

September 10th 2023 CGA Board Minutes

Attendees: Danielle Fowler, Elyse Perambo, David & Mary DeLaMater , Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Jayne Deardorff, Kathy Ashland, Heidi Dickens, Lauren Slinguff, Michael Pierce, Ron Allie Fowler, Nadya Pena , Stephanie Berk, Lorianne Fell , Dorothy McClure

Meeting called to order at 7:35

**Heidi motioned to accept the minutes as written, Lauren seconded.*

Danielle requested that the form mentioned in the minutes referring to Allie is the I-90 form, not the one noted. Christine will amend the minutes to reflect this information.

1. Treasurer Report Submitted -Elyse Perambo

Elyse submitted and explained the following report.

Lauren motioned to approve; tatiana seconded.

8.15.23 to 9.10.23	Income	Debt		
New Membership via- via PP	\$28.46			
Renew Membership- via PP	\$28.46			
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Ads-1 website ad	\$24.13			
Fleece Competition				
1 entry for 4 fleeces-via PP	\$18.81			
Debts				
Paper Fee		\$3.00		
Total Debts paid		\$3.00		
Total funds in	\$128.32			
Bank balance as 9.11.23			\$14,601.40	*9/11/23 after PP deposit - \$14,723.72
Notes				
1-fleece entry				
9/10/23-3 Rhinebeck entries				
Rhinebeck sponsorship incoming \$225				

Youth Scholarship Funds still available for Youth Shows					
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2. Database –

Pam reported that two new farms registered. Farms continue to apply for registration without verification of the documents required. For the first time Pam received an evaluation that included a lab report that was a histogram. There was no standard deviation on the histogram which is not required. Pam asked the board if we should accept histograms as valid lab reports. Although the board approved the data based on the histogram Danielle will follow up and ask if Texas A & M to make sure they include a report with the histograms in the future. Pam is working on the changes necessary for European expansion. Pam shared that very small changes would be necessary to make the changes in the already established fields. A country code will be utilized. Pam will be following up with Nora.

3. Score Card Discussion

Discussion Tabled

4. Committee Formation for the development of regional farm visit protocol by CGA judges and review of judging certification program to publish.

Christine asked that we move forward with the development of a committee with this initiative. Discussion tabled when more judges are present.

5. CGA & NWCA Fleece Competition 2023 (October 21st & 22nd)

Only a few fleeces have been received. There is plenty of time to send fleeces in. Lauren is receiving and organizing fleeces.

6. Cornell Goat & Sheep Symposium 2023 October 27th & 28th

tatiana shared and discussed the schedule for the event. (Attached)

The Dairy Goat Association are offsetting the cost for their *members paying \$ 20 / \$10 youth with adult.*

Pam motioned that we support CGA members who want to attend and support lodging for the speakers. Danielle agreed to support Christine's milage and discounted membership registration fees. Elyse proposed that we use the allotted \$500 from Wendy's scholarship fund to be allocated for speaker supplies while offering the same discount as DGA to CGA members as well as paying Christine's .65 cents/ federal rate per mile for travel . Kathy seconded this motion.

Elyse requested the most recent membership page be sent to her.

7. Youth Goat Show Guide -Mika

Tabled

8. Updated CGA Informational Flyer – Lauren

Lauren shared the draft of the flyer to review with the board. Information from former dated flyers was incorporated. The board agreed to have Heidi and Pam review the trifold for accurate and up to date content/language. Lauren can add pictures this week. Lauren will send a pdf that will be ready to print!

9. Adirondack Sheep & Wool Fiber Show September 23rd & 24th

Kathy shared there have been limited entries for the show. Even if there are limited entries and the show does not occur Kathy would still like to have a presence at the show.

10. Other Business

2023-2025 Board Member ballot Up for Re-election

Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Elyse Perambo, Danielle Fowler, David Delamater-**Need bios.**

CGA Member's Meeting Slated for October 29th @ 7:30

Our monthly meeting would follow.

We welcome board members to serve in an officer role.

Tatiana is cleaning out her closet in preparation for retirement. She has hard copies of documentation of her early interaction with cashmere breeders and much more! tatiana can get copies to Christine to pass to Allie & Lauren who will finds ways to incorporate this content into Hoofprints & YouTube.

Heidi inquired on the Meat Goat Guide with the cashmere supplement by Rodger Merkel .

Heidi was looking for more direction regarding chapter topics.

Danielle will reach out to Rodger to help and get an update on what he might need help with!

11. Next Meeting October 29th @ 7:30

Meeting adjourned 8:43

2023 Cornell Sheep & Goat Symposium

Friday October 27th – 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm: Hands-on afternoon on the Cornell Campus Registration in the Lobby of Morrison Hall. Advance sign-ups required. We will walk to the 3 pm workshops from the Lobby. Please let us know in advance if you will require transport instead.			
3:00 pm	Processing goats and sheep for meat, <i>Jessica Waltemyer, Cornell Univ.</i> B38 Morrison Hall & Meat Plant (previous sign –up required) 1) euthanasia options 2) carcass evaluation, 3) cut up & processing	Hands-on skills for new farmers Livestock Pavilion 1) Demonstration station 2) Lambing/Kidding Station 3) Hoof care Station 4) Health care Station	How to do a field necropsy, <i>Dr. Mary Smith, DVM, Cornell Univ.</i> 174 Morrison Hall, (previous sign –up required) Work in teams of 4 or 5 under the guidance of Dr. Mary Smith DVM to learn to do field necropsies and collect important information/photos for your veterinarian and yourself
5:00 pm to 7 pm	Intro to Artificial Insemination, <i>Dr. Megan Bernard, DVM, Cornell Univ.</i> Advance sign-up required. B82 Morrison Hall and later Livestock Pavilion		
Saturday Oct 28th – Morrison Hall, Cornell Campus			
8:00 am: Registration and continental breakfast (132 Morrison Hall) – Producer and other association displays on the first floor of Morrison Hall throughout the day			
8:30 am: Welcome (146 Morrison Hall), <i>Dr. Thomas Overton, Cornell Univ. Animal Science Dept. Chair</i>			
8:45 am: Vector ailments of increasing concern: Cache Valley Fever, deer worm & tickborne ailments, <i>Dr. Mary Smith, DVM Cornell Univ.</i>	Introduction to laparoscopic AI and embryo transfer in small ruminants, <i>Dr. Rachael Gately, DVM, Tufts Univ. by ZOOM</i>		
9:40 am: Preventing, ID'ing & Treating Mastitis, <i>Katherine Rose Gottwald, graduate student, Cornell QMPS Lab.</i>	Farmer panel: diversifying your on-farm enterprises (goat yoga, on-farm stores, etc.) Lively Run Creamery, Lochan Mor Farm, Otter Lake Farm, Springside Farm		9:40 am to 11:50 am: Hands-on skills for new farmers, <i>Livestock Pavilion</i> 1) Demonstration Station 2) Lambing/Kidding Station 3) Hoof care Station 4) Health care Station
10:35 am: Diagnosis, control & eradication of high impact diseases: CAE, OPP, CL and infectious abortions, <i>Dr. Kimberly Snedden, DVM, Cornell AHDC</i>	Farm Income Taxes 101, <i>Christen Adels, MBA, Munchin Hill Farm, ADGA District 2 Director</i>		
11:30 am Diagnosis, control & eradication of Johnes, <i>Dr. Jessica Scillieri-Smith, DVM, NYS DAM</i>	Updates from NYS Ag & Markets: Certification programs, funding opportunities, OC antibiotics, NYSSGHAP, <i>Dr. Eireann Collins, DVM; Kathryn Davis, Econ. Dev. Program Spec.</i>		Members of NYS DGBA should report to Rm 348 to pick up lunches at ~12:05 pm so that you can meet with your regional directors in a separate room during lunch to discuss topics brought up at American Dairy Goat Assoc. Annual Convention, etc.

Friday October 27th – Sunday October 29th, 2023

Sponsored by Cashmere Goat Assoc, Empire Sheep Producers Assoc., NYS Dairy Goat Breeders Assoc. & Cornell Small Ruminant Program

12:20 pm: Lunch in 348 Morrison Hall for mo, Association displays on the first floor of Morrison Hall			
1:20 pm Handling systems for sheep & goats , critiquing several examples, <i>Betsy Hodge, Dr. Niko Kochendoerfer, Rich Toebe, Jess Waltemyer.</i> Cornell Teaching Barns	1:20 pm to 3:15 pm Using ADGA Records to help make breeding decisions , <i>Jim VanDerlinde, ADGA Performance Programs Manager</i>	Fiber Fun , <i>Bruce Berggren-Thomas, Cornell Univ.</i>	Intro to Lotion making – <i>Michele Kline, Nellie's Knoll Creamery</i> will demonstrate how to make goat milk body lotions
2:20 pm Impact of nutrition, genetics and season on reproductive outcomes , <i>Dr. Richard Ehrhardt, Michigan State Univ.</i>		2:20 to 4:30 pm Intro to Fiber Evaluation: evaluating cashmere, mohair, and various wool fleeces, suitability for different products/market supply chains – <i>Marcia Weinert, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, etc.</i>	2:20 to ~5:00 pm Beginning Cheesemaking – instarella mozzarella and chevre, <i>Michele Kline, Nellie's Knoll Creamery</i> – advance sign-up required for this hands-on class.
3:15 Refreshment break			
3:30 pm Forage & grain finishing systems for lambs and meat kids , <i>Dr. Richard Ehrhardt, Michigan State Univ.</i>	Raising dairy kids to reach their full potential , <i>Don George, Majenli Dairy Goats</i>	Fiber evaluation cont.	Cheesemaking cont.
4:30 pm: Questions with answers by the speakers (146 Morrison Hall)			
5:15 pm: Done for the day! Safe travels to those of you returning home that evening!!!			
Sunday Oct 29th – Meet in Lobby			
9:00 am to 12:30 PM: Integrated parasite management and FAMACHA Certification workshop, <i>Janice Liotta, Dwight Bowman Parasitology Lab, Cornell Univ., and Dr. tatiana Stanton, Cornell Univ.</i> Previous sign-up required, 101 Morrison Hall. FAMACHA cards available for purchase at \$16 each. Bring bag lunch if you wish. We also encourage you to bring a refrigerated fecal sample from one animal in your herd. If you have a microscope at home and are having trouble adjusting it, you may also bring it.			
12:30 pm Adjourn! HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU!			