

**MINUTES**  
**CANADIAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Thursday June 21, 2007**  
**Winnipeg, MB**

1. Call to order:

Call to order: The Annual General Meeting of the CSAS was called to order by Mike Dugan at 12.39 pm on Thursday June 21, 2007.

2. Approval of Agenda (Mike Dugan).

No modification or additions to the agenda were proposed.

M/S/C: Erasmus Okine, H  l  ne Petit, All.

3. Approval of AGM minutes from the 2006 Meeting in Truro, NS.

No changes to these minutes were suggested.

M/S/C: John Basarab, Tim McAllister, All.

4. Old business arising from the minutes.

- a. Motion for CSAS to sponsor undergraduate award.

No old business for the minutes. Ming Fan proposed the following motion of behalf of the CSAS executive: If the CSAS is unable to find a sponsor for the undergraduate award, then the CSAS is permitted to sponsor the undergraduate award for a total of \$1,000 per year.

M/S/C: John Baah, Tim McAllister, All.

5, 6, 7. Secretary-treasurer's and Auditors' reports for 2006 and Budget projections (Kees Plaizier).  
Appointment of Auditors (Mike Dugan).

The Secretary-treasurer's report shows that during 2006 total assets, total liabilities and equity increased, total revenue decreased, total expenses decreased, and net income decreased slightly. The decrease in revenue was mainly due to a decrease in membership numbers. The decrease in expenses was mainly due to the WAAP fee that had not been paid yet. The assets include the Toole-Sackville Conference Reserve. This reserve increased substantially due to the financial surpluses made during the 2004 and 2006 annual conferences. The society is expected to have positive net-revenue in 2007. However, as the expenses will increase, this revenue is expected to decrease in future years, if the revenue from memberships does not go up.

The auditors, Shannon Scott and Alan Iwassa, accepted the 2006 financial report. They

were thanked for their efforts and were also reappointed.

M/S/C: Kees Plaizier/Erasmus Okine/All.

## 8. Reports

### a. Canadian Journal of Animal Science (Chantal Farmer)

There were several changes in the editorial board. The on-line submission and review system, Osprey, has been implemented. Notifications of new issues of the journal are now sent electronically. There were some changes in the names of sections of the journal. The maximum allowable size of short communications, including the size of the abstract and the number of tables were increased. Deadlines in the review process were also changed, and these deadlines are monitored closely by the Editor-in-chief. An advertisement pamphlet for the journal was prepared. This pamphlet was sent out to the CSAS executive and posted on the CSAS website. The three journals of AIC are working on a memorandum of understanding in case AIC is no longer able to provide their services.

The section on “Application of technology” will cease to exist. In future manuscripts must be related to animals or animal-by products. Also, in future, reviews must be in depth and critical, written by knowledgeable authors, and must undergo the normal-peer review process.

Statistics on the performance the journal during 2006 were presented. The submission of papers increased and the review time decreased.

M/S/C: Chantal Farmer/John Basarab, All.

### b. Ghana/CSAS Project (John Baah)

The project is progressing well. A new 5 yr agreement with CIDA has been signed. A micro-credit program has been initiated. The Ghanaian project coordinator Dr. Kwame Opong-Anana traveled to Canada to receive the AIC International Partnership Award, and to meet members of the Canadian Project Coordinating Team and the CSAS executive.

### c. President-elect’s report (Priya Mir)

The president-elect liaised with the local organizing committee about the organization of the annual meeting, and especially on the time and location of the awards ceremony, the banquet, the AGM, and the announcement of the winners of the graduate student competitions.

The president-elect also collaborated with the local organizers in submitting an ACAAf proposal to obtain funding for the annual meeting. This proposal was successful. Future applications to this program by the organizers of the annual conference are encouraged.

The World Congress on Animal Production (WCAP) will be held in Cape Town, South Africa, in November 2008.

M/S/C: Tim McAllister/ Erasmus Okine/All.

d. Vice-president's report (Johanne Chiquette)

The information available on the CSAS website has increased. The website has been expanded with an advertisement for the Canadian Journal of Animal Science, old proceedings, job vacancy announcements, information on the deadlines for nominations for awards, and international meetings. The opportunity to sell products with the CSAS logo on-line is being considered.

M/S/C: Hélène Petit/Erasmus Okine/All.

e. Membership (Moussa Diara)

At the time of the meeting, 345 members had paid their membership fee for 2007. This is a considerable decline compared to last year. Efforts will be undertaken to encourage persons that did not yet renew their CSAS membership to conduct this renewal.

M/S/C Mary-Lou Swift/John Baah/All.

f. Honours and Awards (Ming Fan)

The winners of the undergraduate award have been identified at all 8 Canadian universities with a Faculty of Agriculture. A sponsor was found for the graduate student competition for oral presentations, but not for the competition for poster presentations. Sponsors for all of the major CSAS awards were found. There were nominations for all awards, with the exception of the fellowship award. Efforts should be made to ensure that we have nominations for all awards in future years.

M/S/C: Tim McAllister/Martin Nyachoti/All.

g. Nominating committee (Mike Dugan for Paul McCaughey)

There were two nominees each for the positions of Western Director, Eastern Director, and Director at large. There was one nominee for the position of Vice-President. A ballot was held and the new members include Vice President, Karen Schwartzkopf-Genswein; Eastern Director, Luigi Faucitano; Western Director, Ermias Kebeab; and Director at Large, Bart Lardner.

Kees Delange and Hélène Petit were elected to serve in the nomination committee.

M/S/C: John Bararab/Moussa Diarra/All.

9. Upcoming CSAS Annual meetings:

- a. 2008: Guelph, ON, August 12-15, 2008, immediately following the Kennedy Conference on Quantitative Genetics and Animal Breeding. Steve Miller is the Contact.
- b. 2009: joint ADSA-ASAS-CSAS meeting in Montreal. Karen Beauchemin and Lyle Rode are the contacts.
- c. 2010: tentative with AIC, possibly in Victoria BC.

10. Other business

- a. Graduate Student Awards

The winners of the graduate competition for oral/theater presentations were:

First price: Daniel Columbus, University of Guelph

Second price: Yuri Montanholi, University of Guelph

Shared 3<sup>rd</sup> price: Ehsan Khafipoor, University of Manitoba & Dana Praslickova, McGill University

The winners of the graduate competition for poster presentations were:

First price: Tofuko Woyengo, University of Manitoba

Shared second price: Elijah Karie, University of Manitoba & Glenmer Tactacan, University of Manitoba

Third price: Lisa Pivotto, University of Guelph.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 13:15.

M/S/C: Tim McAllister/Hélène Petit/All.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kees Plaizier, Secretary/Treasurer CSAS  
July 29, 2006