

## August 2022 CGA Board Minutes

**Attendees:** Wendy Pieh , Elyse Perambo, Heidi Dickens, Emily Clark, Loriann Fell , Danielle Fowler, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Pam Haendle, Katie Carruth, The Ashland's

*Wendy called the meeting to order at 7:35*

*Heidi motioned to approve the August 2022 minutes and Danielle seconded.*

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

Elyse reported that this month was quite with one new members and payment for the Rhinebeck booth.

*Danielle motioned to accept the treasurers report, Heidi seconded.*

**7/18/22-8/14/22** Income Debt Membership via PP (JH) **\$28.46**

#### **Debts**

Paper fee 1 **\$3.00**

Rhinebeck Insurance from ACT **\$49.00**

Brad Zehr-web hosting-CK **\$250.00**

Total fees and donation in **\$28.46**

Total Debts paid **\$302.00**

**Bank balance as of 8/16/22** **\$7,804.05**

#### **TO discuss tonight**

Rhinebeck Sales Tax permit received

Sponsorship from Clean Cashmere for \$412

Ribbon order-less?

Live Goat Show Insurance

### **2. Database**

Pam reported that there were some entries made to database from the recent fleece competition. An inquiry was made regarding adding beyond grandparents on the registry. Presently this information is in there, but it is not displayed all at once. This would require Jeremy's (database -web designer) services. Danielle thought it would be helpful to have all lineage visible with one click. This information was requested for the Langston University study.

After much discussion It was recommended that 4 generations (great-great grandparents with 8 sets of parents per pedigree) be visible at once in a chart format. This would be a new option on the database that would also offer the ability to print a generational pedigree chart for any goat. Wendy asked that we also indicate how the goat is recorded i.e., tag or microchip. Pam will mock up a sample of the chart and send it to Jeremy. CGA pays a yearly consultation fee for the database that may cover the cost of development.

### **3. Texas A&M/ Langston Study**

There is confirmation that participating farms are receiving their fiber results via email but there was some concern that these results may be emailed to a participant's spam folder. Christine will forward the fiber interpretations key that Danielle created to Emily for Hoofprints. There has been no word from Langston on the CGA snippet /staple mode research study. Curvature/style data has seemed to be inconsistent and not valid. Length data recorded from the lab is also unreliable. Danielle will reach out to Dawn for an update about the research project for CGA.

### **4. Educational Programs**

On August 11<sup>th</sup> Carl Munchak from University of New Hampshire, extension expert, presented foraging for goats. The presentation included a quick reference technique for calculating pasture foliage and grain feed ratios. The presentation was recorded and is available on the CGA YouTube channel, as well as the CGA webpage.

Danielle has been trying to find someone to present on processing cashmere by hand. New owners of cashmere goats may be interested in how to process a small amount by hand. Wendy suggested Marilyn Murdock. Wendy will try to locate her. Christine recommended Rose & Ella Derbyshire. Wendy asked that Christine send a message to membership asking for references for people who are hand processing cashmere, along with her correct email information. (wpieh@tidewater.net)

Wendy will reach out to Jaclyn Severance about having a professional article about cashmere written that CGA could use to share accurate information about raising cashmere goats that in turn could then be used for future articles and the website.

### **5. Fundraising**

Danielle shared the two sticker designs that were chosen by the board. One is more for laptops /water bottles and the other format is a more fun design for youth that would also be made into enamel pins. Calendars were profitable but time is limited. Elyse thought maybe CGA should take a year off calendar production and maybe focus on a poster for Rhinebeck. Elyse shared that the notecards could be considered again as a fundraiser. Elyse said Costco's was a good print option. Heidi shared that journaling or personal calendars are very popular right now. Ideas included a digital calendar or digital monthly subscriptions, coasters, and car cup blotters.

Wendy asked that we circle back at next month's meeting on this topic.

### **6. Show Committee Update -**

## *Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival, October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tunbridge, VT*

Elyse shared that the insurance and booth fee is all set for Rhinebeck. Clean Cashmere has asked to sponsor the Rhinebeck booth. Christine and Heid will jump off the call for this discussion with the board at the end of the meeting.

Loriann gave an update on the Turnbridge show *Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival, October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tunbridge, VT*. Loriann asked the board if ribbons be made without a date with the new logo. There may be limited youth classes and Mika will not be attending. David has agreed to judge but he has not judged confirmation in a show to date. Fundraising – maybe one basket? Elyse will check with the veterinarian regarding Vermont's requirements.

CGA does not carry insurance as an organization for bringing live animals. This can cost as much as \$ 750.00. Wendy offered to investigate her insurance for coverage. Elyse will continue to investigate options. Wendy will contact Farm Family for an insurance liability waiver for three days. Elyse shared the concern of cost of the show with limited participation. If a show does not occur an educational presentation could take place with a few goats at the event.

Loriann would like an earlier entry time (from the September 20<sup>th</sup> deadline) to identify how many goats will attend. This could be done via a Google doc to be more immediate. Hay delivery to the show is \$4.00 per bale (15 bales) She is not sure if the Comfort Inn is available to block rooms. Fleece assessments could occur at this show, but it is a little late for a fleece "competition" for this show. Loriann will ask David if he will be available to do additional fleece evaluations outside of the goats in the show.

Loriann will get a letter out asap and Elyse will develop a Google form to send out on August 19<sup>th</sup> with a September 16<sup>th</sup> finalized show entry date. Christine will send this information to membership asap. A group dinner is slated on the Saturday of the event. Stay tuned. The annual meeting will occur the week after this show via zoom on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 EST.

## **7. Social Media**

Danielle reports that CGA's social media views continue to be up and growing!

## **8. Hoofprints**

Emily is slowly getting submissions with a deadline of August 19<sup>th</sup>. Please send your article in asap.

## 9. Other Business

Christine will gather information regarding board member up for re-election for the next meeting.

Christine & Heidi excused themselves from the meeting so the board could discuss Clean Cashmere's sponsorship of CGA's booth at NY Sheep & Wool Festival in Rhinebeck, NY .

*(Notes taken by Pam Haendle)*

*We were talking about the Rhinebeck booth. Clean Cashmere, a group owned by Heidi and other CGA members, wants to sponsor the Rhinebeck booth (\$412). Everyone seemed to agree that it was a generous offer, but there are some concerns. Clean Cashmere may want to use one of the three tables, which could mean insufficient room for other people. Apparently, it has been full. Elyse will check with Rhinebeck leaders to make sure that they are OK with CC coming in and participating in the CGA booth. This concern was raised because CC was turned down for their own booth, but that was probably simply because of a lack of available space. Elyse proposed that the commission due from participants be reduced from 25% to 15%, given that our fees will be covered. (I am pretty sure that we didn't take a formal vote on that, but everyone nodded!) We will not charge a commission to 4-H members.*

*Katie Carruth, from AGF, introduced herself. She is in contact with the Rhinebeck organizers and is interested in expanding the breed display barn. She is also willing to work with us on a future show at Rhinebeck. Her email is [director@goatusa.org](mailto:director@goatusa.org).*

**10. Meeting adjourned 8:40**