. McAllister thanked E. Cadieux for instalment of our web site and presented the advantages of having a web site.

M/S/C T. McAllister/Z. Mir

5.3 Membership (Appendix C)

S. Scott reminds people to renew their membership if it has not been done for 2000. If they had done it, we would not have had a decrease in membership fees income.

M/S/C S. Scott/C. Paul

5.4 CJAS (Appendix D)

Journal editor Mick Price presented a printed report, stating that the number of manuscripts published in 2000 was similar to the previous year. We have no assistant editor for the first year this year and it works well that way. Rejection rate was about 25 to 30% as in the past. Our main source of manuscripts are universities and governments.

Adoption of the Journal report.

M/S/C M. Price/S. Jaikaran

5.5 Honours and awards (Appendix E)

E. Charmley will be looking for more sponsors in the future year.

Adoption of the Journal report.

M/S/C E. Charmley/J. Small

5.6 Associate Member Organizations (Appendix F)

V. Stevens and J. Proctor are representatives of AIC (see her report). She has a 2-yr term and was appointed to the AIC executive.

Adoption of the Journal report.

M/S/C V. Stevens/M. Price

5.7 AIC Scientific Societies (Appendix G)

K. Beauchemin talked about the fact that we are 5 Scientific Societies with AIC and our frustration is similar. Therefore, two main issues were discussed: (1) do we have common interest to all meet together and (2) do we (see her report) want to meet with AIC on a yearly basis. If we meet together we want to have opportunity for multidisciplinary areas or aspects.

They want a science meeting to bring top scientifics and graduate students from Canada. There is desire among the scientific societies for a change and there has to be a change with AIC as we don't feel that AIC helps us. How can we have the best class animal meeting? We need science driven meeting, not a social thing. There is a willingness to have some kind of committee that will bring the science from the different scientific societies together, a multidisciplinary meeting with science. We will meet with AIC to let them know about our ideas. We would like to meet only on an occasional basis and it wouldn't be fixed on an annual basis. J. McKinnon presented a proposition to hold CSAS in Saskatoon in 2003 even as early as May if there is a conflict with the American meetings. July is the worst month for most people.

2004 would be the first year as a suggestion.

Adoption of the Journal report.

M/S/C K. Beauchemin/H. Petit

5.8 Nominating Committee (Appendix H)

J. McKinnon thanked all candidates who let their name stand for nomination. J. McKinnon reported that the new executive includes: Erasmu Okine as Vice-President, Leslie Maclaren?? as Eastern Director, and Julie Small as western director. J. McKinnon asked to move to destroy ballots.

Adoption of the Nominating Committee report.

M/S/C J. McKinnon/D. Anderson

5.9 ECFAW (Appendix I)

Adoption of the ECFAW report.

M/S/C K. Beauchemin/T. McAllister

5.10 Care and Handling of Farm Animals (Appendix J)

Adoption of the Care and Handling of Farm Animals report.

M/S/C K. Beauchemin/J. House

6. Annual Meetings

6.1 2000 - Winnipeg (Appendix K)

A report from J. House was received and is included in our documentation.

M/S/C J. House/R. Berthiaume

6.2 2001 - Guelph (Appendix L)

Trevor Smith, who is chair of the local committee for the CSAS, summarized the schedule for the 2001 Conference in Guelph. The CSAS annual awards banquet will be at the Whippletree room. Thanks are extended to sponsors.

M/S/C T. Smith/M. Ivan

6.3 2002 - Quebec City (Appendix N)

Robert Berthiaume presented a progress report for the 2002 annual meeting, which will be held in Quebec City in conjunction with the American Society of Animal Science and with the American Dairy Science Association. Members of the organizing committee met 6 times over the last year. The CSAS organizing committee wants to keep a Canadian presence by organizing

workshops (majority being canadian). One will be on reproductive Physiology by Janice Bailey from Laval, one on amino acid metabolism by Hélène Lapierre on ruminants and swine. On July 21st. P. Lacasse will organize a 3rd workshop on feeding behaviour. Otherwise, we'll be integrated with the american (inscription with the american web site). The AGM of the CSAS will be on July, 22 at the Centre des congrès B Québec with lunch, the banquet will be on Tuesday 23rd, at the Musée du Québec, and the graduate student competition for canadian students, on the 22nd and 23rd of July. Registration cost: 250 US\$, which covers convention centre, audio visual equipment, overall opening ceremony, all meetings except special symposia. Adoption of the Conference report.

M/S/C R. Berthiaume/C. Paul

7. Outgoing President's Report (Appendix O)

Because lack of time, K. Beauchemin was very brief. She thanked retiring members J. McKinnon, P. Mir, and E. Charmley and welcomed the new members E. Okine, J. Small, L. McLaren and she wished them well. Special thanks were extended to T. McAllister for his work on the website and S. Scott as membership chair.

M/S/C K. Beauchemin/J. House

8. Installation of New President

K. Beauchemin installed Tim McAllister as the new president. She provides some encouraging words as she handed over the gavel of office to the incoming president, Tim McAllister.

9. New Business

T. McAllister presents a new nominating committee: K. Beauchemin, H. Petit, D. Anderson, C. Farmer, D. McKnight, and J. House. He wishes to have closer ties between the Journal committee and the executive.

M/S/C J. McKinnon/T. McAllister

11. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 14h15.

M/S/C T. McAllister/E. Okine

Hélène Petit

July 18, 2001