**Canadian Hays Converter Association**

Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting

Monday, November 24, 2014 @ 10:00am

Norton Rose Fulbright Boardroom, Calgary, AB

**IDENTIFICATION OF MEMBERS:**

(**In attendance**) Dan Hays, Allan Johnson, Kathy Hays (**On conference call**) Philip Thordarson; Gib Drury, Victor Drury, Sean Tolton, Ivan Hale, Paul Abrams (**By Proxy**) Terri Worms, Carol Hays, Sandra Marsh.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**:

Adoption of 2012 minutes was moved by Gib and seconded by Ivan. Carried.

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:**

**Sean:** Kept 150-160 cows; sold calves; bred Charlois bull; heifer/steer calves had comparable weights; Angus/Hays Converter calves were 80 lbs lighter. Rainy season with average crop results. Group discussion about AI versus embryo transplant, as well as seeder program versus AI. It was noted that seeder program cannot be used to remedy a fertility issue.

**Philip:** Kept 25 heifers, culled old cows; cattle doing well, grazing on pasture. Sold one bull to Hays Ranches and Paul advised that bull “Dr. Phil” was bred to 20 cows.

**Gib/Victor:** 16 calves…..kept 3 2013 heifers bred to Red Angus Ivan assists with HC herd..easy keepers.

**Alan**: 25 Cows; culling older cows; may start buying; kept 3 heifer replacements; using a Thordarsen bull, good sale prices.

**Ivan:** Has 25 cows, a few purebred; would like more HCs in time. Encouraging everyone to register animals

**Dan:** Cattle still at Tongue Creek; slaughtered 79 head with excellent results -- 92% AAA or Prime and 8% AA. Cattle on average over 1500 lbs. Presently, selecting HC herd based on confirmation, soundness and index. Will replace 50% of herd with live embryos.

Will be exporting embryos to Brisbane, Australia contact looking for a 50 Hays Converter female base. University of Brisbane genesis from Edmonton will assist with Australian project.

Top 15 DNA-indexed cows are still at Davis Rairdan for embryo flushings. Need 400-500 embryos for both Hays Ranches and Australia. Goal: breed the best to the best! Paul explained that the transfer process is not complicated with an expected 50-60% conception rate—comparable result to AI or service bull.

**Paul:** Busiest year yet due to flushing cows at Davis Rairdan; feed lot change for 2013 calves to Chinook Feeders and development of DNA index. Cattle performed well, slaughter results best ever on fat cattle with extraordinary grading. Cows finished in efficient manner. Fred Taylor commented: “The Hays Converter is the kind of cow our industry needs.”

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Dan updated on HC Project: Will shortly engage a UofA grad student to continue work on DNA identification of HC valued traits. Have obtained great results to date and now considering marketing strategy going forward. Paul suggested setting up a FACEBOOK page for the herd.

**SECRETARY MANAGER’S REPORT**:

In Terri’s absence, Kathy read the Report, approval moved by Philip, seconded by Gib...carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

No comments or changes. Acceptance of Report moved by Allan, seconded by Philip **.** Carried.

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:**

Dan’s term as director required renewal. Nominated by Philip, seconded by Gib. Approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

Shirley Campbell from Nova Scotia is interested in purchasing Hays Converters. Members who are able to assist her were asked to keep us up-to-date on progress.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Gib adjourned the 2013 Hays Converter Annual Meeting at 11:05.

**Minutes of Annual Meeting of Board of Directors**

**Canadian Hays Converter Association**

**Monday, December 2, 2013**

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve minutes of the 2012 meeting by Gib, seconded by Philip. Carried.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**:

Dan nominated **Sean Tolton as President**, seconded by Philip; and with no further nominations, acceptance of nominations moved by Gib, seconded by Sandra...carried.

Allan nominated **Gib Drury as Vice President**, seconded by Dan; and with no further nominations, acceptance of nominations moved by Dan, seconded by Kathy....carried.

Gib nominated **Terri Worms as Secretary Manager**, seconded by Sean; and with no further nominations, acceptance of nominations moved by Philip and seconded by Allan...carried.

**NAMING OF REVIEWERS, SIGNING OFFICERS, CANADIAN LIVESTOCK RECORDS REP.:**

Presently, our Reviewers are **Dunphy and Associates**; our Signing Officers are **Dan Hays and Terri Worms**; and our Cdn. Livestock Records Rep is **Gib Drury**.

Moved by Sean, seconded by Allan that above-mentioned maintain their positions. Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No discussion

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn meeting (at 11:15am) by Dan, seconded by Gib....carried.