

CASHMERE GOAT ASSOCIATION, INC.
2024 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP
Sunday, November 17th, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
Via Zoom Link
MINUTES

Call to Order. President Elyse Perambo called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Attendance. Members present: David DeLaMater, Mary Marchewka, Danielle Fowler, Dorothy Avis, Pam Haendle, Elyse Perambo, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Jayne Deardorff, Katherine and Paisley Ashland, tatianna Stanton, Allyse Sorensen, Lauren Slingluff, Mika Ingerman, Michael Pierce, Nadya Pena, Danielle Choiniere, Bob and Pam Marshall, Ron Fiorica, Cody Sargen

Establish a Quorum. A quorum was established.

Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting. Jayne motioned to approve. Danielle seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Mike Ingerman submitted and discussed the Treasurer's Report.

2024 Annual Report Summary:

Total Debts Paid: **\$9,698.13**
Total Funds In: **\$ 10,691.07**
Balance 10/17/24: \$16,933.26

Pam Haendle moved to approve the treasurers report, tatianna Stanton seconded

President's Message. President Elyse Perambo thanked everyone for their time and efforts and shared her appreciation for all the work with the various CGA initiatives with an amazing year. (*Transcript of message attached below*)

Pam expressed the appreciation of the entire board and membership for Elyse's dedicated leadership of CGA this year !

Motion to approve Wendy Pieh & Peter Goth, as lifetime CGA member. This would provide Wendy and Peter with a lifetime membership at no cost as small token of CGA's appreciation of their efforts towards the advancement of the North American Cashmere Goat. Jayne Deardorff motioned to approved. Lauren Slingluff, seconded.

Election Results of Board of Directors. Christine shared the results of the 2024 election. 24 out of 74 members voted. Re- elected board members include tatianna

Stanton, Lauren Slingluff, Kathy Ashland, Mika Ingerman, Micheal Pierce, all for another 2-year term!
New members joining the board this year include Dorothy Avis and Cody Sargen. Congratulations!

Committee Database/Registry Summary for 2024 - Pam Heandle

It was an active year!

134 goats were added to the database this year

509 registered in the database

1000 or so pending registrations /500 are pedigree

11 new farms added to the database

More discussion is necessary regarding

1. Style and relevance to the registry
2. The value and documentation of conformation in the registry

Committee Report - Newsletter

Allie Fowler will continue to serve as chief editor of Hoofprints for 2025

December 8th DEADLINE for next issue

Committee Report Social Media –

Lauren reported that CGA added up to up 60 new followers

Please reach out to Lauren if you would like your farm content posted ... especially any content with baby goats!

Committee Report-Fleece & Live Shows

Kathy will be looking for additional support for shows.

Committee Report -Research and Design Report

Tabled

Committee Report: Conferences & Educational Seminars

Pending programming will be established for 2025

Committee Report -- Membership

Christine reported that there are 71 CGA members at present. The membership renewal deadline will be March 15th for the year 2025.

A goal for 2025 would be to encourage more junior memberships.

Committee- Fundraising

Tabled

Adjournment

Pam motioned to adjourn, tatiana seconded.

8:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Christine McBrearty- Hulse

Elyse Perambo , President's Message Transcript :

“From this connection this group has brought forward many incentives and continues to support education and quality for the goats. I sat down this afternoon to make a list of all that the CGA

has been working on and supporting over the year and it's really quite a list and there's so many people I want to thank right now and take that time and all these people that have put in time, support, knowledge, resources that they've shared with us. For folks who maybe just became a member, I want to thank you for showing up at this meeting tonight. I also want to acknowledge the folks by naming them out quite a bit because if you look at it, our executive board this year, Lauren has been very supportive in the role as vice president and I really have appreciated everything that she has brought to help keep our board coming together. Christine is very much the glue of the organization keeping on top of agendas and emails and emails. Everybody know what's coming and keeping an eye on conferences and the past even brought grants to us. She's really out there and out at different conferences speaking about the goats. So thank you for all that above and beyond. I want to thank Mika for putting the time in as a treasurer, keeping track of finances, memberships, scholarships, or taxes. I know it's a lot of work, so I really appreciate you taking that on and just realizing that everybody's giving their time. We have a wonderful board.

I want to thank Janyne Deardoff for the year that you've put in plus more than year that you've put in on our board. David, Wendy and Peter and Michael thank you and thank you Kathy and Tatiana, all the folks who have been sitting on our board and are willing to step into a seat again. I want to take a moment to really thank Heidi Dickens for her time as an active board member. She's stepping down but she has really been supportive of the organization, helped with the Langston Initiative.

She has brought a knowledge to the group with her work with such a large herd and ties in with the university. There's a bunch of folks who are not on the board and one that I really want to speak to and highlight is Pam Haendle has gone above and beyond and she really also is another person who is doing so much behind the scenes. All the work that you've done Pam with the website, with the registration the database. You're really doing so much above and beyond, and I really appreciate all that you put into the organization. So thank you. Danielle, I'm glad you're on tonight. I want to thank you too for all the work that you've done in with the webinars and your great experience that you bring with your genetics background and kind of questioning looking at how genetics work kind of debunking some of our breeding theories that we've sometimes kicked around with the kind of hard science of genetics.

I deeply appreciate you bringing that knowledge and all the work that you've done over the years with the educational webinars and tying together different outreaches. I also really want to thank your daughter, Allie Fowler, for taking on taking on Hoofprints and being our editor. Anne Taylor has been our archivist and keeping our records together, I appreciate that she has been keeping our history alive.

Cody, thank you for stepping up and helping with education booth at the New York show and Stephanie Burke for taking on an initiative with the Maryland education booth. Sister Mary Elizabeth Garrett for really working to keep the barn at Rhinebeck, the display barn full and working with the youth to keep the excitement around cashmere.

Ellie Derbyshire thank you for stepping in to learning more about maybe becoming a judge and taking the time to go work with Jayne. I want to thank Mary Reynolds and Jana. We ran into a little old IRS hiccup, and they notified us right away. I was able to clear it up really quickly because of how quickly they notified us. And then really, we've been working in these different activities and committees, which leads me to more thank you.

Michael and Lauren, you both worked together on these new education flyers that we were able to take out and put out and I think really just help show people the depth of what's going on with the goats and they presents really well what we're doing. Again, Danielle, for the educational webinars and Allie for the Hoofprints. I wanted to put a big thank you out to Ron Fiorica and Jayne Deardoff, and all of the NWCA.

A huge round of thank you and applause for Kathy for putting in all that time within a New York show. There was a lot of moments where we were not sure if it was going to happen, and Kathy took a lot on. I really appreciate all the effort that you've done last two years. And that's one of the big things that we're hoping we can build a little more support up with the show committee.

For Kathy and all of us working on it because it's really too much for one person to be caring on 'cause she did it and made it happen, but it was a lot of work. So thank you for making that happen. I also wanted to really thank Mika and tatiana and Kathy for spending the time working on the ship reference guide. We've got a really nice packet now that folks can reference.

I'm really glad through the funds that we have built up that we're still able to support with youth scholarships. We're able to send out a youth scholarship to the New York show. So thank you, Mika, for sending that out. Really wanted to put a shout out to Danielle and Heidi Dickens over the years for working with Texas A&M and Langston research and really questioning how the histograms are happening and hone in what they've been doing with their machines. I want to thank the whole judging group that meets when they can of David, Jayne and Wendy. And just for you all offering to give your time to look over fleeces for folks who maybe can't get their goats to a show. And so we really appreciate that you offer that services. I want to thank Christine and Heidi for going out to the American Sheep Conference in Colorado and talking about cashmeres. And for Christine and Tatiana bringing awareness about the Cornell Sheep and Goat Symposium and our opportunities for supporting that.

I am really exciting what to come this year for CGA. We've had someone reach out about a Goat Expo happening and Dorothy Avis has offered to go down and represent us.

Ella Derbyshire spent some time with Jayne at a fiber show so I'm really excited for the opportunity for her be a new up and coming judge. We're working on farm judge visits so people can have their animals assessed. Really looking for some support around a website, looking at how to spruce up the website maybe, questioning like do we need to be paying all the different fees but that might be upcoming a committee review task.

We will continue to look for more opportunities trying to figure out about youth education support and how that might look moving into the next year and reaching out to the Hudson Valley Textile group about them having a histogram. And finally, then just asking everybody, if you haven't registered your goats, please do, I really appreciate that it's something that's open, free and available. I was just registering some sheep and having to pay all these fees and so it's still something out there that we're offering to folks.

I know that was a long list of everything, but there's so many people doing so much with boots on the ground, so I really wanted to take a moment to thank you all “

Elyse Perambo

CGA President