



WORLD JERSEY CATTLE BUREAU

SUMMARY/MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 2020 – BY CORRESPONDENCE

DEC 2020

AGENDA

1. President's Welcome

The President welcomed everyone to the Annual Council Meeting and, due to international travel restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are prevented from gathering in person in one place as is the normal procedure.

The logistics of holding a 'virtual' (on-line) meeting in real time for 40-50 people spanning 16 time zones was felt to be too great. As a compromise we have decided to conduct the meeting "by correspondence". With comprehensive notes created for each point on the agenda to provide the backdrop and facts it means that representatives of the breed associations, and also life members around the world, can participate in the meeting.

The President felt sure that the business of the Bureau could be adequately carried out by this process (in conjunction with regular meeting of the Officers) and looked forward to receiving questions and feedback from delegates.

D Frigot MBE (WJCB Patron), has expressed his pleasure from the reports, particularly the Latin America Forum and the nomination of Chris Sorenson.

Voting delegate participation is at its maximum and highlights the opportunity for the Bureau to develop further through virtual meeting.

Officers propose three regional meetings, subject to desire, to develop Bureau services as an outcome of this correspondence. The meetings would be The Americas; Africa & Europe; Oceania. (See 5b)

2. Members of the Council

Bureau Officers: Steve Le Feuvre (President), Arno Theron (VP Africa), Benoit Guoullier (VP Europe), Jacobo Cabassa (VP L America), Chris Sorenson (VP-elect N America), Trevor Saunders (VP Oceania), Alison Gibb (Treasurer), Roger Trewhella (Secretary).

National Full Member representatives: Lisa Broad (Australia), Luis Bustelo (Argentina), Giacomo Fucci (Italy), Alison Gibb (New Zealand/Treasurer), James Godfrey (Jersey), Des Hickey (New Zealand), Jim Huffard (USA), Arno Leurs (Germany), Chris MacKenzie (Australia), Jonathan Merriam (USA), Roberto Paez Muzzolini (Colombia), Bent Olesen (Denmark), Robert Perchard (Jersey), Agustin Robredo (Argentina), Ivannia Coto Sanchez (Costa Rica), Rainer Schmitt (Germany), Bruno Schuler (Switzerland), Ole Sorensen (Denmark), Liliana Quevedo Soto (Colombia), John Stubbs (United Kingdom), Sergio Turelli (Italy), Eduardo Robert Urena (Costa Rica), John

Vander Wielen (Canada), John Whitby (United Kingdom), Martin Zemp (Switzerland).

Also present: D Frigot MBE (Patron)

3. **Receive Apologies** - none
4. **Approve Minutes of the 2019 Council Meeting, Rwanda** - Approved
5. **Matters Arising**

a. **Constitution**

Canada – commented that the constitution is not found on website

b. **Review of Bureau Role and Procedures**

AJCA - The Development plan is on target. Regional forums will be the most effective if this includes timely and informative topics. The WJCB needs to accelerate and help with this and to continue to promote Jerseys worldwide. Some parts of the world will require more attention than others as the market dictates.

Argentina - The Latin American forum is on the right way using virtual conferences. A lot of people from different countries are now involved. We found new breeders from Peru, Bolivia and Panama. Countries without a normal Jersey organization but breeders with enthusiasm.

Denmark - Danish Jerseys like the well described Bureau role. Good introduction focus on regional Jersey forums with shorter, sharper Annual Meeting / Study Tours, business end focus has full support.

Italy – Agree with the contents and think it is very important to discuss matters which can have consequences for the Jersey Breed. In particular, environmental protection - we are working to reduce gas emission for Holstein and Jersey, to develop an index for feed efficiency, resistance to heat stress especially for the animals that live in the warmer areas of our country. The document submitted reports activity for the Jersey breed. In particular: - Numbers of Genotypes on the population - Locomotion Index - Somatic cell count - Feed Efficiency.

Jersey – questioned if there have been any developments on the survey to identify knowledge needs for the breed and functioning of the Scientific Advisory Committee? The challenge is to build on this momentum whilst consolidating links with the Bureau at a more global level. Communication is key, especially targeted use of social media. Hopefully this will encourage participation in the Bureau's international events programme.

NZ - Foresees more reliance on Regional Forums between Triennial Conference where each Forum could outline activities/progress/updates. Oceania would need a Forum. Agree JETA in principle, question if recipients were necessarily the right choice. Bureau needs best bang for bucks for money involved.

UK - WJCB should continue its forward-looking focus, facilitating innovation and finding ways to assist the people who lead this.

c.2018 International Conference

c. **VP North America**

The Vice President (VP) for North America, Kathryn Roxburgh, resigned her position in March 2020. Jersey Canada and the American Jersey Cattle Association have nominated Mr Chris Sorenson as a replacement VP for North America. As an interim

measure and so that the business of the Bureau could continue, the Officers accepted the nomination and included Chris in recent meetings.

We are seeking the approval of Council to formally accept this nomination (in accordance with Clause 14d of the Constitution), and Chris will remain in post until the next International Conference.

Approved (Unanimously supported).

d. Bureau Business:

a) President's Report for the year - Approved

b) Vice Presidents' Reports - Approved

1. Africa – Jersey France reports that Senegal is the lead country for French involvement within the continent.

c) Secretary's Report - Approved

d) Treasurer's Report - Approved

Denmark - Danish Jerseys support the initiatives to minimize costs, now that income is limited due to cancellation/postponing of meetings

UK - concur with the Treasurer's stated aim of balancing the books. The outcome of 2020 cannot now be influenced.

e) Approval of Accounts for 2019 - Approved

f) Approve Budget 2021 - Approved

UK - £3000 Income from tour surplus is a good conservative estimate: without it the WJCB will be in the red. Given the stated aim W J Cheese Awards cannot be supported in 2021.

Budget Approved

g) Membership Fees The Treasurer proposed that all fees remain the same for 2021 - Approved

h) Appoint Accountant The Treasurer proposed that ABC Jersey be reappointed as WJCB accountants for another year - Approved

i) Membership Applications

1. Italy - We have an existing and paid-up National Member for Italy, but expressions have been made by another Jersey organisation in that country to become a National Member. Bureau rules state that we can only have one national breed society per country and the present member will remain in place. Discussions and negotiations could continue if Herd Book responsibilities change. This would be dealt with by the Officers, before being brought back to the full Council if appropriate.

Denmark – supports the need for all National Member Associations to have Herd Book responsibility.

8. Bureau Meetings:

a. 2021 France & Jersey Island (European Jersey Forum)

With the postponement of the 2021 International Conference in Australia, due to the effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, tentative plans are being drawn up to have the WJCB's 2021 Annual Meeting held in conjunction with the European Jersey Forum annual meeting in France in September 2021. Further discussions will be held in January 2021 and a final decision will be made by the end of May at the latest.

b. 2022 International Conference, Australia

The Bureau is grateful to Jersey Australia for offering to host the (postponed) International Conference in April/May 2022, and for this to be possible the world will need to be a long way towards reversing all the restrictions posed by the pandemic. Everyone will need to be more confident of, and indeed totally able, to undertake international travel. The Bureau officers will resume discussions with Jersey Australia in early 2021. At that stage it will be important that we feel confident that advances in the production of safe and effective vaccines will allow for a large gathering of Bureau members so the proposed programme can proceed. We will need the support of sponsors, both local and international, a crucial element for any successful International Conference of the Bureau to be held.

- Approved

c. 2023 Latin America (Latin America Jersey Forum)

We would propose to hold our 2023 Annual Meeting and Tour in one of the countries of Latin America, to be held simultaneously with a meeting of the Latin America Jersey Forum. Date and venue to be decided.

d. 2024 International Conference, Denmark

As previously agreed by the Council, our 2024 International Conference will be held in Denmark. Date to be decided.

e. 2025 to be arranged -Request to host from ANAFI-J Italy.

However, this would result in two consecutive years in Europe.

f. 2026 South Africa (African Jersey Forum)

e. Any Other Business (papers provided)

a. Managing Jersey Australia through COVID-19 (for information)

b. Jersey Neuropathy with Splayed Forelimbs

For information JNS not found in Danish Jerseys / VJ sires genotyped to date.