

**MINUTES**  
**CANADIAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**WINNIPEG, AB**  
**JULY 18, 2000**

1. Call to order: The Annual General Meeting of the CSAS was called to order by J. McKinnon at 12:35 pm on Tuesday July 18, 2000. Appointment of a Recording Secretary. President J. McKinnon appointed Secretary-Treasurer H. Petit as recording secretary for this meeting.

2. Motion for approval of the agenda as printed.  
M/S/C J. Elliott/D. McKnight

3. Minutes of the 1999 Annual General Meeting was printed in the September Newsletter.

3.1 Motion for acceptance of the 1999 minutes.

M/S/C G. Mears/B. Freeze

3.2 Business arising from the 1999 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.

Discussion of the motion:

P. Sharpe specified that a treasurer-secretary can communicate with memberships electronically.

J. McKinnon added that publication of the Newsletter under an electronic form (access via the society's Web site) will save money to our society due to reduction in the printing and postage costs. Printed copies of the Newsletter will be provided to members at cost in the future.

Vote on the motion:

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

4. Correspondence: Correspondence to CSAS was dealt with by the executive during the year. Items worthy of the attention of the members are dealt with in the following reports. J. McKinnon briefly talked on the restructuring of AIC and its effects on the CSAS but discussion on these is left for later when M. Price will talk more about these issues as our representative.

5. Reports:

5.1 Secretary-Treasurer's report (Appendix A)

Auditor's report for 1999:

The Secretary-Treasurer's report was given by H. Petit who thanked D. McKnight and S. K. Ho for the audit in 1999. The 1999 year was an improvement upon 1998 in that there was no financial loss but a gain of \$195. J. McKinnon explained in more detail the actual

and projected budgets for the year 2000 and projections for the year 2001. We have to take out \$2000 in the year 2000 as it was counted as a revenue in 1999 in PEI and the conference is supposed to break even (the actual conference expenses for 1999 were not finalized as of July 16, 2000). 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). The net income of \$3116 projected for the year 2000 didn't take into account these expenses, which explains that we project a loss of \$5087 for 2000.

J. McKinnon added that the last issue of the printed Newsletter will be in December 2000 and that we have to pay \$250 per year for maintaining our web site after 2001.

#### Discussion:

J. Small wants to know what is the potential membership we could have and what are the barriers to increase our membership. K. Beauchemin can't see an increase over 500 members as our community is quite small. J. McKinnon underlines the importance of having a very interesting annual meeting to attract as many people as possible. A. Kennedy is worried that if we increase the fees, we might lose people and J. McKinnon agrees that with the increase from 45 to 65\$ we'll lose some but that this increase in membership fees will get an extra 10K, which will help to pay for a lot of small things. J. Elliott reminds that some people don't pay although they get the journal (Life, Merit recipients), which is a cost for the society.

Adoption of the Secretary-Treasurer's report.

M/S/C H. Petit/J. Small

#### Appointment of Auditors

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.

M/S/C P. Mir/J. Elliott

Notice of motion by E. Okine: 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. I therefore make a motion that we implement an increase of \$20 for regular membership, \$10 for retired members and keep student membership dues the same.

This will be presented as a motion at the next meeting in Guelph.

#### 5.2 Membership (Appendix B)

K. Beauchemin reported that CSAS has 473 paid members, as of June, 2000, which is 13 higher than in May 1999. There was a gain of 40 new members in 2000 and a loss of 27, for a net gain of 13. We will now implement the use of VISA and Master Card for paying our fees. In order to update our directory list of members of the CSAS, you will be getting a book from K. Beauchemin: please make sure your right email and postal addresses are in it. We won't be able yet to pay on line. Shannon Scott will take over the

membership chair for the next year. If you need to change details on your address, please contact S. Scott who takes over K. Beauchemin.

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

### 5.3 CJAS (Appendix C)

Journal editor Mick Price thanked A. Schaeffer and presented a printed report, stating that the number of manuscripts published in 1999 was down sharply from the previous year. However, the number for the year 2000 is up. So it doesn't seem a cause of concern. M. Price reminds everybody that two people review each submitted manuscript so if one person submits five papers, that person should expect to review ten papers for the CJAS. All people submitting papers are then potential reviewers. Right now, each assistant editor is considered a first hand reviewer although they could potentially do a lot more.

Notice of motion: That all assistant editors become associate editors (number of associates will go from 11 to 20 and the number of assistants from 9 to 0).

Mick Price announces that we are allowed by AIC to charge \$10 more as page charges for non-members of the CSAS to publish in the CJAS as compared to members. We hope to bring new members to the CSAS by doing that. The most interesting statistic is that foreign submission is increasing (45) but rejection rate for them is high as well.

Discussion: J. Small wants to know if any author on a manuscript can be a member of the CSAS or if it is required that the first author be a member. Only one author on a submitted manuscript has to be a member. J. Buchanan-Smith hopes to keep the same standards for all associate editors by making all assistant editors associate editors.

Adoption of the Journal report.

M/S/C M. Price/E. Lister

### 5.4 Honours and awards (Appendix D)

Due to time restraint, no report was presented by E. Okine.

### 5.5 Associate Member Organizations

Mick Price explains that there is no written report yet as AIC board is looking at restructuring, which would affect us not only as member of the CSAS but as members of provincial associations of agrologist. AIC will receive 15\$ per regular member and it is not clear so far what priorities are at AIC to operate with 65\$ a year per full member of provincial institute. It is also not clear yet as if AIC will still hold an annual conference or not.

### 5.6 AIC Foundation

Due to time restraint, no report was presented by J. McKinnon.

### 5.7 Partnership Group for the Science and Engineering, PAGSE (Appendix E)

Paul Sharpe presents his report and he questions if our group (CSAS) should still belong to it. He recommends to direct this to AIC to see if AIC wants to represent agriculture with PAGSE. The current membership is \$500 per year. John McKinnon states that AIC should be the body representing agriculture and that we cease our membership to PAGSE.

Adoption of the PAGSE report.  
M/S/C P. Sharpe/P. Mir

#### 5.8 Dairy Project Report (Appendix F)

Dennis McKnight presents his dairy report. AIC and CIDA are calling for a new project proposal and D. McKnight challenges members of the CSAS to give it some thought. Ideas of proposals have to be presented through provincial institutes or societies such as the CSAS. We can't go directly through AIC as an individual. Everything is paid (fully recovered paid expenses) through these projects although there is no salary given (voluntary basis). There are six priorities for the new round of proposal (see D. McKnight for more details).

Adoption of the Dairy Project report.  
M/S/C D. McKnight/A. Iwassa

#### 5.9 Nominating Committee (Appendix G)

J. McKinnon represented C. Farmer, reporting that the new executive includes: Shannon Scott as Vice-President, Janice Bailey as Eastern Director, and Mike Dugan as Western Director.

Adoption of the Nominations report.  
M/S/C J. McKinnon/P. Sharpe

### 6. Annual Meetings

#### 6.1 1999 - Charlottetown (Appendix H)

Ted Van Lunen submitted a report. The 1999 conference held in PEI was a success and it is expected to break even. Books haven't been close with AIC yet. There were 86 full registered and 23 student registered, 4 separate symposium, and 2 poster sessions. There were 50 to 100 attendees to the sessions.

#### 6.2 2000 - Winnipeg (Appendix I)

Karin Wittenberg represented Jim House, reporting that there were more than 100 abstracts.

#### 6.3 2001 - Guelph (Appendix J)

Trevor Smith, who is chair of the local committee for the CSAS, summarized plans for the 2001 Conference in Guelph. The meeting will take place at the University of Guelph as part of the AIC annual meeting from Sunday, July 8 until Wednesday, July 11. The annual general meeting of the CSAS is scheduled on Tuesday followed by the CSAS annual awards banquet. The theme for the plenary session is "Sustaining Rural Canada" and a BBQ in Milton will be held on Monday night. A family banquet will be organized on Wednesday night on the campus of the University of Guelph.

#### 6.4 2002 - Quebec City (Appendix K)

J. McKinnon presented Robert Berthiaume's 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 are Robert Berthiaume (Ag. Can., Lennoxville), Janice Bailey

(Université Laval, Québec), Hélène Lapierre (Ag. Can., Lennoxville), Martin Lessard (Ag. Can., Lennoxville), and Gaëtan Tremblay (Ag. Can., Québec). Two half-day workshops will be organized, one on protein and amino acid metabolism and the other one on reproductive Physiology.

Adoption of the 4 Conference reports.

M/S/C J. McKinnon/G. Mears

#### 7. Outgoing President's Report (Appendix L)

John McKinnon didn't entertain us for long as he mentioned that he previously said all he had to say for the present meeting and that he was planning to talk more again at the banquet held in St-Boniface on the same night.

M/S/C J. McKinnon/I. Christensen

#### 8. Installation of New President

J. McKinnon installed K. Beauchemin as the new president. He provides some encouraging words as he handed over the gavel of office to incoming president, Karen Beauchemin.

#### 9. New Business

J. McKinnon wants closer ties between the Journal committee and the executive.

Notice of motion by Tim McAllister: That the editor of the CJAS sit formally on the executive of the CSAS.

E. Lister wants to know how we transfer the active part of the society in the archives? He is willing to take care of the archives.

#### **Motion:**

Whereas the local organizing of the Agri-Food 2000 conference have done an excellent job of organizing the technical, poster and proceeding for the 2000 CSAS meeting, the membership of CSAS would like to recognize the local organizing committee for their outstanding efforts. Adoption of the motion. Everybody applauded.

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

#### 10. Appointment of Nominating Committee

A committee was appointed to gather nominations for future elections for CSAS executive positions. This committee is chaired by the past president. Members who were nominated and who agreed to let their names stand were: J. McKinnon, H. Petit, D.

Anderson, T. Smith and J. Kennelly.

Adoption of motion.

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

#### 11. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn.

M/S/C J. McKinnon/S. Scott

There were 74 attendees to our meeting. Thanks to everybody for having attended it!

Hélène Petit

July 18, 2000

