

CASHMERE GOAT ASSOCIATION, INC.
2022 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP
Sunday, October 9th, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.
Via Zoom Link
MINUTES

Call to Order. Vice President Danielle Fowler called the meeting to order at 7:35p.m.

Attendance. Members present: Wendy Pieh, David S DeLaMater, Mary Marchewka, Pam Haendle, Elyse Perambo, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Emily Weesner Clark ,Danielle Fowler, Jaclyn Severance, Jayne Deardorff, Gareth Crosby, Katherine Ashland, Paisley Ashland, Lauren Slingluff, Mika Ingerman, Ron Fiorica, Barbara Fiorica

Establish a Quorum. A quorum was established.

Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting. David motioned to approve. Pam seconded. Minutes approved.

President's Message. President Wendy Pieh shared appreciation for all the work with the various CGA initiatives.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Elyse Perambo submitted and discussed the Treasurer's Report. (As Viewed)
Elyse shared the yearly summary report. Some key discussion points included:

Last ~~year's~~ year we saw a profit of \$400 on calendars. This year we are promoting magnets, pins, and stickers as part of our fundraising efforts. These items will be on sale at Rhinebeck. A new banner is being made with our new logo design

Elyse is keeping both digital and paper copies of all bank records.

Memberships generated over \$1000.00 this year. Ad income generated \$454.75 with funds also going out for an ad in Goat Journal. A stipend was received via a USDA grant for involvement in a security plan for cashmere and mohair goats. This generated 1500.00.

Two 4-H show sponsorships were granted last year. Elyse recommended that the board look into developing a policy around these awards that would monitor the fiscal responsibilities/limits as well as the application process for a more distant audience geographically.

Tax filing and resubmittal for CGA's non-for-profit status accrued many miscellaneous costs, as well as filing fees. Elyse recommends that next year's annual membership meeting occur AFTER the New York Sheep & Wool Festival so a more accurate yearly statement can be reported with the additional profits from this show . (Which are typically significant) This year's booth is being sponsored by Clean Cashmere. (See submitted report below)

Pam motioned to accept the treasurer's report. David seconded.

11/14/2021-10/8/2022 Treasurer's Report

11/14/2021-10/8/2022	Income	Expense	Total Gain	Total Loss		
CGA Products						
Calendar Printing		\$ 884.35				
Calendar Ads	\$293.57					
77-2022 Calendars Sold	\$998.49		\$407.71	2022 Calendar Sales		
CGA Pins, Stickers, Magnets						
CGA design fee to Bella Bird Designs		\$206.25				
CGA Stickers-Sticker Mule		\$287.68				
CGA Pins-Wizard Pins		\$284.40				
Sales at VT	\$42.00			(Sales expected at Rhinebeck 2022) Gain TBA		
Misc Product						
CGA Banner Bella Bird Designs-Ck payment		\$50.00				

Zazzle payment	\$52.03				
Bank Fee					
@\$3 a month x 12 months		36.00		\$ 36.00	
Memberships					
5 Adult Membership by CK @ \$30	\$ 150.00				
54 Adult Membership via PP @ 28.46	\$ 1,536.84				
2 Jr Memberships	\$ 27.98				
Refund for a membership-pd 2x		\$30.00			
			\$1,684.82		
AFG Membership					
Organizational Membership to AGF		\$150.00			
CGA Ads Income					
directory ad 12/13	\$23.95				
HP 1/4 annual ad pp 1/2	\$67.21				
web ad pp 1/2	\$25.00				
HP 1/4 annual ad pp 1/2	\$70.00				
HP card ad 1/9	\$22.00				
Website ad-	\$24.28				
Biz card ad-	\$21.08				
Website ad-	\$24.13				
ad in HP	\$67.56				
Website Ad-	\$24.13				
Website ad-pp 2/26	\$24.28				
HP ad (22)--pp 2/26	\$21.08				
1/2 page Ad -CM	\$41.01				
			\$455.71		
CGA Ads out					

Hobby Farms 6 month ad-CK		\$180.00			
Donations					
Donation for shipping(minus pp fees for total order) 1/6	\$6.06				
Donation (minus pp fees for total order) 1/6	\$15.12				
Donation-ck 1/9	\$3.00				
AGF check for Cashmere & Mohair Secure supply 1/6	\$1,500.00		\$1,524.18		
Show Costs					
Fleece show 2021-pp 2/26	\$149.10				
Fleece show mailing via pp 12/30		\$211.49			
CGA Show Ribbons		\$398.90			
VT judge Airbnb cancellation reimbursement		\$106.25		(VT Show cancellation loss \$505.15)	
4-H Sponsorship					
4-H Sponsorship		\$250.00			
4-H Show Sponsorship		\$250.00			Awarded out to (2) 4-H shows
				\$500.00	
Tax Related					
NY sales tax		461.60			
IRS 1023 application fee		600.00			
VT State updating officers-1/7		\$25.00			
Vt State updating address-1/7		\$25.00			
Tax Act Fee		\$124.95			
2021 Taxes		\$172.00			\$1,408.55
Website hosting, ect. costs					

Go Daddy renewal for cashmeregoatassociation.info		\$29.17			
Firefly		\$1,200.00			
Go Daddy		\$63.51			
Brad Zehr-web hosting-CK		\$250.00			\$1,542.68
Rhinebeck 2022 Costs					
Rhinebeck Booth Fee		\$412.00			
Rhinebeck Insurance from ACT		\$49.00			
				(\$450 sponsorship & commission fee expected)	

Election Results of Board of Directors. Christine shared the results of the 2022 election. Newly elected board members include tatiana Luisa Stanton, Lauren Slingluff , Kathy Ashland, Mika Ingerman , Michael Pierce and Jayne Deardorff. We welcome back Wendy Pieh, Heidi Dickens, Gareth Crosby, and Emily Weesner Clark for another term! The floor was opened for any additional nominees. No new nominees were referred or volunteered.

Upon a vote of the membership, it was announced that all candidates were elected to the CGA Board for a two-year term, Nov. 2022 - Nov. 2024.

Committee Report - Database/Registry. Pam reported the following statistics from the database for 2022. A new feature has been added this year called a “certificate of enrollment” for a kid that is too young to submit a fleece for evaluation. “Enrolled pending registration” is also a status available on the database for goats without submitted fleece verification. A change is pending to develop and generate a document with 4 generations of lineage for goats in the database. Pam is waiting to hear back from Jeremey on the potential to develop and add this feature.

Database/Registry Summary for 2022

8 herd codes were added

166 goats were added this year to the pedigree database

73 evaluations were completed this year
55 were certified and entered this year
60 are pending due to lack of information /2 did not qualify

Totals database numbers:

340 not registered yet because not data available
1,021 goats are in the database
295 with pedigree as registered goats
Pam commented that few goats are coming in with poor style that will hopefully change in the future as there will be reliable lab testing. Currently we have concerns over validity of curvature reports.

Committee Report – Website Pam shared a couple of pages have been added including the fleece evaluation page and the research project with Langston University page. Board minutes are uploaded and up to date. A new copy of the bylaws has been added to the website. Pam inquired about putting up the certification process for judges.

A donation PayPal button will be added.

Committee Report - Newsletter Emily shared she is accepting submissions. You do not need to be a board member to share an article. Hoofprints is sent digitally to all members two times a year.

Committee Report Social Media - Danielle reported that CGA has 1400 1400 followers on Facebook and 174 Instagram followers †. The CGA YouTube account has 419 subscribers where many of our educational programs are located.

Committee Report-Fleece & Live Shows

Elyse shared that effort was made to organize the Turnbridge Show but it was not possible, and this probably indicates that it's time to move the show. There are some potential venue locations that include Massachusetts, New York, and further South. Elyse asked for board members to consider assisting with the show committee.

Committee Report -Research and Design Report Danielle reviewed the Langston University study in which a grant was secured to conduct a study

on cashmere genetics to see what codes create quality cashmere. The study examines which genetic signature codes create the best fiber for future breeding. Langston has gathered approximately 500-600 hundred samples with a 1000-sample goal. Directions on how to submit fiber samples for this research are located on the CGA website.

Committee Report: Conferences & Educational Seminars

Judging Clinic Committee

CGA continues to organize the necessary information to conduct a future judging clinic. Christine reviewed the committee's mission. *Our mission is to develop the necessary training components, as well as training delivery tracks /content for both fleece and animal assessments, for future cashmere goat judges and breeders.* Presently a terminology guide is being developed that will be part of the judging handbook. The focus group will put together the training program with materials that can be shared in a virtual online delivery system as well as a planned in-person live assessment clinic. The developed training program will be submitted to this group of certified judges for review before being delivered. Additional members are needed for this committee to achieve the scope of work; please reach out to Christine if you are interested in joining the judging clinic committee.

2022 Educational Webinars

Danielle reported that CGA held education seminars that occurred almost monthly. Several institutions and presenters took part in sharing valuable information with members and nonmembers. Presenters and topics included:

Understanding Forage Quality-University of New Hampshire

Nutrient Requirements for Goats -Langston University

Goat Parasites 101-Cornell University

Educating the Harness Goat-Mika Ingerman

National Cashmere Goat Genetic Study & Free Fiber Testing -Texas A&M

Committee Report -- Membership Christine reported that there are presently 64 CGA members. Membership renewal deadline will be March 15th for the 2023 year.

Other Business

Jayne shared that there is a cashmere show in Albany, Oregon which is being sponsored by the Northwest Cashmere Goat Association with their annual meeting to follow.

UPDATE On Fiber Testing Lab from Texas A&M Research

Yocum McColl fiber testing lab (no longer in business) was using an OFDA 100 machine that was washing fiber prior to chopping (snippet mode) resulting in finer fiber. Texas A& M uses a different machine that does not wash the sample called the OFDA 2000. Texas A&M recently ran 50 fiber samples submitted from Heidi Dickens. Samples were run using two different machines - the OFDA 2000 and the OFDA 100 (older testing machine, no longer available). Samples were run in three different ways , 2000 snippet mode, 2000 staple mode, and 100 OFDA mode. The results should help CGA and Texas A&M decide on the most accurate method of assessment for future cashmere fiber testing.

Adjournment

8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Christine McBrearty- Hulse