

## August 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 CGA Board Minutes

**Attendees:** Wendy Pieh, Danielle Fowler, Elyse Perambo, David & Mary DeLaMater , Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Jayne Deardorff, Kathy Ashland, Heidi Dickens, Pam Haendle, Lauren Slinguff, Michael Pierce, Ron Fiorica, Allie Fowler, Mika Ingerman

*Meeting called to order at 7:35*

*Danielle motioned to approve the minutes. Mika seconded.*

### **1. Treasurer Report Submitted** -Elyse Perambo

Elyse submitted and explained the following report.

*Lauren motioned to approve; Danielle seconded.*

#### **7.17.23 to 8.14.23 Income**

No Memberships in \$0.00

Eventbrite payment \$167.43

#### **Debts**

Paper Fee \$3.00

Allison Fowler-Ck-Hoofprint editor payment \$150.00

Total Debts paid \$153.00.

Total funds in \$167.43

Bank balance as 8.14.23 \$14,604.40

#### **Notes**

7/16-6 hands on workshops sold through Eventbrite

7/16-11 ADD on dinners refunds CGA accepted the \$12.57 refund fees deducted from Eventbrite pay out.

NY Rhinebeck Sales Tax paperwork done permit in hand.

\$500 to Pieh's for Workshop

\*\$90 cash was collected at the program from registrants

\* Wendy requested that the \$500 that CGA was going to pay her and Peter for the program be allocated to the youth scholarship fund

Ali will complete a 590 form for Elyse.

### **2. Database –**

Pam reported that 24 goats were added to the database with half a dozen evaluations submitted. Pam revisited the project of creating a certificate with three generations for goats registered with CGA. Jermey is on vacation, but it will be completed shortly.

Pam asked for an estimate for an EU database component for our database. Jeremy quoted \$3000 for these changes. If they (Nora) wanted an exact database, it would not cost much (Pam is not sure of this figure). All agreed the cost quoted was high. A question as to this

feature being useful to our members was discussed. Heidi shared that to date semen cannot be transported to the EU due to the lack of scrappie protocol and standards in the US. Also discussed was the question if EU goats can be added to our database as is with assigning herd codes in house for all EU goats. Pam will go back to Jeremy and ask him for a paired down version. The Canadian codes were added with little effort or cost so possibly a similar process could be used. Owner comments could always add more information.

### **3. CGA Cashmere Goat Fiber & Conformation Evaluation Workshop 2023 Feedback**

Wendy submitted a summary and pictures. Jayne, Kathy, and David attended the program. Feedback on the program was very positive. The live goat assessment was very well received as a learning tool as well as the full day on fiber assessment. Ella will be shadowing David as a CGA judge.

Next step will be to develop *regional farm visits* for assessments and education. Organization will involve listing willing and *qualified judges for each region, pay scale for visit and milage, universal farm visit form with a checklist of what will be covered during a farm visit.*

*Wendy proposed that maybe because our standard requires a coefficient of variation to be under 24 maybe at least one histogram should be required for registration.*

More discussion to follow.

During the program the scorecard used at the workshop was discussed to change “cover” as “consistency of fleece”

### **4. Hoofprints**

Allie reviewed submissions to the most recent Hoofprint issue.

**October Fleece Competition- Rhinebeck** – Lauren

**Adirondack Sheep & Wool Fiber Show September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** -Live Goat Show – Kathy (Show sign up open now. Registration is directly through the festival) Kathy will send information to Pam so she can put a link up on the website.

**CGA Rhinebeck Sales Booth** -Elyse

**Cornell Sheep & Wool Conference** -October (tatiana)

**Purchasing Info for Merch**

### **5. CGA & NWCA Fleece Competition 2023 (October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

The fleece competition will take place at Rhinebeck. Lauren volunteered to receive, log and transport fleeces to Rhinebeck for the completion. Wendy would like the fleece competition to take place on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. (David Delamater will be judging fleeces with Wendy) Pam will arrive on Friday to assist later in the day.

## **6. Cornell Goat & Sheep Symposium 2023 October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

CGA will look to approve funds for a potential speaker or presenter.

More discussion on the amount of CGA's donations at our next meeting.

Tatiana is retiring July 6<sup>th</sup> but will have some carry over with her job. Congratulations!

## **7. Youth Goat Show Guide -Mika**

Mika shared that tatiana sent her pictures of a goat with the ideal show stance that she can use for the guide. Presently she needs six pictures:

2 showing the different coat lengths.

One of each of a typical/ideal buck fully grown, doe fully grown, wether fully grown and a yearling (any sex).

Christine will send out the request for pictures for the showmanship guide to membership.

## **8. Updated CGA Informational Flyer – Lauren**

Development in progress!

## **9. Adirondack Sheep & Wool Fiber Show September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

Kathy shared no new info except that registration is open for the show. Kathy wrote an article on the show with all the necessary information and Christine will send out a reminder to the members.

## **10. Other Business**

Danielle asked for a roundabout number on fiber entries for the research project. Heidi thought she would be sending in another 200 samples. Danielle will let Roger know that more samples are coming. Chapters are being submitted from Jayne on hand spinning and Christine on marketing. Heidi did not get his email about doing an intro to the guide. Danielle will send Heidi the information from Roger.

Danielle checked in on the number of goats attending Rhinebeck. It was uncertain as to if Sister Mary Elizabeth was planning on bringing her goats. There may be space available for more farms to attend!

Elyse will be sending out the vender booth info shortly. She will forward information to Christine.

## **11. Next Meeting September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30**

Meeting adjourned 8:43