

WORLD JERSEY CATTLE BUREAU

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 2022 - MINUTES

Held in ANGERS, FRANCE

On FRIDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2022 06.30

Concluded by VIRTUAL MEETING

On WEDNESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2022 at 20.00

Comments/attendance in ordinary text - meeting in France on 16th Sept 2022

Comments/attendance in italic text – virtual meeting 16th Nov 2022

1. President's Welcome

Steve Le Feuvre (President) welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking the European Jersey Forum for including the WJCB in its annual meetings and tour in France, and enabling the Bureau to have an in-person meeting for the first time in three years (due to the Covid-19 pandemic).

He confirmed that the concluding part of this Council Meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday 16th November 2022 *at which he commented on the exceptionally successful visit to France, thanking all involved.*

2. Record Members of Council eligible to vote

Bureau Officers: S Le Feuvre (President), B Guioullier (Europe VP), Mrs A Gibb (Oceania VP), T. Saunders (Treasurer, also Australia delegate France), R Trewhella (Secretary, non-voting)

Delegates of National Member Associations: *A Robredo (Argentina), A Day, G Barrett (Australia), G Dumas, J Lucs (Canada), L Quevedo Soto (Colombia), J M Bustos Montero (Costa Rica), B Olesen, O Sorensen (Denmark), A Leurs, R Schmitt (Germany), R Perchard, J Godfrey (Jersey), R Finocchiaro, M Cassandro (Italy), R Gibb, D Hickey (New Zealand), P van Deventer, T Opperman (S Africa), A Stalder, D Haefelfinger (Switzerland), K Le Brun, H Pritcahrd (UK), C Covington (USA).*

In Attendance: D Frigot MBE (Patron), O Bulot (France), A Levring (Denmark), P Hoj (Denmark), P Larson (Denmark), D Kippers (Denmark), R Kool (Denmark), V-L Petersen (Denmark), A Grave (France), J Abelt (Germany), P Borello (Italy), E Santus (Italy), J Colwell (UK), C Pledge (UK) *J Whitby (UK).*

3. Receive Apologies

Apologies were received from A Day (Australia), J Cabassa (Guatemala), D Harvey (Africa VP), C Sorenson (N. America VP), Dr M Cassandro (Italy), B Schuler (Switzerland), K Le Brun (UK), J Huffard (USA), M Stendahl (Denmark), H Norgaard (Denmark), W Anderson (Australia), P & A Nicholson (Australia), J & Mills (Kenya), D Hickey (New Zealand), R & J Dobson (New Zealand), J Dickinson (UK), L & W Owens (USA).

4. Approve Minutes of the 2021 Council Meeting

The Minutes of the 2021 Council Meeting, held by Correspondence and Virtually, were approved unanimously on the proposal of A Gibb, seconded by R Schmitt.

5. Matters arising

i. Membership Application Italy

The President reported that there has been no further significant changes and the decision of 2021 for Officers to determine an outcome remains open.

ii. Bookkeeping

The bookkeeping function has been satisfactorily relocated to Jersey Island, and was being undertaken by Marc Couriard of ABC (Accountancy & Bookkeeping Company) Jersey

6. Bureau Business

6. a. President's Report

The President reiterated the need to define the future role of the Bureau.

6. b. Vice Presidents' reports

6. c. Secretary's report

6. d. Treasurer's report

D Frigot (Patron) commended the reports on their overview of the breed across the world.

Proposed: C Covington, Seconded: R Perchard: the reports were accepted en bloc.

6. e. Approval of Accounts for 2021

An Audit Committee of C Covington (Proposed; T Saunders), R Schmitt (Proposed: R Perchard) and B Olesen (Proposed: P Larson) was appointed and will report back at the concluding Council meeting to be held virtually *where the Audit Report comments around overdue subscriptions amongst Associate members plus the significance of income from the annual tour were noted. T Saunders thanked National members for their ongoing subscription payments and recognised the difficulties for some Latin American members. D Frigot questioned the source of the £500 Individual Life Membership. This was from individuals in African Jersey Forum countries without any formal Association structure. Life membership provided a means for their inclusion within the wider Bureau community.*

Proposed: A Gibb, seconded: R Perchard and agreed unanimously.

6. f. Approve Budget 2023

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Deferred until the second part of the Council Meeting by which time the Internal Audit of the 2021 Accounts will have been completed.

Presented at the second part of the Council meeting.

Proposed: T Saunders, approved unanimously.

6.g. Membership Applications

No new applications have been received.

6. h. Membership Fees

A Gibb expressed concern that some member Associations will be unable to pay increased fees in the current financial climate.

D Frigot confirmed that it is more than twenty years since a rise. He also recommended a campaign to attract Individual Life Membership.

Proposed: A Gibb, seconded: B Olesen, that fees are unchanged for 2023 and this was approved unanimously.

7. Elections & Appointments

Latin America Vice-President

The President reported that Eduardo Robert Urena's professional circumstance had changed since the elections in 2021 and therefore it is potentially appropriate to appoint an interim Vice-President for the region. The President confirmed that Jersey Costa Rica has recently notified the Bureau of changes to its officers, including the absence of Eduardo Robert Urena.

Proposed: A Stadler, seconded: R Schmitt and Approved unanimously that the Officers make an interim appointment.

The President reported to the Virtual Meeting that J Cabassa has accepted the invitation from the Officers to fill the vacancy until the Conference in Denmark in 2024.

8. WJCB Meetings

8.a. 2023 November Council Meeting Guatemala, post-tour Mexico

8.b. 2024 June International Conference, Denmark, post-tour Norway

8.f. 2025 To discuss with S Africa bringing forward from 2026

8.g. 2026 South Africa (in conjunction with the African Jersey Forum.

T Opperman informed the meeting that the J S Africa board will discuss this point at its meeting before the end of November.

8.h. 2027 New Zealand A Gibb informed the meeting that the Board of Jersey New Zealand requested the WJCB Council consider holding the 2027 International Conference in New Zealand.

Proposed: A Gibb, and approved unanimously.

9. Any Other Business

9.a. Bureau Development

The President felt the time was right to undertake a process of looking at the future of the Bureau, and that a Strategy Panel be set up to look at this and to bring proposals to the Officers, and then possibly an extraordinary Council meeting as early as possible during 2023, or if not ready, then to the next regular Council meeting in November 2023 in Guatemala.

C Covington referred to the highly successful process from the 1990s when representatives from the major Associations worked in groups with 20 individuals.

R Perchard flagged the success of this tour was grounded in the participation of active farmers.

A Levring encouraged the Bureau to learn from the past and identify where the Bureau can give value to breeders.

A Stadler recommended a mix of ages within the working group.

R Finocchiaro, B Guioullier and A Levring volunteered to be part of the group.

It was agreed that the Officers would discuss this at their next meeting in October and would bring recommendations to the second part of the Council meeting to be held virtually on 16th November *where A Gibb reported that a*

strategy group of eight will discuss the 'where now and where to.' The process will be through a number of short, focused, meetings.

R Perchard pointed out that there is a 2014 Strategy document which could be a benchmark.

A Stalder asked if there were guidelines from the board to which A Gibb indicated an initial desire to receive new input.

J Godfrey recommended that National members be asked what the Bureau currently does well and what not so well, as a means of speeding the process identifying requirements for the future.

9.b Data Sharing

Improvements in this area is an outcome of the 2022 Virtual Conference. O Bulot focused attention on the exchange of information on the female population as being key to the future. This was enthusiastically received and O Bulot is to have general discussion at World Dairy Expo. It is seen as potentially a key factor in the Bureau Development

9.c GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

The secretary confirmed the Bureau's compliance within the Membership database and highlighted the need to reinforce that position through the Annual Meeting Memo of Understanding document and communications.

9d. Appointment of Secretary

The President informed the meeting that the current Secretary, Roger Trehwella, will not be putting his name forward for reappointment in June 2024. It is vital that the Council identifies possible candidates as early as possible, and it was suggested that the Strategy Group may have suggestions to make in this regard.

The President closed the meetings at 07.55 and 20.40 respectively, pointing out that the format for the 2023 Council Meeting will be decided based on circumstances nearer the time.

Signed:.....(President)

Date:.....