

**WORLD JERSEY CATTLE BUREAU**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at The Serena Hotel, Kigali, Rwanda**  
**On MONDAY 17th JUNE 2019**  
**Commencing at 6.30am**  
**AGENDA**

**1. President's Welcomes**

Mr S Le Feuvre, President of the Bureau, welcomed delegates, members and guests.

**2. Record those present and receive apologies for absence**

Present were D Frigot (Patron), S Le Feuvre (President) A Theron (VP Africa), T Saunders (VP Asia /Oceania), B. Guioullier (VP Europe), R Perchard (Jersey Island), D Hambrook (Rwanda), D Hickey (NZ), Mrs L Lewis (UK), A Robredo (Argentina), Mrs A Day (Australia), I Anderson (Australia)..

In attendance, Mrs A Gibb (Treasurer), and R Trehwella (Secretary).

Also present were Dr R Grammaticas (Kenya) and Dr F Shumbusho (Rwanda) Apologies for absence were received from J Cabassa (VP L America), N. Smith (USA), B Olesen (Denmark), P Larson (Denmark), P Borello (Italy), Mr & Mrs J Bailey (NZ) Mrs W Anderson (Australia) J Huffard III (USA).

**3. Approve Minutes of the Council Meeting held in June 2018 USA**

Proposed: T.Saunders, seconded R.Perchard and approved unanimously.

**4. Matters arising from these Minutes**

- a. Constitution – The President informed the meeting that the amended Constitution can only be registered by a legal advocate. There is discussion with the legal firm that prepared the amendments regarding further costs. Both the President and D Frigot (Patron / Immediate Past President) agreed that an inclusive price had been quoted. The President also reassured the meeting that the Bureau is meeting Jersey States law currently, as he is an Island resident.

**5. Bureau Business**

- a. President's Report: Accepted and approved unanimously on the proposal of R. Perchard, seconded: I.Anderson
- b. Vice Presidents' Reports: deferred to Continuation Meeting, 19 June 2019
- c. Secretary's Report: Accepted and approved unanimously on the proposal of D.Hickey, seconded: A.Robredo, following discussion on developing a more formal relationship with Regional Forums: accepted that this may not be a one size fits all approach.  
It was also agreed that a letter be sent to Bernard Gaborit (France), congratulating him and his family on attracting five thousand visitors to their farm, over the previous two days, in a celebration of forty-years of marketing Jersey dairy products.
- d. Treasurer's Report: deferred until Continuation Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- e. Approve Accounts for 2018: an Internal Audit Committee of I. Anderson, R.Perchard and A.Robredo was appointed to report back to the Continuation Meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> June.
- f. Membership Applications: The secretary informed attendees that the Irish Jersey Cattle Association (Republic of Ireland) has resigned from National Membership for 2019.
- g. Membership Fees: deferred until Continuation Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- h. Appoint Accountants: deferred to Continuation Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## 6. Strategy

- a. Meeting Attendance - A. Theron requested that the proposal from 2016 to seek a more cost-effective means for younger people to take part be taken to a conclusion.  
Accepted it is more difficult for many to attend as herds get bigger. Equally that Regional Forums, where they exist, can provide a short, sharp, programme alternative.  
Agreed: Officers to report proposals at 2020 meeting.
- b. North America Region – concern and disappointment that there is no official representation from either National Member country. Equally that the Regional VP will have attended only meeting in four years, when Canada hosts in 2020. Accepted that N America Region re-appointed in the knowledge that the VP attendance would be minimal. However, it was viewed as limiting the input from the Region and the Bureau’ potential to communicate to the region optimally.  
Proposed T Saunders, seconded Mrs AGibb, and approved that the Officers review the current modus operandi of the Bureau, along with its bylaws regarding officer attendance, and report with proposals as appropriate at 2020 meeting.

7. **Regional Forums** - deferred until Continuation Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

8. **World Jersey Cheese Awards 2019** - deferred to Continuation Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## 9. Scientific Advisory Committee

- a. Member Association Herd Book Criteria – Few member associations have provided copies of their criteria.  
However, the removal of JX3 and below from the US reference set is welcomed as a positive move.
- b. ICAR Definition of Pedigree – D Hambrook confirmed that ICAR will adopt the definition of pedigree, as provided by member organisation. However, ICAR does not develop such a definition. DH continued to explain that ICAR is addressing its own fitness for purpose as its services come under pressure from such organisations as CDCB and the potential for breeding organisations to develop bespoke breeding indices.
- c. T Saunders requested a role and function review of the Scientific Advisory Committee. While commending the work of Dr D Norman and P Larson, it had proved difficult to garner momentum.  
The secretary confirmed that P Larson has requested to step down.  
Agreed that T Saunders leads a survey to identify knowledge need for the breed, and define a pathway to fulfilling such requirement. A report to tabled at the 2020 Council meeting.

10. **WJCB Meetings** - deferred until Continuation Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

11. **Any Other Business** - deferred until Continuation Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 7.40 am to reconvene at the Serena Hotel, Kigali on Wednesday 19th June 2019.

**Continuation of the Annual Meeting of Council on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 19.00 hours at the Serena Hotel, Kigali, Rwanda.**

The President welcomed the delegates and observers, as below.

**2. Record of those present and apologies for absence**

Present were D Frigot (Patron), S Le Feuvre (President) A Theron (VP Africa), T Saunders (VP Asia /Oceania), B. Guioullier (VP Europe), R Perchard (Jersey Island), D Hambrook (Rwanda), D Hickey (NZ), Mrs L Lewis (UK), A Robredo (Argentina), Mrs A Day (Australia), I Anderson (Australia)..

In attendance, Mrs A Gibb (Treasurer), and R Trehwella (Secretary).

Also present were Dr R Grammaticas (Kenya), R Gibb (NZ) and L Place (USA).

**5. Bureau Business cont'd**

**b.** Vice-Presidents' Reports – were accepted en-bloc, as available to read on the website, on the proposal of T Saunders, seconded A Robredo, following confirmation from the President that modification to the text and English translation in the Latin American report had been completed.

**d.** Treasurer's Report - Mrs A Gibb, Treasurer, reported a loss for the year but put it in its context as an International Conference year. This brings the financial requirement of JETA, a leadership development programme which excelled in the quality of candidates attending in 2018.

For the year income was below budget based on a slight shortfall in Conference attendance plus a subscriptions reduction as Jersey Brazil reverted to Associate status. The Treasurer emphasised the need to gain sponsorship for JETA and thanked Jersey South Africa and Viking Denmark for covering the travel costs of regional recipients. There was discussion around two areas of the 2018 tour: first, full allocation of levy to the Bureau; secondly, disappointment around late changes in the programme. It was clear that information on these points was only available to Bureau officers at a late stage and that not all points were clear cut.

Proposed: T Saunders, seconded: A Theron that the President writes to the AJCA President, pointing out the concerns while emphasising a desire to work positively in the future. AGREED: 8 votes for 2 against.

In presenting a revised Budget for 2019 and 2020, the Treasurer highlighted a further reduction in National member subscriptions as the Jersey Cattle Society of Ireland has cancelled as a pre-emptive action in light of concerns about the prospects for agriculture in the Republic.

The Annual Meeting surplus for 2020 was discussion and deemed optimistic.

Proposed: D Hickey, seconded: L Lewis, the budget was approved.

Proposed; I Anderson seconded: R Perchard the report was accepted.

**e.** 2018 Accounts – R Perchard reported on behalf of the Internal Audit panel. The group was satisfied that the accounts present the financial outcome accurately.

A number of points were reported; all had been satisfactorily explained.

The Accounts were approved unanimously; proposed Perchard, seconded: I Anderson

**f.** Membership – The resignation of the Republic of Ireland was noted.

A Robredo requested details of outstanding Latin American countries subscriptions.

**g.** Membership Fees- Proposed T Saunders, seconded: A Robredo and approved that fees remain unchanged

**h.** Appointment of Accountants: ABC reappointed; proposed Mrs A Gibb, seconded: T Saunders

## **7. Regional Forums**

- a.** European Jersey Forum – B Guioullier reported the Forum meets once a year for three days. There are 13 member countries. Whenever the Bureau meeting is within Europe, the EJF meeting is combined within it.
- b.** Latin American Jersey Forum – A Robredo reported that the inaugural meeting will be in Colombia in July. Nine countries have confirmed participation, two pending. Agreed: the Bureau send a letter of congratulation on this initiative and offer support for a strong relationship in the future.
- c.** African Jersey Forum – D Hambrook updated that there are eleven countries represented. Members will meet quarterly by e-conference with a face-to-face meeting planned for 2021, potentially in Ethiopia

## **8. World Cheese Awards**

The 2019 event will be held in Bergamo, Italy, on 18<sup>th</sup> October. The Bureau will be supporting the World Jersey Cheese Award with an advertisement in the annual publication of the Good Cheese Guide.

## **10. WJCB Meetings**

- a.** 2020 Canada – the programme was presented. Concerns raised from Oceania regarding the late end date conflicting with the southern hemisphere’s calving season. There was also discussion about the ‘Tentative Itinerary’ and the opportunity to include a one or two day on-farm workshop of appeal to younger breeders. Proposed: T Saunders, seconded: I Anderson and agreed that the Bureau requests the entire programme is brought forward by a minimum of one week.
- b.** 2021 Australia – The Southern Cross Five Star International Conference was launched. Set to run from Mid-April to Mid-May, the Conference will include attendance at the industry-wide ‘Herd 21’ event in Victoria. The pre-tour will be to Tasmania and post to Queensland.
- c.** 2022 Italy, to include the European Jersey Forum
- d.** 2023 China or Latin America (in support of the Latin American Forum). The Officers to report back in 2020. P Larson has recently returned from China and has indicated that a good programme could be arranged.
- e.** 2024 International Conference, Denmark, to include European Jersey Forum
- f.** 2025 Latin America (if not 2023)
- g.** 2026 South Africa, proposed: Theron, seconded: B Guillouier and accepted
- h.** 2027 International Conference New Zealand or Jersey Island

## **11. Any Other Business**

No items

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed:....., President.                      Date:.....