

Draft by Christine McBrearty Hulse, submitted 12/10/23 for review and approval at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Membership

CASHMERE GOAT ASSOCIATION, INC.
2023 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP
Sunday, November 19th, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.
Via Zoom Link
MINUTES

Call to Order. President Wendt Pieh called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Attendance. Members present: Wendy Pieh, David S DeLaMater, Mary Marchewka, Pam Haendle, Elyse Perambo, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Emily Weesner Clark, Jaclyn Severance, Jayne Deardorff, Katherine Ashland, Lauren Slingluff, Mika Ingerman, Stephanie Berk, Danielle Choiniere, Gareth Crosby, Pam & Bob Marshall

Establish a Quorum. A quorum was established.

Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting. Pam sent a few minor changes to the annual minutes that Christine will update seconded. Jane motioned to approve as amended. Pam seconded. Minutes approved.

President's Message. President Wendy Pieh shared appreciation for all the work with the various CGA initiatives with an amazing year. More and more people are becoming open to raising cashmere goats. Wendy announced that she will be stepping down from the presidency and support Elyse Perambo for President.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Elyse Perambo submitted and discussed the Treasurer's Report. (As Viewed)
Elyse shared the yearly summary report.
New memberships for 2024 have started to come in.
The annual report for tax reasons goes from Jan.- December
75 members but only 71 are listed as active members. Pam will investigate 4 missing memberships.
The Fleece Show was a net loss this year.
The workshop nearly covered it cost short by \$14.
Donations included scholarships and sponsorships.
Elyse shared that overall, a very good year financially with provided many educational services, sponsorships while maintaining a healthy balance.

Christine share funds from *Resynergy* that will be donated from a matching fund raiser from Rhinebeck.

Tatian moved to approve the treasurers report, Mika seconded.

1/1/23-11/18/2023 Treasurer's Report

1/1/23 to 11/18/23	Income	Debts	Net	Loss
CGA Membership				
Membership fees in	\$1,405.77			
Members purchasing Ads	\$620.97			
2023 75 adult memberships/ 2 junior memberships			\$2,026.74	
2024- 5				
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Fleece Show				
62 enteries/10 Assessments	\$628.42			
3 refunds		\$30.00		
Judging fees		599.99		
Ribbons		\$184.18		
				-\$185.75
Online & In Person Worshop				
Eventbrite payment	\$684.25			
Amazon-Workshop Supplies -picture workbooks		\$82.81		
Amazon-Workshop Supplies -paper supplies		\$57.20		
Amazon-Workshop Supplies -pocket rulers		\$52.57		
USPS-Mailing Stickers for Event		\$4.85		
Contractor for presentation 1st payment		\$250.00		
Contractor for presentation 2nd payment due		\$250.00		
				-\$14.18
Donations & Sponsorships				
Gift	\$4,000.00			
Funds need clarification from purchaser	\$714.61			
Scholarship to Youth Adirondack Sheep & Wool Show		\$250.00		
NYS Fiber Animal Conference Sponsoprship		\$500.00		
Cornell Sponsorship for AI equipment-CK out		\$500.00		

Cornell Sheep & Goat Symposium attendee sponsorship-CK out		\$40.00		
CGA SENT OUT = \$1290.00				
Bank Fees/Tax fee				
Bank Checks reordered		\$45.00		
Bank Fees		\$36.00		
ATM fee for out of source WD		\$5.75		
990 tax fee		\$84.99		
				-\$171.74
Website hosting, ect. costs				
GoDaddy for cashmeregoatassociation.info		\$32.17		
Hoofprint eiditor payment		\$150.00		
GoDaddy		\$87.71		
Firefly-website hosting		\$1,200.00		
Mileage reimbursement for Cornell event		\$124.80		
USPS Mailing CGA Banner		\$20.89		
USPS-stamps		\$72.20		
				-\$1,687.77
Rhinebeck				
15% commission	\$2,271.91			
CGA product sales at Rhinebeck	\$20.00			
Clean Cashmere booth Sponsorship	\$225.00			
Rhinebeck Booth		\$400.00		
Frontier Internet for Rhinebeck		\$140.81		
Insurance for Rhinebeck		\$49.00		
Credit Card processing Fees		\$342.57		
				\$1,584.53
Totals	\$10,570.93	\$5,593.49		

Election Results of Board of Directors. Christine shared the results of the 2023 election. Re- elected board members include Elyse Perambo, Danielle Fowler, David De LaMater and Christine McBrearty all for another term! The floor was open for any additional nominees. No new nominees were referred or volunteered.

Michal shared that he could not access the voting ballot. Possibly due to it being a Google form. Lauren will investigate if this would restrict voting access. If so there will be another format for all future voting.

Upon a vote of the membership, it was announced that all candidates were elected to the CGA Board for a two-year term, Nov. 2024 - Nov. 2026.

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 Jeremy on the potential to develop and add this feature.

Database/Registry Summary for 2023

1393 goats presently in the database of which 365 are registered.

244 kids enrolled, pending registration.

75 goats registered this year.

13 pending registrations waiting for evaluation forms.

14 new farms added to the registered this year

474 farms on the registry but many listed are no active

New: Available soon will be the ability to pull up 4 generations of a goat's history

Committee Report – Website

The most recent CGA show result will be uploaded shortly. The fleece competition has been loaded onto the website.

Committee Report - Newsletter

Allison Fowler will continue to be editor in chief for future issues of Hoofprints

Committee Report Social Media – Tabled

Committee Report-Fleece & Live Shows

Kathy shared that the Adirondack Show was successful despite last-minute adjustments. Youth activities were available as well as educational materials. There were no costs incurred for this show as the Washington County Fairgrounds covered all costs. An early deadline will be necessary next year.

Committee Report -Research and Design Report

Tabled

Committee Report: Conferences & Educational Seminars

2023 Educational webinars this year included:

CGA Cashmere Goat Fiber & Conformation Evaluation Workshop Series 2023
Cashmere Fiber Testing with Dr Redden from Texas A&M University

Added to the Cashmere Goat Association YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@CashmereGoatAssociationCGA>

Joe David Fiber Classification

Wendy Pieh Hoof Trimming

CGA was a sponsor and supporter of the 2023 Cornell University Sheep & Goat Symposium. tatiana shared that the information presented can be shared with CGA and posted for easy access.

Educational webinars will continue to be scheduled for 2024.

Committee Report -- Membership Christine reported that there are presently 71 CGA members. Membership renewal deadline will be March 15th for the 2024 year. Many new members join us on a regular basis.

Other Business

Stephanie inquired about the show ribbons for the last show. Elyse assured ribbons are on the way. Stephenie also inquired as to if CGA would be interested in representation for the Maryland Sheep & Wool Show in May. Discussion tabled to be added to December's agenda.

Adjournment

Pam motioned to adjourn, tatiana seconded.

8:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Christine McBrearty- Hulse