

## April 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 CGA Board Minutes

**Attendees:** Wendy Pieh, Pam Haendle, Elyse Perambo, Danielle Fowler, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, David S. DeLaMater, JoAnne Wirtz-Ryan, Heidi Dickens, Ann Taylor

*Wendy called the meeting to order at 7:40*

### 1. Call to approve the March minutes

David made a motion to pass the minutes. JoAnne seconded the motion.

### 2. Treasurer Report Submitted -Elyse Perambo

**Present Balance: \$ 8,623.82**

3/14/21-4/11/21	Income	Costs
Jr Membershio	\$ 14.26	
7 -Memberships-paypal	\$ 201.81	
bank paper statement fee		\$3.00
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 216.07</b>	
<b>Total fees</b>		<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>Bank balance as of 4/11/21</b>	<b>\$ 8,623.82</b>	

Elyse shared that there may be an upcoming charge of \$400-500.00 for past taxes.

### 3. Membership

Membership presently stands at 54. Christine asked the board to think of future membership options, such as a family membership and lifelong memberships. Christine will create a membership option proposal for the board to review at our next meeting.

### 4. Database

Pam shared that the report options discussed in last month's meeting look good to go for the database and are moving forward.

### 5. Bylaw Reviews

JoAnne and Pam reviewed and update the CGA Bylaws. (Summary attached with recommended changes) Many of the changes are language based such as changing ECA to CGA. A discussion about pro-rating membership occurred after which Christine motioned that membership ( no matter the time of entry) be for one calendar year only. Elyse seconded the motion. The reference of "purebred" was removed from the bylaws. Heidi motion to accept the revised bylaw document to be put to the membership for a vote of approval. Danielle seconded.

## **6. Langston University Research Project**

Heidi shared that the University is awaiting a final confirmation regarding approval of funds. Focus on having members test and register their goats should be primary in preparation for the project. Ideas of how to increase the number of registered goats occurred. Ideas included featuring a well-established buck on CGA's IN and FB pages to see who has the offspring for a Cashmere Goat Registration Drive .

## **7. Educational Seminars**

Danielle shared that Teas A &M fiber Lab will be offering the next webinar in April. Featured scientists and lab experts will be on hand to demonstrate how a fiber sample is tested using different machines.

Danielle is also part of the group from CGA in dialogue with Texas A & M in which cashmere samples will be provided by a farm to be used in an experiment to compare and potentially calibrate results with different machines.

The CGA board unanimously agreed that if there is a cost associated for the testing procedure it should be covered by CGA funds. Danielle will keep the board informed as to if this is necessary.

## **8. Committee Check Ins**

Fundraising-No updates

Judging Committee – Christine will connect with Cameron to gather meeting information to move forward with this committee.

Show Committee-Sister Mary Elizabeth may be able to assist since Cameron has stepped down from the board.

\*Cameron informed the board that she can no longer serve, active immediately. Wendy shared that we will miss her presence as a great contributor. We wish her well in health and the future.

## **9.Social Media**

This month's contest on IN and Fb is for pictures of cashmere kids!

## **10. Other Business**

- JoAnne has agreed to assist Pam with the website.
- David D. and his wife Mary have volunteered to start the process of indexing present and past issues of Hoofprints This will allow for the vast amount of information they contain to be accessed based on topic.
- Wendy proposed that we change the scorecard because it refers to fiber uniformity (uniformity of diameter within a single fiber), which can only be measured by a lab. We will remove uniformity from the card and replace "cover" with "consistency". "Cover" can only be measured on a live goat, but consistency can be judged by examining multiple samples from a fleece.

**10. Next meeting May 16<sup>th</sup> @7 :30 PM**

**11. Meeting adjourned 9:15**