



Canadian Heritage Breeds Newsletter

December 2016

CHB WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We find ourselves suddenly in December, the final month of this year! CHB has had a very successful 2016 thanks to the hard work of all of our volunteers and the continued participation of our members!

Thank you to everyone who has ensured the ongoing success of our organization.

In this December 2016 issue you will find:

- Notes, reminders, and deadlines for members
- Information about upcoming events
- CHB news & updates
- Outstandingly informative feature articles: "Conservation Through Education", "A Turkey Called Chris", and "Standard Breed Geese and Their Place on the Farm"
- 2016 AGM minutes, and
- Show results and a summary from the November CHB show in Lacombe

Please enjoy reading this issue and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are excited as we look ahead to what 2017 will bring for CHB as it is shaping up to be the best year yet for our association.

As always, remember to [join us on Facebook](#) and watch our page for news, and watch our [CHB website](#) as well!



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What is CHB?

We are about the preservation of genetic diversity, heritage breeds, networking, social gatherings, education, breed conservation, and fun. CHB offers a number of events and resources including poultry shows, seminars, breed displays, social gatherings & smaller events throughout the year.

Our membership includes every level of enthusiast from the first time urban coop owner to farmers with decades of experience raising heritage breed animals. CHB also encourages youth involvement with a developing Juniors program. Although CHB is based in Central Alberta we aim to create a resource for not just Alberta, but



Partridge Cochins | Photo Credit:
Hawthorn Hill Poultry

for all of Western Canada and beyond!

CHB publishes an online quarterly newsletter announcing upcoming events, articles by and about our members, breed introductions and information, and more.

MOVING? WE WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH!

If you have moved or changed your address, please let us know!

Email:
canadianheritagebreeds@gmail.com

Become Involved

CHB is always looking for members who want to become more involved! As we continue to grow, there are always opportunities open for YOU to become more involved with seminars, breed displays, sales, shows, get-togethers, newsletters, etc. If you are interested in volunteering for a specific event, are available for general assistance, have ideas for



advertising, or interesting things we should have at the show, we would love to hear from you! We always need volunteers to help at upcoming shows and events. Help with the fall show set up and tear down are the two biggest areas where we can use even just a couple of hours of help.

Become a Member

For only \$10.00 per year, you will receive or have access to:

- In-club Awards
- Discounts on CHB Club Events
- Early Registration for Seminars
- Advertising Opportunities
- Quarterly Newsletter

[Register online today!](#) Canadian Heritage Breeds is a Registered Non-Profit Society.

Notes and Reminders to CHB Members: December 2016

Breeder's Listing

A reminder to members to purchase or renew your 2017 CHB website Breeder's Directory listing! CHB members are invited to promote and market their heritage breeds animals and products through the CHB website for only \$10 per year! There is no limit to the number of heritage breeds and products that can be listed by each member.



Buff Orpington Rooster | Photo Credit: Hawthorn Hill Poultry

Eggs at CHB Show | Photo Credit: Yvette Franklin

Part of CHB's mission is to assist "the public, both rural and urban, to recognize the strengths, values and relevance that heritage breeds possess in today's marketplace". In order to more effectively support our members and help accomplish this mission, the Breeder's Directory was extended beginning in 2016 to include not only heritage breed poultry and livestock but also the meat, table eggs, and fibre they produce.

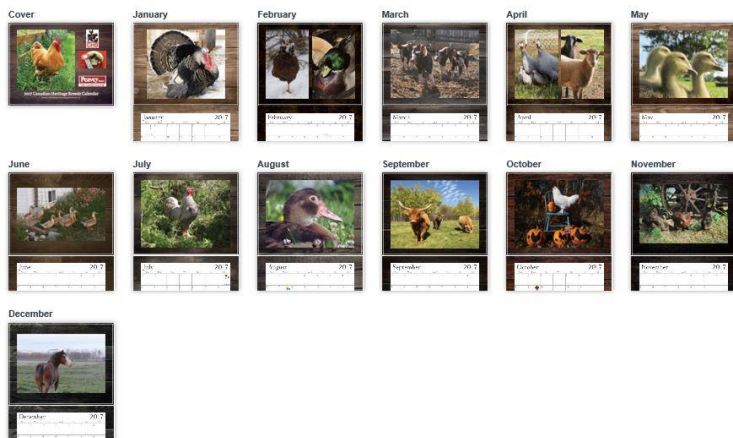
To become a listed breeder, go to the CHB website, complete the form and make payment today: <http://www.canadianheritagebreeds.ca/become-a-listed-breeder.html>

It's Membership Renewal Time Again!

As 2016 comes to close and 2017 quickly approaches, we'd like to thank all members for your support of Canadian Heritage Breeds and invite you to continue to support CHB through renewal of your annual membership. At the cost of only \$10 per year, a CHB membership ensures you'll be kept informed of upcoming events and receive quarterly Newsletters. Members also benefit from discounts on Association activities and are welcome to participate in member's only activities, such as a listing in the Breeder's Directory. Don't risk forgetting to purchase your 2017 CHB membership, renew today: <http://www.canadianheritagebreeds.ca/store.html>



Order Your CHB 2017 Calendar Before They're All Sold!



There are only a limited number of the 2017 CHB Calendars left and we'd love to sell out! These Calendars are beautiful, functional and a fundraiser for CHB showcasing some wonderful photos submitted by CHB members through the fall photo contest. Each new month of 2017 will be something to look forward to featuring different breeds and varieties of heritage livestock and poultry at home on a Canadian farm. At only \$20 each CHB Calendars will be make the perfect Christmas gift but don't forget to order one for yourself as well!

Contact a member of Canadian Heritage Breeds Board of Directors near you to pick one up in person or order and pay for your Calendar through the CHB website to have it mailed: <http://www.canadianheritagebreeds.ca/2017-calendars.html>. And start collecting photos for next year as the CHB Photo Contest and Calendar are something we plan to do again!

CHB Member's Survey

For the third year in row, the Board of Directors of Canadian Heritage Breeds is asking for your ideas, suggestions, and participation in the form of a CHB Member's Survey. For the past two years the survey has had a great response rate and the information from members has been an important resource used for setting the focus and direction of CHB. So please, take the time to complete this year's [CHB Member Survey](#). It'll take 10 minutes or less to complete and ensure your voice as a member of CHB is heard! The deadline for responses is December 31, 2016.

Canmore School Chicken Project Update

CHB has been working with the Alpenglow School in Canmore for the past few months where the grade 5 and 6 class is working on a school chicken project. This project is the first of its kind in the Bow Valley, and so far the students and parent volunteers have built an outstanding chicken coop and have begun their first round of incubation. CHB members Crystal McKinnon and Jennifer Jacula were kind enough to donate Buckeye and Partridge Chantecler eggs for the first hatch. So far this project has been featured a number of times in the local newspaper and even had exposure on CBC Radio 1!

With the end goal of 12 laying hens, it has been decided that the students will undertake a second hatch in the New Year. To achieve this CHB is asking for donations of fertile heritage breed hatching eggs. They are looking for even tempered, cold hardy breeds and are especially interested in breeds with interesting histories.

If you are interested in donating fertile hatching eggs for this project, please contact Callum McLeod at callum.kaarsoo.mcleod@gmail.com. We are looking for an early January set date, and eggs can be dropped off at the Stony Plain Show on January 7th and 8th.

Upcoming Events

Be sure to get out those 2017 CHB Calendars out and mark down these important dates!

CHB 2017 Events:

- **June 10th** Poultry Educational day (Lacombe Peavey Mart)
- **July 22nd** CHB Westerner Days Poultry Show (Westerner Park, Red Deer)
- **July 29th** CHB Vermilion Fair Poultry Show (Vermilion Agricultural Society)
- **September 9th** Heritage Meat Event (tentative – location and details TBA)
- **November 4 - 5th 2017** CHB Fall Poultry and Pigeon Show (Lacombe Agricultural Society)

Other Upcoming 2017 Events:

- **January 7 – 8th** Peavey Mart Alberta Provincial Poultry and Pigeon Show (Heritage Park, Stony Plain)
<http://www.albertapoultryandpigeon.com>
- **January 28 – 29th** North Central Alberta Poultry Association Poultry, Pigeon and Rabbit Show
<http://www.ncapoultrya.com/> (Wetaskiwin Drill Hall)
- **August 19 – 20th** 110th Priddis & Millarville Fair - includes sheep, goat and poultry shows (Millarville Race Track & Fair Grounds) <http://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/millarville-events/fair/>

If you have an upcoming event which might be of interest CHB members, email us the details and we'll add it to the Events Listing to be published in the next newsletter! Canadianheritagebreeds@gmail.com

Show Committee Meeting

The first CHB Show Committee meeting will be taking place via Google Hangout on January 21st at 10:00 am. This meeting will be the start of the planning process for the CHB Summer Show at the Westerner in Red Deer as well as the CHB Fall Show in November.

All CHB members are welcome to join the call.

If you would like to be part of the show committee, please send an email to callum.kaarsoo.mcleod@gmail.com to be sent an invitation to the call.



Highland Cattle | Photo Credit: Norland Brae Farm

Conservation through Education

By Kathy Stevenson

Over the last 50 years we've seen the small mixed farms that dotted the prairie landscape become less and less common. And disappearing along with them are the heritage breeds of livestock. There are currently 1,500 breeds at risk of extinction. The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization estimates that one in five species of livestock are in danger of extinction. Over the last 15 years, farm animal breeds have been disappearing at a rate of about one breed per month. (Source: <https://livestockconservancy.org/index.php/resources/internal/rare-breed-facts>)

In 2010 a group of concerned individuals in central Alberta formed a non-profit society called Canadian Heritage Breeds (CHB). Their mission: to encourage the preservation and growth of the historic breeds of livestock and to help people recognize their value and relevance in today's marketplace.

CHB remains dedicated to these goals. The club is continuously looking for opportunities to educate the public about the importance of heritage breed conservation, as well as to find ways to engage members and provide them with learning opportunities. New members might not be aware of the many activities that CHB has organized to provide support and encouragement to heritage breed advocates.



CHB conferences held in 2015 and 2016 included a wide range of themes such as goat milking, chicken health and biosecurity, poultry housing, sheep and goat evaluation, raising rabbits for meat, plus other topics relevant to heritage livestock producers. Presenters with extensive knowledge, experience, and credentials were brought together to teach and inspire participants.

In 2014, CHB was excited to host an intensive two-day workshop featuring Jim Adkins - Poultry Specialist, APA judge, and Founder of the Sustainable Poultry Network based in North Carolina. Included in this comprehensive seminar were topics such as chicken breed classes, nutrition, selection and culling practices, evaluating for rate of growth and meat characteristics, selecting for egg production and Hogan Principals, breeding strategies, and record keeping. There was an emphasis on marketing, networking, and long term sustainability. Participants came away feeling energized and infused with new ideas to help them find success and profit in raising and breeding standard-bred poultry.

CHB Poultry Shows offer another avenue for poultry-keepers to gain knowledge and learn how to improve the performance of their flocks. While some people may find the idea of showing their birds a bit intimidating at first, it's an excellent opportunity to have them assessed by a certified poultry judge. CHB makes a special effort to hire judges for the Summer Fair Shows who are especially helpful and willing to spend extra time with new exhibitors.

The CHB mandate: "Conservation through Education"

Education is fundamental to ensuring the survival of heritage breeds. People need support and guidance when starting out with traditional poultry and livestock, and those already raising heritage breeds will continue to benefit from ongoing learning opportunities. But for many members, geography and distance make it difficult to attend these kinds of events. Conventional approaches such as conferences and lectures are not the only way to reach out to today's busy farm families. Moving forward CHB will need to consider other options that are more convenient and cost-effective for information sharing. One way to do this is by combining lectures and workshops with our already well-established events. The Poultry Genetics seminar, which was held in conjunction with the 2016 Fall Show, was a great example of this. It was well received and added extra value to the entire poultry show experience.



Photo: a good crowd gathered to learn about poultry genetics from Joseph Marquette on Nov 11, 2016

Another possibility that is currently being explored is to provide an online webinar option for members who are not able to attend an event in person.

Your CHB Board of Directors is a small but enthusiastic team. We are working hard to continue to offer valuable educational experiences to our membership. Input from you, the CHB member, is always welcome, and each request or suggestion is carefully considered. If you have skills to offer, or know of other ways for CHB to help members find success through learning,

please tell us your ideas through the [upcoming member survey](#), or by contacting CHB directly.



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A Turkey Called “Chris”

By Crystal McKinnon

This is my story about the turkey named Chris.



Back in 2011 I had heard about a CHB Poultry show. I had shown llamas and the prep work took a full three days. I figured: “if I can show llamas, then I can show poultry!” I was very new to raising poultry of any kind, but I wanted to learn.

I attended a small seminar on “How to Bath Your Chicken” through CHB. I watched many videos online and finally I had the information I needed to do it myself. And so I entered my birds in a poultry show.

At the show, I put my birds into the show cages – unfortunately I had no idea as to what cage training was and I had very wild birds!

I was doing this for the learning opportunity and was expecting nothing! I wanted to experience all that I could. I even entered my Christmas Dinner (a tom turkey, who at this time, had his harvest date set in 2 weeks).

Judging took place and ribbons were placed on the cages belonging to the winners.

Afterward this first timer was looking at everyone else’s successes and disappointments, taking in as much as I could from walking up and down the rows of entries.

As I walked up to see how the turkeys did, I could not believe my eyes - I was shocked beyond belief! My Christmas Dinner won Best Turkey!



As the situation sank in, tears came my eyes and confusing and conflicting thoughts raced around my mind. Do I eat my Best Turkey? I need a Christmas Turkey.

Wait! What? People are offering money for my Turkey! But why? Yes, I was still crying.

But, I realized I needed to find a new Christmas Dinner and the prize money that I won meant I needed to find a mate for Chris! So that’s what I did.

Chris Junior was hatched, and following and exceeding his father’s footsteps, he won Show Champion! I am still learning and still showing. Though I no longer raise turkeys, they will always have a special place in my heart.

Standard Bred Geese and Their Place on The Farm

By Callum McLeod

There are twelve breeds of geese that have been standardized by the American Poultry Association. Two of these breeds, the Canada and the Egyptian, are semi-domesticated ornamentals that do not really fall into the category of 'livestock.' The ten remaining breeds are divided into three weight classes: heavy, medium, and light.



American Buff Geese | Photo Credit: Pauline Hjalte

These ten standard breeds of domestic geese can generally be categorized as being Asian or European breeds, with one unique composite of the two: the Steinbacher. Asian geese, namely the Chinese and the African, are descended from the Asian Swan Goose and were domesticated in China. European breeds like the Embden and Sebastopol are descended from the Greylag Goose, with the major center of domestication being the North German plains on the Baltic coast. Even breeds standardized in North America like the Buff American and Pilgrim can be found in their landrace forms in Western Europe, in the German Cellar Goose and auto-sexing farm yard geese in France and Great Britain.

Traditionally the goose held was the prime choice for the Christmas roast, and had the reputation of being the 'poor man's pig' in France thanks to its ability to turn kitchen wastes and grass into large amounts of valuable fat and meat. Today in North America, the goose has largely been replaced by the turkey on the holiday table, and by vegetable oils in the kitchen. Despite these changes, the goose still has a lot to offer the modern day homesteader or anyone with a large lawn, for that matter!

When compared with other poultry, geese are the best suited to simple low-input management. Light and medium breeds of geese thrive on a diet of grass and forbs during the growing season, with virtually no need to supplementary feeding. Through the winter, when they are not able to graze, geese consume only small amounts of grain, and are able to make use of other feeds like good quality alfalfa hay and pellets. Their dense down and thick fat cover insulate them against all but the very coldest temperatures. While all geese are able to survive these cold temperatures, the knobs on their bills are liable to get frostbite. The goose's ability to use grass like no other domestic birds and their incredible hardiness makes for a very low maintenance birds that can offer a lot to their owners. When these management aspects are coupled with their usefulness as a farmyard guard and the fact that a good goose can easily win a show makes for a bird unparalleled in the poultry world.



Grey Toulouse Goose



Toulouse Goslings | Photo Credit: Tyler Kantan



Brown African Goose

Fall Show Summary

With the Fall Show now over for another year it's time to take a moment to reflect on the highlights of the weekend and to look at opportunities for improvement. This was CHB's 6th annual fall show, but it will be remembered as the first to take place at the Central Alberta Agricultural Society in Lacombe, Alberta. The Annual Fall show has evolved from the original "Urban Farm Show" which was held at the Agri-centre in Red Deer. This change of venue has brought with it some pros and cons. Having less square footage to work with resulted in narrower aisles, which became a bit congested during the busy afternoons, especially on the Saturday. There were, however, many positive comments with regard to the facility. The Central Alberta Livestock Pavilion is a registered historical site that was constructed in 1935 by the Federal Government. There was an unmistakable sense of history and charm surrounding the show, as this impressive building became filled with the noise and commotion of hundreds of birds and animals.



About 30 poultry exhibitors and 17 Pigeon exhibitors from as far away as Manitoba gathered to compete for ribbons and cash prizes. The club was pleased to welcome several first-time exhibitors, including 2 new juniors this year. The new exhibitors brought with them some excellent birds plus great enthusiasm and excitement! Entries totaled over 600, including the Pigeon Show, Open Poultry Show, Junior, Egg and the Utility Classes.

Joseph Marquette and Kyle Tripp did an excellent job of judging, and took time to share their extensive knowledge with the exhibitors. The weekend provided remarkable learning opportunities for breeders, beginning with Joseph Marquette's Genetics Workshop on the Friday Evening, and culminating with

the Utility Class judging on Sunday morning. The utility class offered exhibitors a unique opportunity to have their birds assessed and judged on the productive characteristics for which their breed is known - egg laying potential, meat/carcass quality, or a combination of both for "dual purpose breeds". Joseph gave extensive explanations and hands-on guidance of how to evaluate and identify fowl that exemplify productive type.

Spectators crowded the aisles on Saturday and were not disappointed with the diversity of birds on display. 35 breeds of poultry and 58 varieties were represented, along with the beautiful assortment of Fancy and Homer pigeons.





Chicken John's petting zoo was excellent as always, and was a very popular attraction for young and old. The buying/selling area, silent auction, lunch counter and vendor booths rounded out the services and attractions available, and guaranteed a fun weekend was had by all!

Canadian Heritage Breeds is very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers. Clean-up was done in record time with the exhibitors pitching in and helping to get all the cages taken down and tables stacked. These shows could not continue if it wasn't for the committed CHB members who support the show and the club. A heartfelt thank you goes out to each and every one of the wonderful, supportive individuals who can be counted on to lend a hand and share the workload. To those who came on Friday to set-up, those who entered birds, everyone who helped with tasks throughout the weekend, and to those who stayed to help tear down the show...a sincere THANK YOU from CHB!



CHB 2016 Fall Show Results

Large Fowl Classes

- Champion American - White Chantecler K -Kathy Stevenson
- Reserve American- Rose Comb Rhode Island Red P- Kathy Stevenson
- Champion Asiatic- Black Langshan H- Callum McLeod
- Reserve Asiatic- Black Cochon P - Kathy Stevenson
- Champion English- Buff Orpington K - Kathy Stevenson
- Reserve English- Buff Orpington P- Kathy Stevenson
- Champion Continental- Salmon Faverolles H -Coralie Johnston
- Reserve Continental- Salmon Faverolles H - Alice Johnston
- Champion AOSB - Black Sumatra P - Silver Ridge Aviaries
- Reserve AOSB - Black Ameraucana K- Selena Dickmann

Champion Large Fowl- Black Sumatra Pullet – Silver Ridge Aviaries

Reserve Large Fowl- Buff Orpington Cockerel – Kathy Stevenson

Turkeys

- Champion Turkey -Bronze C- John Postuma
- Reserve Turkey- Narragansette H - Mike Skeels

Guinea Fowl

- Champion Guinea - Lavender H - Kris Chovin Skeels

Bantam Classes

- Champion OEG- Black P -C-R Ducks
- Reserve OEG - Crele H- Silver Ridge Aviaries
- Champion SCCL- Light Brown Dutch H -Silver Ridge Aviaries
- Reserve SCCL- Light Brown Leghorn - C-R Ducks
- Champion RCCL- Partridge Wyandotte K - Colin Brown
- Champion RCCL- Partridge Wyandotte K - C-R Ducks
- Champion AOCCL- White Cornish H - J&J Call Ducks
- Reserve AOCCL- White Cornish K - J&J Call Ducks

Champion Featherleg- Black Bearded D'Uccle P- Michelle Sulz

Reserve Featherleg - Mottle Bearded D'Uccle P- Michelle Sulz

Champion Bantam Chicken - Black OEG P -C-R Ducks

Reserve Bantam Chicken - Crele OEG H -Silver Ridge Aviaries

Champion Land Fowl: Black Sumatra Pullet – Silver Ridge Aviaries

Reserve Land Fowl- Buff Orpington Cockerel - Kathy Stevenson

Waterfowl

- Champion Heavy Duck- Saxony H - Colin Brown
- Reserve Heavy Duck - Rouen C - C-R Ducks
- Champion Medium Duck - White Crested P - John Postuma
- Reserve Medium Duck - White Crested K - John Postuma
- Champion Bantam Duck - Black East Indie H - J&J Call Ducks
- Reserve Bantam Ducks - White Call H - J&J Call Ducks
- Champion Goose - Brown African C - John Postuma
- Reserve Goose - Grey Toulouse C - John Postuma

Champion Waterfowl - Black East Indies Hen - J&J Call Ducks

Reserve Waterfowl - Saxony Hen - Colin Brown

Champion Bantam Waterfowl - Black East Indies H -J&J Call Ducks

Reserve Bantam Waterfowl - White Call H -J&J Call Ducks

OPEN SHOW CHAMPION:

Black East Indies Hen - J&J Call Ducks

Reserve Show Champion: Saxony H - Colin Brown

Junior Show Champion:

Partridge Chantecler H - Justin Skeels

Reserve Junior Show- Salmon Faverolles H - Corali Johnston

Utility Class

Best Layer - Salmon Faverolles H - Corali Johnston

Best Meat - White Chantecler K - Kathy Stevenson

Best Dual Purpose - Black Orpington H - Yvette Franklin

Egg Show:

Open Egg Show Champion	6 Small Coloured – Yvette Franklin
Open Egg Reserve:	Painted Egg – Yvette Franklin
Junior Egg Show Champion	Decorated Egg – Jillian Skeels



Thank You, Volunteers!

CHB wishes to extend sincere thanks to all the wonderful CHB members who helped make the Fall Show possible. Your willingness to pitch in and help out is greatly appreciated! Volunteers came forward to help in so many ways during the weekend, including:

- Friday afternoon show set up
- CHB show office table
- Attendance at the CHB AGM Friday evening
- Feeding and watering duties
- Clerking
- Show tear-down and clean up

A special thank you to Rico Sebastianelli who managed the poultry and pigeon show entries, prepared coop cards, judged the egg show and completed show reports.

CHB would also like to acknowledge Northstar Doves for supplying the pigeon feed, and Peavey Mart for providing shavings - thank you!

Last but certainly not least, there could not be a show at all if it wasn't for everyone who exhibited their poultry and pigeons. A huge thanks to you all for your continued support!

2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 11, 2016

Location: Central Alberta Agricultural Society, Lacombe, AB

Board Members present:

President: Kyle Lawrence, Vice President: Crystal McKinnon

Treasurer: Davina Daly

Secretary: Kathy Stevenson

Directors: Michelle Sulz, Callum McLeod, Steven Vincent

CHB Members: Yvette Franklin, Steve Sulz, Rico Sebastianelli, Mike Skeels, Robyn Andersen, John Posthuma, Davey Matthews, Kris Skeels

1. Call to Order
President, Kyle Lawrence, called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm.
2. Additions and Approval of Agenda
Kathy moved to approve the agenda, with the addition of 6a - Credit card and 6b - Change of auditors. Crystal seconded. CARRIED.

3. Approval of 2015 AGM Minutes
Robyn moved to approve the 2015 AGM minutes, Callum seconded. CARRIED.
4. President's Report
Kyle reported on the busy and successful 2016 year. Highlights included hosting the second Heritage Livestock conference, two summer shows, the purchase of show cages and tables and the Fall Show. The Heritage Dinner fundraiser was sold out this year, and the calendar fundraiser is going well. Kyle emphasized that this success is due to the great CHB volunteers who support these activities and make these events happen. A special thank you to Pauline who stepped in to fill the role of newsletter editor and is doing an amazing job! All CHB members are thanked for their involvement in the club.
5. Financial Report
Treasurer, Davina Daly distributed the current balance sheet which compared our current financial standing with that of November, 2015. The report indicates the club is in a decent financial position with bank account assets at \$9,681.03. Davina moved to approve her Treasurer's report.
6. Old Business
 - a. Credit Card
Section 7a of the CHB bylaws indicates that borrowing is permitted, however proper authorization must be provided and received by "Special Resolution" of the members at a General Meeting. Davina confirmed that ATB bank is willing to issue a credit card to non-profit organizations such as CHB.
MOTION: Mike Skeels moved that Canadian Heritage Breeds move forward with procurement of a credit card for CHB purposes with a credit limit of \$1500.00. Seconded by Robyn Andersen. CARRIED. The vote to acquire a credit card passed unanimously.
 - b. Auditors
The two volunteers assigned to audit the 2015 financial records, Crystal and Kris, were not able to arrange a date to get together to review the books. Instead, Crystal and Callum provided the audit.
Two volunteers are needed to audit the 2016 financial records. Crystal and Callum agreed to do the auditing again for 2016.
7. New Business
 - a. Election of Directors
Two Director positions are available. Michelle's term is now complete, and there is one additional opening. Kyle asked Michelle if she would let her name stand for a second 3-year term. Michelle accepted.

Michelle nominated Yvette Franklin for the second Director position. Kris Skeels seconded the nomination.
There were no further nominations, and Yvette was elected by acclamation.
8. Adjournment
Chair, Kyle Lawrence adjourned the AGM meeting at 7:30 pm.