

May 19th, 2019 CGA Board Minutes

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Attendees: Yvonne, Sister M.E., Pam, Elyse, Wendy, Christine, Heidi, Jana

Absent: Jaclyn

Guest: Maryanne Reynolds

Wendy called the meeting to order at 7:40

Pam moved we accept the March minutes as written; Heidi seconded; motion passed.

1. Database (Pam)

The database is ready to launch. Pam informed the board that a service level agreement decision will be necessary. The hosting yearly fee is \$600.00 plus there are multiple levels of update options/fees. Because the bulk of the updates will most likely be in the fall after the shows it was recommended to consider and ask for an hourly service rate from Firefly. Pam will contact Jeremy to see how flexible they can be with the contract for yearly updates. A motion to approve the \$595.00 hosting fee was made by Pam. Sister Mary Elizabeth seconded.

2. Website Management

It was agreed that the CGA website is outdated in both its appearance and content. It was decided that a website committee would be developed to make a recommendation to the board on the best option for the future of CGA. Pam motioned to create a committee, Sister M.E. seconded. Committee members include: Pam, Sister Mary Elizabeth, Jana, Christine, Elyse. This committee will make a recommendation to the board via email a vote asap.

4. Treasurer Report

Balance: \$4,299.00

All bills have been paid and memberships are in.

Expected fees include the CGA Conference in November (which is projected to cover its own cost) and the Tunbridge show

Elyse will assume the treasurer responsibilities in October at our annual board meeting

5. Rhinebeck (Elyse & Wendy)

The committee will be meeting shortly to decide on both guidelines. Norma Bromley has joined the committee and Lynn Deichman will be invited as well.

6. 2019 CGA Small Ruminant & Fiber Workshop Series

The program guide is nearly complete with a registration opening date of June 1st. The program has a diverse slate of presenters at all levels in the fiber world.

Advertising avenues and sponsorship levels were reviewed. Board members are encourage to seek out sponsors and share information about the program .

7. Fiber and Live Goat Show (Sister Mary Elizabeth)

Information will be posted on the website. Sister Mary Elizabeth moved that \$85.00 be approved to advertise in the program highlighting on the CGA conference. Pam seconded.

8. Other Business :

- Wendy approached the board to continue the conversation of fiber length via extended/straightened length and relaxed length. This discussion originated in identifying that countries outside the US/Canada all report their fiber length extended, while we do it by the relaxed length. This creates potential assumptions that we have very short fiber when in fact our fiber tends to be longer than it is in other countries. It was noted that fiber length can often aid in the decision on how the fiber will be utilized. Further discussion is warranted on how to note length on judging cards. Peter and Wendy are judging a large show in Estes Park in June. They will take fleeces that measure a relaxed length of 1.25 inches/32 millimeters and measure them extended as well. Then CGA can decide how we want to proceed. (Maybe both should be noted?) Maryanne clarified that for the database purposes length would be reported by the owner of the goat.

Heidi shared the importance of keeping the database as simple as possible so registrants can navigate it without too many hurdles and requirements. She also shared that the present companies that perform histograms on fiber have very inaccurate measurements for length.

It was agreed to continue via Hoofprints the discussion whether CGA wants to call the North American Cashmere Goat a breed.

9. Next meeting July 14th, 2019 @7:30

10. Meeting adjourned 8: 45