Canadian Galloway Association Report

Hello to all our fellow Galloway breeders & enthusiasts attending this year's World Galloway Conference. I hope that everyone enjoys themselves and the scenery. This year has been an interesting one in Canada with most of the country seeing warm dry weather with sporadic moisture. Besides the weather our Government has been very sporadic and is currently trying to work out our trade differences with our neighbors to the south. This has put some strain on the agricultural industry but hope that it is resolved shortly.

This year the Canadian Galloway Association has seen its membership stay consistent to the previous year. The highest concentration of members is in eastern Canada with most of those in Ontario consisting primarily of smaller herds. As for in the west there are less members but bigger herds that still account for half of our registrations yearly. This year's AGM in Tavistock, Ontario was hosted at Cranberry Hill Galloway home of Brad & Colleen Card. The meeting had a great turnout and much was discussed. Following the meeting we travelled to another near by Galloway breeder Amurlee Farms for a tour of there organic farming operation that was very unique and successful. We then rounded out the day back at the Card's. The board of directors was elected at a later date via teleconference. Elected the 2018/2019 executive: President Vanessa Beach (Stouffville, Ont), Vice President Marie Blake (Listowel, Ont) and Executive Secretary Valerie Watson (Caledon, Ont). The rest of the directors consisted of new-comers Trevor O'Meara (Colborne, Ont) and sitting are Chris Schapp (Drumbo, Ont), Jim King (Innifail, Ab), Sarah Middleton (Okotoks, Ab) and Ward Marshall (Innisfail, AB). We were so glad to see new faces but also sad to see old ones go as their allowable consecutive terms were up..

Yet again we had a number of breeders do their part for breed promotion across Canada. Many attended the Royal Winter Fair (Toronto, ON), Farm Fair International (Edmonton, AB), Outdoor Farm Show (Woodstock, ON) and various fall fairs across Ontario. There has also been a rise in demand of beef producers wanting to finish Galloway or Galloway-influenced cattle on grass and providing "naturally" raised beef to meet the growing *consumer* demand for these products. Breeding stock sales have stayed consistent with past years as there are new people wanting to start with Galloway.

The Association continues to pursue new ways to advertise. We have tried to keep our website current and eye catching for a couple years now and have made a new Facebook group that you can join: "Canadian Galloway Association." We continue to promote all the attributes of the three different Galloway families but not with out its challenges as most people think Galloway is Galloway no matter what the colour pattern. All a side the Galloway Breeds are still alive and well in Canada and hope with the changing demographics that we can find a way to become more known.

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