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Canadian Limousin Association Annual Meeting 2004

The 35th Annual Canadian Limousin Annual meeting was held in London, Ontario the end of October. Congratulations and hats off to the organizing team that welcomed Canadians from all provinces for the annual affair. Over 50 voting members took part in the Annual meeting where presentations were made by each of the established committees as well, the proposed resolutions were presented. The result of the vote on the resolutions is as follows: The resolution regarding changing the late penalty fee from the current \$60 to \$100 was tabled to next annual meeting. The resolution with regards to changing the fee from \$2 to \$5 for performance information entered on progeny from Registered and Commercial females not enrolled on WHE was passed.

Benjie Lemon representing the North American Limousin Foundation (NALF) updated the crowd with happenings and changes occurring within their association. An invitation was extended to all interested Canadians to join NALF at their Breed Symposium at Ft. Collins, Colorado, Dec. 2-4th. 2004. Details and registration forms are available at the NALF website or call the office.

The 2004/2005 Board of Directors are as follows: Past- President: Tony Gosnell - Ontario, President: Robert Matthews - Alberta, Vice-President: Gary Anderson - Saskatchewan, Treasurer: Martin Bohrsen - Saskatchewan, Directors: Mike McCord - B.C., Mike Sabourin - Alberta, Mary Swanek - Alberta, Ian Hamilton - Manitoba, Bryce Allen - Ontario, Jason Brock - Quebec, Sandra Othberg - Maritimes.

Committee Chair's: Breed Improvement: Martin Bohrsen, Juniors: Tony Gosnell, Advertising and Promotion: Mary Swanek

The 2005 Annual meeting will be hosted by Alberta and will commence during Farm Fair in Edmonton, Alberta. The Canadian National Junior Show will be held in Portage La Prairie, July 29 - August 1, 2005. (Please watch the CLA webpage for details)

The Annual meeting was followed by banquet festivities beginning with a beautiful meal and an inspiring presentation by Don Knore of Laura's Lean Beef. Don spoke on the Laura Lean program and defined what type of requirements was necessary for their procurement. The highlight is, they are actively sourcing Canadian cattle and have secured feedlots and packing houses to facilitate their extended needs. The cattle they are looking for will fit a niche market sector and so will have deserving premiums attached. Contact the office for details or the most recent Bottom Line Newsletter. Prior to the annual provincial auction the guests were intrigued and left in awe after the video from Australia and New Caledonia (the host countries for the next ILC conference in the spring of 2006). The highlight of the evening was the annual presentation of the Awards of Distinction. Since this was the 35 anniversary of Limousin cattle in our fair country, it was only fitting to pay tribute and thanks to one of the forefathers of the breed and one of the greatest ambassador's the breed will ever know. Count Louis de Neuville of Limoges, France the Chairman Emeritus to the International Limousin Council. Louis was here 35 years ago when it began, and we were honored that he came to Ontario to receive the award in person. The

second Award went to a family that has had Limousin in their herd and on their minds for a great any years, Clarence and Shirley Ackert of Ontario. Clarence and his family have not only represented their farm, but province and Canadian association as well. The third recipient was unable to attend so their presentation will be made during Agribition. This couple has been grassroots, hardworking, Limousin enthusiasts that have been responsible for spreading not only the Limousin message but the breed itself to most of Western Canada. Bob and Colleen

Garner of Nordal Farms, Saskatchewan. Congratulations to all the worthy recipients, if it weren't for folks like yourselves with a passion, a vision and a whole lot of enthusiasm the Limousin association would not be celebrating 35 years of success in Canada.

If anyone is interested in the details of the reports presented at the Annual meeting, please contact the office and a copy will be forwarded to you.

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