



Member Update

March 26, 2018

Lindsay, ON - The Canadian Brown Swiss and Braunvieh Association Annual General Meeting was hosted by the Ontario Club on Friday, March 16, 2018 at the Days Inn & Suites, Lindsay, Ontario. On behalf of the national Board of Directors, thank you to the Ontario club for planning the AGM and the surrounding events. A special thank you to our tour hosts, Bonis Seed Co, Berger Farms – Ed & Donna Geissberger & Family, Phillhaven Holsteins/Willow Waters Brown Swiss-Dale Phillips for opening the doors to their facilities. Thank you to Dan Bates, ON and Chantal Leclerc, QC for their years of service on the national board and welcome to our new directors Shirley Dortmans, ON and Dave Rousseau, QC.

There was tremendous discussion on several items at the AGM. A few of the topics are listed below with more details from the meeting available in the minutes of the meeting.

- Holstein Canada negotiated a reduction in the fee for LD genomic test to \$33 from \$45. The board motioned and the membership present were in favour to increase the LD genomic test levy from \$5 to \$7 bringing the fee to \$40 to provide a little more revenue for the association.
- The Registration Catch-Up Program which commenced on June 1, 2017 was continued for another year.
- The Board voted to once again have the national show hosted by the Supreme Show if the fee is agreeable by the Board. The Supreme Show date has changed to August 23 to 24 in St. Hyacinthe, QC.
- The Board will be considering changes to the Master Breeder & Star Brood Cow Award with input from the Breed Improvement Committee.
- With an upcoming retirement at EastGen, Jessie Weir will be taking on new responsibilities in the EastGen marketing department. EastGen has served notice that it will be terminating the Administrative Services Agreement with the Canadian Brown Swiss and Braunvieh Association on May 31, 2018. Ken Drummond thanked Jessie for her 18 years of support for the breed. The Board will be researching a few options mentioned at the AGM.
- The Donaldson family will be hosting the next AGM in the spring of 2019 in British Columbia. More details will follow as they become available.

At the evening banquet, the production award winners and All Canadian participants received their certificates/plaques. The highlight of the evening was awarding the Swiss bells to the first ever Brown Swiss Master Breeder Award winners.

Shady Lane Swiss Farms S.E.N.C., Drummond Family, Shawville, QC

Group 1 (5 to 24 publishable records)

Dun-Rovin Acres Ltd., McConnell Family, Kincardine, ON

Group 2 (>=25 publishable records)

The annual report, minutes, All Canadian results and production award winners are available on the website for viewing. If a member wishes to receive a hard copy of any of the reports please contact the office.

Immediately following the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors elected their Executive for 2018:

President – Ken Drummond, Shawville, QC; Vice-President – Harold Jelinski, New Lowell, ON

Director – Louis Guimond, Woodmore, MB; Director – Shirley Dortmans, Strathroy, ON; Director – Dave Rousseau, Vercheres, QC

Director – Ian Peden, Leduc, AB (Braunvieh) Breed Improvement Committee Chairman – Ken Drummond

Congratulations to Dun Rovin Wonderment Zipper for receiving the 2017 Top Composite BCA Brown Swiss Cow Award sponsored by Swiss Dream Farm with 442 Milk, 618 Fat, 432 Protein for a total composite BCA of 1492. The 2017 Top BCA Herd under 25 cows was awarded to Francis Roberge, QC with composite BCA of 865 on 7 publishable records and for 25 cows & over to Gubelmann Brown Swiss Ltd., ON with composite BCA of 950 on 65 publishable records.

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