

## April 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 CGA Board Minutes

**Attendees:** Wendy Pieh, Pam Haendle, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Elyse Perambo, Danielle Fowler, JoAnne Wirtz-Ryan, Sister Mary Elizabeth Garrett, David DeLaMater, Cameron Falkowski

**Absent:** Heide Krause, , Heidi Dickens

Guest: Ron Fiorica , NWCA President

Wendy called the meeting to order at 7:35

*Approval of the March minutes - motion made by David seconded by JoAnne.*

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

#### **3/8/20-4/19/2020**

##### **Memberships**

4 renewals from new site	160.96	
1 new membership via paypal	28.83	
1 by Mail	30.00	
<b>3 reoccurring payments from old PP site</b>		<b>-90.00</b>
<b>Bank fee-monthly paper report</b>		<b>-3.00</b>
<b>Payment to Hobby Farms for Ads</b>		<b>-19.62</b>
<b>Payment to Zazzle for Facebook photo contest</b>		<b>-21.84</b>
Totals for month	219.79	-134.46
<b>Current bank balance</b>	<b>6828.45</b>	

\*Discussion of closing old PayPal account occurred so reoccurring PayPal options are not an issue. This is only possible if Jana D. (past treasurer) closes the account. Wendy will reach out again for her to do so.

### **2. Database & Website (Pam)**

Pam asked the board if the board would like to store all the old information on the old forms in the database OR do we want to upload the simpler form. Pam will get a estimate from Jeremy on the cost options (included in annual service fee or extra)

Discussion occurred on the proposed inclusion of EU/UK CGA with the CGA Database/ Registry.

Questions included:

- Would these goats be considered North American Cashmeres IF they meet the standard or something else?
- Fee's and timelines for potential free enrollment associated with the registry
- Process for enrollment, as well as ability of using an establishment for fiber testing in the EU
- Language barriers
- Ownership of data (CGA to goat owner) and usage rights for research request
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The CGA board is interested in moving forward in potentially including the EU and UK to enroll in the CGA Registry. However, a subcommittee which will include: Pam Haendle, Nora Kravis, Wendy Pieh, and Christine McBrearty , will address the above questions and return to the board with answers in order to move forward with this request.

### **3. Memberships (Pam, Christine & Elyse)**

62 Members to date. Members agreed to the idea of sending a membership form to conference presenters with a complimentary issue of Hoofprints. This will also include Chris McLaughlin, who recently covered CGA in the Hobby Farm Goat Issue 2020.

### **4. Committee Check Ins**

- **Judging Committee-** Cameron reported that a meeting occurred in which it was agreed that the priority be aligning the criteria for judging, along with a judging mission statement, between all known and existing judges. Cameron will facilitate this meeting as to record and organize the information. Cameron share a scope and sequence plan for the development of judge certification. Judges that will be invited to join this work session include:

- Jane Hammond: [maplerunfrm@gmail.com](mailto:maplerunfrm@gmail.com)
- Becky Bemus and Phil Smith: [cashmere@rovingwindsfarm.ca](mailto:cashmere@rovingwindsfarm.ca)
- Linda Fox: [Lindafox@fibergoat.com](mailto:Lindafox@fibergoat.com) OR [lindafox@wvi.com](mailto:lindafox@wvi.com).
- Jayne Deardorff: [jayne@me2farm.com](mailto:jayne@me2farm.com)
- Heide Krause: [heidekrause@netbistro.com](mailto:heidekrause@netbistro.com) ( \*Heide may have more names from the Canadian shows )
- Cynthia Heeren
- Terry Sims
- Lilly Myer
- Joe David
- Wendy Pieh
- Peter Goth

- **Shows** -Sister Mary shared the concerns around securing a judge for Tunbridge during such unstable times. She recommends that Peter Goth be slated as a judge for the Fall show as he is located more locally in the Northeast and would not require airfare. CGA has a good working relationship with Peter as a judge in case the need arises to cancel. Sister has already been in touch with Peter. IF a live show does not occur in September the option of a fiber show could be the other alternative, even though the NW Cashmere Association is sponsoring the fiber show this year.
- **Rhinebeck Committee**- Elyse discussed the idea of organizing a virtual booth IF the festival does not occur. It was agreed that this would be a viable solution for CGA and its members with the added feature of offering education information in an engaging format. Sister Mary Elizabeth volunteered to support Elyse in whatever way she can with her efforts.
- **Social Media / Education**- Danielle reported that the CGA Facebook has 25 + additional followers. The Instagram page is up and running with over 35 followers and growing each day. Elyse has donated her soaps for the next FB winner. “Meet My Goat Monday” has been a popular post. Anyone can send a picture of their cashmere goat with a narrative about the animal. Site users have good questions that she is posting. Danielle will post the CGA membership form, as well as registry/database information. In particular how to enroll new kids for the 2020 season.

## 5. Other Business

- Still River Fiber Mill’s processing turnaround timeline has shortened . They are open to accepting fleeces.
- Yocum McColl Lab has closed, leaving Texas A&M as a primary fiber test facility. (Cameron is looking into validity concerns of their results and will report back)

## 6. Next meeting May 10th<sup>h</sup> @ 7:30

## 7. Meeting adjourned 8:50