Canadian Sheep Federation
Annual General Meeting
November 4, 2010
Calgary, Alberta

Present: Barbara Johnstone Grimmer, Ward Harden, Mark Lenover, Daniel Dion, Dennis Fischer, Phil Kolodychuk, Courtney Denard, Andrew Gordanier, Dwane Morvik, Barbara Caswell, Courtney Denard, Trent Larson, Norine Moore, Cathy Vallis, Claude Gallant, Stuart Greaves.

Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m. with opening remarks from Dwane Morvik, Chairman, including a special thank you to the sponsors of the meeting; Farm Credit Canada, Pfizer, Sunterra Meats, Allflex, OC Flock Management.

Declaration of voting members
British Columbia – 1 (Barbara Johnstone Grimmer);
Alberta -2 (Norine Moore, Phil Kolodychuk);
Saskatchewan -2 (Trent Larson);
Manitoba -1 (Stuart Greaves);
Ontario -3 (Andrew Gordanier, Mark Lenover);
New Brunswick – 1 (Jocelyn McGraw);
Newfoundland – 1 (Cathy Vallis);
Prince Edward Island – 1 (Claude Gallant);
Canadian Sheep Breeders Association – 1 (Daniel Dion);
Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers – 1 (Ward Harden)

The Executive Director’s report was provided in the meeting package.

Motion: To accept the agenda, as written. Moved by Daniel Dion. Seconded by Andrew Gordanier. Carried (unanimous).

Motion: To approve the minutes of 2009 Annual General Meeting held in Toronto, Ontario. Moved by Mark Lenover; Seconded by Daniel Dion carried (unanimous)

There was discussion on the 2009-2014 Business plan. It was noted that the Board had previously motioned to move KRA #6 to KRA #1, as Governance should be #1.

Motion: To accept the business plan with KRA#6 Governance moved up to become KRA#1. Moved by Andrew Gordanier. Seconded by Noreen Moore. Carried (unanimous).

Murray Hunt was requested to speak to the discussions that have occurred by the task group to address the National Information System Platform. The task group is asking for support to build on what Alberta has done with regards to SheepCentral, as it has the capability to expand. Everyone will be involved in
the effort to create a National data platform. The task group needs direction from the Board before any further action can be taken.

**Motion:** To accept, in principal, moving forward with SheepCentral as the National Information System Platform for the sheep industry. Moved by Andrew Gordonier. Seconded by Noreen Moore. Carried (unanimous).

There was further discussion around the CSF Animal Identification and Decision Points document. There is concern about moving too fast. A letter from the Manitoba Sheep Association was read by Stuart Greaves, expressing concern about the cost of implementation in Manitoba with many small flocks and the issue of transporters, and further action should be held pending completion of the tag retention trials being done in beef. There is also no reference to co-mingling and should be added back into question 32. More discussion is needed regarding how transportation will be dealt with.

**Motion:** To have the Executive Committee act as an adhoc Committee to add clarity. Moved by Andrew Gordonier. Seconded by Stuart Greaves. Carried (unanimous).

**Motion:** To accept the resolution to request Minister Ritz lobby the USDA to eliminate the need for any permanent branding of Canadian feeder lambs being exported to US. Moved by Daniel Dion. Seconded by Andrew Gordonier.

There was some discussion around the resolution for scrapie sample collection. Penny Greenwood has previously stated the reasoning for allowing producers to collect samples was because the cost and availability of veterinarians would otherwise be identified as huge hurdles to enrolment, as the program is strictly voluntary. The annual inventory must be a scrapie accredited veterinarian. Literature and a DVD are sent to new entrants on how to remove the sample. There have been no further concerns expressed by CFIA.

**Motion:** To have the Scrapie Working Group review the matter and gather additional information. Moved by Andrew Gordonier. Seconded by Barbara Johnstone Grimmer. Carried (unanimous).

**Motion:** To accept Bill Gibson’s letter and to request the classification of Sheppard/shearers be added to the priority list for bringing in foreign workers. Moved by Andrew Gordonier. Seconded by Trent Larson. Carried (unanimous).

The audited financial statements were presented by the Executive Director. There was some question around Quebec’s dues. Discussions with Quebec are ongoing.

**Motion:** To accept the audited financial statement, as circulated. Moved by Dennis Fisher. Seconded by Ward Harden. Carried (unanimous).
**Motion:** To appoint Sara Detweiller from Bairstow, Smart and Smith as the auditor for the 2010-11 Fiscal Year. Moved by Dennis Fisher. Seconded by Cathy Vallis.

The Board went in camera to discuss Provincial Membership. CSF will continue to operate under the Budget approved during the September Board Teleconference, pending further membership discussion.

**Motion:** To accept the CSF Bylaws and Policy Manual, including the amendments made to the Termination and Vacation policies. Moved by Andrew Gordanier. Seconded by Trent Larson. Carried (unanimous).

**Motion:** To accept the CSF Operations Manual. Moved by Trent Larson. Seconded by Stuart Greaves. Carried (unanimous).

Committee Membership was reviewed.

**Motion:** To add a representative from the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency to the Canadian Sheep Identification Program Working Group. Moved by Dennis Fisher. Seconded by Phil Kolodychuk. Carried (unanimous).

**Motion:** To explore with the provincial membership the principle of having CSF Board members designated prior to the AGM. Moved by Andrew Gordanier. Seconded by Phil Kolodychuk. Carried (unanimous).

There was some discussion around the difficulty of enforcement of the Canadian Sheep Identification Program and how that impacts the credibility of the program.

**Motion:** To send letters to Agriculture and Agrifood Canada and Canadian Food Inspection Agency on the need for consistent enforcement of the Canadian Sheep Identification Program, and follow up during negotiations for CSF to become administrators of the CSIP program. Moved by Andrew Gordanier. Seconded by Trent Larson. Carried (unanimous).

**Motion to adjourn 12:13 p.m.**