

## **Canadian Hays Converter Association**

### **Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting**

**Held on December 4, 2018 in Calgary, Alberta**

#### **IDENTIFICATION OF MEMBERS:**

(In attendance:) Sean Tolton, Dan Hays, Carol Hays, Terri Worms and Kathy Hays.

(On conference call:) Philip Thordarson, Gib Drury, and UofA: Vern Erickson, Jay Willis, Barry Irving and Razie Khorshidi.

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Gib, seconded by Philip. Carried.

#### **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:**

**Sean:** 160 cows, sold calves early October at similar prices to 2017. Will segregate HC bull with HC cows. Enough feed for winter.

**Dan/Kathy:** In November, transferred last 27 preg heifers to U of A Kinsella Research Station to complete the 100 head contract. Remaining 29 cull/old females went to auction. Have 16 (2017) heifers at Davis Rairdan for flushing to accommodate order of 100 ETs for Australian breeder, who has approx. 100 ET calves on the ground. Hays Converter animals are thriving during drought conditions.

Once flushing process is complete, the 16 heifers are for sale. Had 47 (2018) calves, half coming from recipient ET herd belonging to Stuart McDowall. Sold Peter Tindall 5 bulls and 11 heifer calves. Five 2017 bulls available at Roseburn. Registrations and transfer of 73 Cows and 5 bulls for U of A almost done. Paperwork for last 27 will be completed in 2019. Trudy Gorday (Peter Tindall's daughter) wants to register their herd of Hays Converters with the assistance of this office.

Offer made to assist Lynda Baker with U of A Kinsella registrations when time is appropriate.

**Philip:** 120 cows; sold 37 heifers to Lacy Sazwan in Saskatchewan. Weaned 108 calves, tough winter with several open cows. Has a couple of 2-year old and yearling bulls for sale. Advised that Cody Renz will display Hays bull/cow at local summer show.

**Gib:** With son, Victor, at the helm, the Drury boys are running 250 Angus-crossed bred animals, consisting of 55 2017 replacement heifers and 70 2018 bred heifers. Good fertility with 69/70 preg heifers. Have culled 70 cows. Running 9 Angus bulls. Could use more Hays Converters!

### **University of Alberta reps:**

**Jay/Vern:** Briefly explained Grow Safe program for members. Gave 2018 calving results of initial shipment of 72 cows/heifers: after 5 cows culled due to utter issues and 2 or 3 open.... final numbers were 29 heifers, 30 steers, 4 bulls. No fertility issues and most calves were horned. Questioned if Association's focus was on polled animals with response being "not exclusively. More emphasis on performance traits."

**Razie Khorshidi:** U of A student completing her doctoral thesis on Hays Converter genetic evolution and development. Has generated some very interesting and valuable information about HC that could be used to promote the herd.

### **SECRETARY MANAGER'S REPORT and FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Terri encouraged members to review website and facebook page. Send photos. Pay annual fees.

Motion to adopt both reports by Kathy, seconded by Carol. Carried.

### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:**

Five directors up for renewal: Philip Thordarson, Sandra Marsh, Allan Johnson, Ivan Hale and Kathy Hays

Motion to renew all moved by Carol, seconded by Gib. Carried.

### **NAMING REVIEWERS, SIGNING OFFICERS AND REP TO CLRB:**

Motion to retain Reviewers (Dunphy Accounting Firm); Signing officers (Terri Worms and Dan Hays) and representative to the CLRC (Gib Drury in the East and Dan Hays in the West) respectively, moved by Kathy and seconded by Philip. Carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**President Sean** generated conversation regarding how to move the Association forward; possibly distributing responsibilities outside of Calgary; how to generate income; consider what members might want to do.

Encouraged members to send ideas and suggestions to Calgary office with a follow-up conversation in June. Sean would attempt to connect with small associations to determine how they manage their groups.

**Jay** commented that Facebook is a good advertising avenue. Questioned if there was any royalty back to the Association when selling purebred animals with answer being 'no'. Assured members that Kinsella would have animals for sale in order to maintain the initial 100 herd of Converters on the ground.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Philip and seconded by Terri. Carried.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve moved by Philip, seconded by Kathy. Carried.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Renewal of Sean Tolton as President, Victor Drury as Vice President and Terri Worms as Secretary Manager

Motion to approve moved by Gib, seconded by Philip. Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

No further business

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Kathy, seconded by Gib. Carried.