

December 14th, 2021, CGA Board Minutes

Attendees: Wendy Pieh, Pam Haendle, Danielle Fowler, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Heidi Dickens, David S. DeLaMater, JoAnne Wirtz-Ryan, Elyse Perambo, Lyn Powell, Kay Gray, Wendy called the meeting to order at 7:35

JoAnne approved the November minutes with the noted amendments which included adding Danielle Fowler and JoAnne Wirtz-Ryan names to the re-election board slate for 2022. David seconded.

1. Treasurer Report Submitted -Elyse Perambo

10/24/21-12/12/21		
Calendar via PayPal	13.99	
Calendar via Ck	15.00	
renewed member via paypal	28.46	
NY sales tax		461.60
IRS 1023 application fee		600.00
11/30/21 paper fee		3.00
10/29/2021 paper fee		3.00
Total expenses		\$ 1,067.60
Total Income	\$ 57.45	
Bank balance 12/12/21		\$ 7,193.16

Elyse reported a slow month financially with one membership renewal, two calendar sales and the IRS application fee. JoAnne motioned to pass the treasurer report. Danielle seconded.

2. Texas A & M Lab Research Project

Heidi reported that Dr. Gibson visited her farm to film a sample gathering tutorial video for the upcoming research project. One more visit is planned to finish the training video. This video will also serve to help standardize sample collection for growers. Danielle has been in touch with the Texas A&M lab regarding the testing of the samples provided by Heidi. Apparently the OFDA100 in their lab needs to be recalibrated. There have been delays due to issues with parts and personnel who can complete this process on the OFDA100. Danielle pointed out the

difficulty in servicing the old OFDA100, which is no longer manufactured, makes this research valuable to identify a valid measuring source for cashmere fibers.

3. American Goat Federation Stipend for the Secure Goat, Milk & Mohair Cashmere Supply Plan (SGMMS) for Continuity of Business (\$1,500.00)

This plan was developed and submitted to the USDA sometime this fall. Anita Teele, acting director of the American Goat Federation, of which CGA is an affiliate, informed CGA that an active representative on this committee donated their stipend to CGA. CGA will be responsible in disseminating the plan's information in 2022. Christine will inquiry further who the representative was so a formal thank can be made from CGA.

4. Hoofprints

Emily asked that submissions be sent no later than this week so the winter issue can be released by the end of the month. Elyse asked for feedback from the board about best practices of informing members of the the 1023 application and CGA's non-for-profit status. The board concurred that a short update should be provided in the upcoming winter Hoofprints and in the membership drive email. Information regarding the 1023 non-for-profit status, bylaw revisions and consultant lawyer services have been made available to membership via emails.

5. Fundraising Danielle shared that calendar sales have slowed down this month. Christine will include calendar purchasing information in the upcoming membership drive email. Pam will look at adding a feature to the website which will allow the ordering of multiple calendars. After Christmas calendar marketing and sales can be revamped possibly to include membership with a higher membership renewal option that includes a calendar i.e., \$42.00 in the pull-down option for renewal which includes a calendar.

6. Webinars

Danielle proposed the following ideas for upcoming webinars for the beginning of 2022:

Parasite Resistant and Treatment -tatiana Stanton

American Goat Federation: Secure Goat, Milk & Mohair Cashmere Supply Plan (SGMMS)

Wendy recommended we consider a combing demonstration with a goat that is actively shedding since the last demonstration occurred off season from combing.

7. Other Business

JoAnne addressed the ongoing concerns with board members emails being used for monetary scams. A lengthy discussion occurred regarding the configurations to secure email addresses. Pam has not yet reached out to Brad regarding email security but will do so, as well as inquire

if a CGA email can be created with individual board member emails i.e. cmcbreartycga@gmail.com . Ideas that were discussed included a general contact form for all inquiries and Gmail specific addresses for board members. Wendy recommended that we notify membership about the recent scams through an article in the upcoming Hoofprints. Elyse noted that we do have a breeder's page in which members pay extra to post their contact information. The ease of email access has its pros and cons for CGA. CGA will continue to monitor this concern.

Kay asked for information on how to acquire cashmere goats in her location of British Columbia. Wendy offered to be a contact source regarding USDA guidelines for importing livestock. The Northwest Cashmere Goat Association was also recommended as a possible source.

8. Meeting adjourned 8:45. Next meeting January 9th @7:30