# **CCWG WOOL INDUSTRY NEWS**

The CCWG recently held Management and Board of Director meetings at the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in Carleton Place, Ontario on October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The 2015 elected Board of Directors are as follows:

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



President

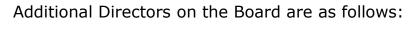
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

David Mastine, St. Felix de Kingsey, QCBrian W. Greaves, Miniota, MB

- Lee Sexton, Hanley, SK

- John D. Woodburn, Grimshaw, AB





Ruth Mathewson, Central North River, NS (Audit Committee)
Ward Harden, Fir Mountain, SK (Audit Committee)
Roma H. Tingle, Prince George, BC (Audit Committee)
Dwayne C. Acres, Osgoode, ON

Warren L. Moore, Stavely, AB Allan Ribbink, Tiverton, ON

For the fiscal year ending February 28, 2015 the co-operative recorded gross sales of almost 9.2 million which represents an increase of 12.5% from the previous year. Net income increased by 41% mainly due to strong financial performance from the company's retail division.

The Board of Directors have authorized a dividend payment of 7% to the shareholders of record date December 31, 2014. The company has always paid a dividend and it has been 7% annually since 1999. The Shareholder Wool Shipper Loyalty Reward Program (SWSLRP) will be at the rate of 7 cents per pound on the 2014 wool clip. Full details of these programs can be found on the company website www.wool.ca. Wool volume increased by 2.5% from the previous year. This increase is thought to be mostly attributable to some stored wool coming into the market place.

In other news, a thorough review and evaluation of the company's long term strategic business plan was completed by the Board of Directors and Management team.

An evening banquet featuring Ontario lamb capped off the three day event with 100 people in attendance. In 2016 the Annual General Meeting will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba from October 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Retiring CCWG Directors Margarete Zillig from Scotch Village, Nova Scotia and John L. Farrell from Wingham, Ontario were recognized for their long time contributions to CCWG and dedication to the sheep industry.

Catherine Vallis from Atlantic Wool Growers Supplies who will be retiring on December 31, 2015 was also recognized for her many years of service to CCWG and livestock producers in Atlantic Canada.

The final presentation of the evening was made to long time sheep shearer Clifford C. Metheral from Nokomis, Saskatchewan who has sheared more sheep in Canada during his career than any other shearer currently on record. In addition, Clifford has sheared in many countries and achieved success at numerous international sheep shearing competitions.

# The national Wool Certificate of Merit recipients for 2014 were announced as follows:

#### **Atlantic**

D. Graham Reid, Pugwash, NS

# **Shearer**

Dana Booth

# Québec

Christian Bellaar-Spruyt, Alcove, QC

#### **Shearers**

Tom Redpath, David St-Onge

# **Ontario**

Mark Lenover, Thornloe, ON

#### Shearer

Mark Lenover

#### **Ontario**

Karen & Brad Davis, Landsdowne, ON

#### **Shearers**

Gerald Gemmill, Donald Metheral

#### Manitoba

Blaine Peel, Miniota, MB

# **Shearers**

Russell Eddy, Ampie Esterhuyse

#### Manitoba

Bouw Farms Ltd, Dugald, MB

## **Shearers**

Ivan Bugera, Pauline Bolay

#### Saskatchewan

Eillis & Carolynn Koester, Rockglen, SK

#### **Shearers**

Jeremy Pituley, Matt Knelson

## Saskatchewan

Peter & Pam Gonnet, Outlook, SK

#### Shearer

Charles Struck

# Saskatchewan

Brian & Sandra Murray, Eastend, SK

#### **Shearers**

Lorrie Reed's Shearing Crew

# Saskatchewan

Chris Kirwin, Gull Lake, SK

#### Alberta

George Gretter, Tilley, AB

#### **Alberta**

Stacey Meunier, Barrhead, AB

#### **Alberta**

Raley Farming Co. Ltd, Cardston, AB

#### **Shearers**

Edward & Jerry Waldner

## **Alberta**

Wilson Colony, Coaldale, AB

#### **Shearers**

Colony Shearers

#### **British Columbia**

Nicola Von Rosen, Clinton, BC



Ruth Mathewson, Atlantic CCWG Director (left) introduces and makes a presentation to Margarete Zillig (centre) from Scotch Village, NS who has retired from the CCWG Board of Directors. Catherine Vallis (right) was recognized for her many years of service operating Atlantic Wool Growers Supplies.



Allan Ribbink, CCWG Ontario Director (left) introduces and congratulates John L. Farrell (right) from Wingham, Ontario who has retired from the CCWG Board of Directors.



Clifford C. Metheral (left) receives recognition from Saskatchewan CCWG Director Ward Harden (right) for his many years of shearing service to the sheep industry.



Brad & Karen Davis from Landsdowne, Ontario accept their 2014 Certificate of Merit award from Ontario CCWG Director Dwayne C. Acres and the Carleton Place Wool Grading Staff.



CCWG Directors and staff attending the 97<sup>th</sup> AGM Banquet at the Canadian Golf and Country Club, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

#### **CCWG WOOL INDUSTRY NEWS**

The CCWG recently held Management and Board of Director meetings at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in Lethbridge, Alberta on October 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

The 2014 elected Board of Directors are as follows:

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



President 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Warren L. Moore, Stavely, AB

Lee Sexton, Hanley, SK

- David Mastine, St. Felix de Kingsey, QC
- Brian W. Greaves, Miniota, MB
- John L. Farrell, Wingham, ON
- John D. Woodburn, Grimshaw, AB



Margarete Zillig, Scotch Village, NS (Audit Committee) Ward Harden, Fir Mountain, SK (Audit Committee) Roma H. Tingle, Prince George, BC (Audit Committee) Dwayne C. Acres, Osgoode, ON

Additional Directors on the Board are as follows:

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On behalf of the Board of Directors and management, sincere appreciation is extended to Dwayne C. Acres who very capably served as company president since 2011.

For the fiscal year ending February 28, 2014 the co-operative recorded gross sales of just under 8.2 million. The Board of Directors have authorized a dividend payment of 7% to the shareholders of record date December 31, 2013 and 5 cents per pound to the Shareholder Wool Shipper Loyalty Reward Program (SWSLRP). Full details on these programs can be found on the company website www.wool.ca. Wool volume increased by 1% in 2013/14 compared to the previous year.

In other news the Board of Directors approved plans that were unveiled to construct a new modern and efficient facility at the Broxburn Agricultural Business Park which is located just outside the city of Lethbridge. The 14,000 square foot structure will be built on a 1.3 acre site comprising warehouse, retail and office space. The project will be commencing following the sale of the company's current property situated at 918-1<sup>st</sup> Ave South in Lethbridge.

# At the AGM the Board of Directors approved the following amendment to the articles of the co-operative.

1. Article IV paragraph 1 and Article V paragraph 2 Charter Bylaw of the co-operative are hereby amended as follows:

# **Constitution Amendment / CCWG Director Representation**

The CCWG Board of Directors is increased to eleven elected directors with the director representation for the province of Québec increased from one to two elected directors, with a provincial boundary to be established by Ordinary Bylaw. Québec director representation will be defined as one director representing Québec East and one director representing Québec West.

# The national Wool Certificate of Merit recipients for 2013 were announced as follows:

Atlantic - Margarete Zillig, Scotch Village, NS Shearer: Ian MacNearney

Québec - Ferme Léoflora Inc, Marieville, QC

Shearer: David St-Onge

Ontario - John & Eadie Steele, Shepherd's

Choice Breeding Stock, Norwood, ON Shearers: Don Metheral, Gerald

Gemmill, Terry Spicer, David St-Onge

Ontario -Brian Wintonic, Lansdowne, ON

Shearers: Don Metheral, Gerald Gemmill

Ontario - John Anderson, Highgate, ON

Shearer: Calvin Russell

Manitoba - Martin Fedderson, Edwin, MB

Shearer: Louis Bisson

Manitoba - Richard Payment, Fisher Branch, MB

Shearer: Cliff Metheral

Saskatchewan - Lysle Ching, Rockglen, SK

Shearer: Cliff Metheral

Saskatchewan - Helen Schmidt, Consul, SK

Shearer: Cliff Metheral

Saskatchewan - Pituley Livestock Inc.,

Rockglen, SK

Shearers: Matt Knelsen, Jeremy Pituley,

Joe O'Donohue

Alberta Range - Raley Farming Co. Ltd.,

Cardston, AB

Shearers: Raley Farming Co. Ltd.

Alberta Range - Bruce Murray, Lethbridge, AB

Shearers: Wilson Colony Shearers

Alberta Domestic - Paul & Viola Preston,

Vauxhall, AB

Shearers: Dave Carlson, Paul & Allison

Preston

Alberta Domestic - Rod & Bernadette Nikkel,

Pickardville, AB

Shearers: Chris, Tom & Ed Hover, Sunny

Bend Colony

British Columbia -Winstone Skafte, Goodlow, BC

Shearer: David Cadsand

British Columbia - Dennis Gellings, Dawson

Creek, BC

Shearers: South Peace Colony Shearers

An evening banquet featuring Alberta lamb capped off the two day event and was attended by 80 people. Jim & Val Shields, long time employees of the Lethbridge branch were officially recognized for their loyal and dedicated service. Best wishes were extended to them for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

The final presentation of the evening was the induction of retired president John D. Balderson from Magrath, Alberta as an Honorary Knight of the Golden Fleece. This award recognizes individuals for notable service and outstanding contribution to Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited and to Agriculture in Canada. Mr. Balderson becomes the 12<sup>th</sup> recipient in the company's 96 year history.



# CCWG LETHBRIDGE BROXBURN AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS PARK



**CONCEPT RENDER** 



Eric Bjergso, CCWG General Manager presents Certificate of Appreciation to Jim & Val Shields, long time employees of the CCWG Lethbridge branch who have now retired.



John Balderson, retired past President of CCWG was awarded the companies highest honour, The Honorary Knight of the Golden Fleece.

**Pictured left to right** – Dwayne C. Acres, President, John and Ireta Balderson, Eric Bjergso, CCWG General Manager



Pictured left to right following staff recognition and Honorary Knight of the Golden Fleece presentations - Eric Bjergso, CCWG General Manager, retired CCWG Lethbridge staff, Jim & Val Shields, Tony Haley, John & Ireta Balderson, Enid Haley



Pictured left to right – Warren L. Moore, CCWG Director representing the Sub District of Alberta South, presents the Preston Family from Vauxhall, Alberta with their 2013 Certificate of Merit award for excellence in commercial wool production. Paul, Viola, Allison & Natalie Preston



Andrew Brydges from CCWG Livestock Supplies & Equestrian Centre in Carleton Place receives recognition for 10 years' service from manager Lee-Anne Durant-McIntyre



CCWG Directors and Staff attending the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held in Lethbridge, Alberta on October 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Front row left to Right: Cathy Holmes, Donna Zeman, Nancy Mallinson, Lee-Anne Durant-McIntyre, Heidi Lancaster, Jacob Morin, Jim McNeely

**Back Row left to right:** Dwayne Acres, Margarete Zillig, Roma Tingle, John Farrell, Ward Harden, Lee Sexton, Eric Bjergso, John Woodburn, Brian Shaw, Brian Greaves, Pat Lamothe, David Mastine, John Cuthbert, Andrew Brydges, Warren Moore.

#### **CCWG WOOL INDUSTRY NEWS**

The CCWG recently held Management and Board of Director meetings at the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in Saint-Hyacinthe, QC on October 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The 2013 elected Board of Directors are as follows:

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**





President 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Dwayne C. Acres, Osgoode, ON - David Mastine, St. Felix de Kingsey, QC

John L. Farrell, Wingham, ON

John D. Woodburn, Grimshaw, AB



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Additional Directors on the Board are as follows:

Margarete Zillig, Scotch Village, NS (Audit Committee) Lee Sexton, Hanley, SK (Audit Committee) Roma Tingle, Prince George, BC (Audit Committee) Brian Greaves, Miniota, MB (CSF Representative) Warren L. Moore, Stavely, AB Ward Harden, Fir Mountain, SK

Sincere appreciation for his many years of service are extended to retiring director and past president John D. Balderson who has represented Alberta South for the past 20 years. We also wish to recognize the long time service of Ken H. Mallinson who very capably represented British Columbia on our board. We are sorry to advise that Ken passed away in May 2013, we extend our sincerest condolences to his wife Nancy and their families.

For the fiscal year ending February 28, 2013 the co-operative recorded gross sales of \$8,688,513 which represents an 8% increase from the previous year. Sales have increased almost 28% over the past three years. The Board of Directors have authorized a dividend payment of 7% to the shareholders of record date December 31, 2012 and 5 cents per pound to the Shareholder Wool Shipper Loyalty Reward Program (SWSLRP). Full details on these programs can be found on the company website www.wool.ca. Wool volume increased by 8.2% in 2011 and 8.6% in 2012 but slipped by 6.5% in 2013, due mainly to a reduction in wool consignments from Québec.

# The national wool Certificate of Merit recipients for 2012 were announced as follows:

Atlantic - Ian Tapper - Roving Downs Farm, Upper Stewiacke, NS

Québec - Christian Bellaar-Spruyt, Alcove, QC Shearer: Tom Redpath

Ontario - Keith Sinclair - Montclair Farm, Churchill, ON

Shearer: Don Metheral

Ontario - Richard Metheral, Glen Huron, ON

Shearer: Richard Metheral

Ontario - Jack Daigneault, Gores Landing, ON

Shearers: Gerald Gemmill & Don Metheral

Ontario - Jim Johnston - Pasture Hill Farm, New Liskeard, ON

Shearers: Gerald Gemmill & Mark Lenover

Manitoba - Graham Rannie, Binscarth, MB

Manitoba - Grant & Shelley Zahaiko, Newdale, MB

Shearer: Grant Zahaiko

Saskatchewan Range - Vivian Kimber, Abbey, SK Saskatchewan Range - Steve Kucherhan, Asquith, SK

Shearer: Lorrie Reed

Saskatchewan Domestic - Marla & Kevin Moulton, Earl Grey, SK

Shearer: Cliff Metheral

Saskatchewan Domestic - Edith Halyk, Foam Lake, SK

Alberta Range - Livingston Colony, Lundbreck, AB

Shearers: Colony Shearers

Alberta Range - Mannville Colony, Mannville, AB

Shearers: Colony Shearers

Alberta Domestic - Alan & Jennifer King, Bittern Lake, AB

British Columbia - Peace View Colony, Farmington, BC

Shearers: Colony Shearers

British Columbia - Hani Gasser, McBride, BC

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

#### - CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT / CCWG DIRECTOR REPRESENTATION

It was moved by Margarete Zillig, seconded by John Woodburn and carried that an elected and voting Board of 10 Directors should continue to be maintained and that this number of directors should not be exceeded. However, the current makeup of the board should be reconstructed or realigned to provide for 2 elected directors from the province of Québec in view of their sheep numbers and wool production (25% in 2011/12). Consideration might be given to appointing non voting board advisers or associates from time to time as may be required.

An amendment to the motion was made by Ken Mallinson, seconded by John Balderson and carried that one director position from the province of Saskatchewan be eliminated.

**Note:** this Notice of Motion was discussed at the 2012/13 provincial shareholder meetings. It was then voted on by the CCWG board of directors at this year's AGM which was held in Saint-Hyacinthe, QC on October 19, 2013. Shareholders were encouraged to contact their director representative on the CCWG board to express their views.

Both the amendment and the motion voted on by the CCWG Board of Directors were defeated.

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

#### - CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT / CCWG DIRECTOR REPRESENTATION

It was moved by Brian Greaves, seconded by John Farrell and carried that CCWG increase the board of directors to eleven elected directors, with the director representation for the province of Québec increased from one to two elected directors with a provincial boundary to be established.

**Note:** this Notice of Motion will be discussed at the 2013/14 provincial shareholder meetings. It will then be voted on by the CCWG board of directors at next **year's AGM which** will be held in Lethbridge, AB on October 18, 2014. Shareholders are encouraged to contact your director representative on the CCWG board to express your views.

# CCWG DIRECTORS & STAFF AGM 2013 - ST-HYACINTHE, QC, OCTOBER 19, 2013



Sitting: Heidi Lancaster, Isabelle Morin, Noemi Mecatti, Marg Zillig, Roma Tingle, Nancy Mallinson, Erin Pretty, Lee-Anne Durant-McIntyre

Standing: Émilie Provost, David Mastine, John Balderson, Angélique Métivier, Dwayne Acres, Donna Zeman, Jim Shields, Brian Shaw, John Farrell, Brian Greaves, John Woodburn, Jim McNeely, Pat Lamothe, Warren Moore, Lee Sexton, Eric Bjergso, Andrew Brydges, Cathy Holmes

Absent: John Cuthbert, Ward Harden, Cathy Vallis



Saskatchewan Certificate of Merit Winners Edith Halyk & Vivian Kimber