

December 11th 2022 CGA Board Minutes

Attendees: Wendy Pieh , Elyse Perambo, Danielle Fowler, tatiana Stanton, Lauren Slingluff, Kathy Ashland, Michael Pierce, Mika Ingerman, Ron Fiorica, David LaMater, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Jayne Deardorff, Pam Haendle

Wendy called the meeting to order at 7:37

Christine will update last month's meeting minutes regarding the information from the most recent comparison of the OOFDA 2000 analysis in snippet & staple mode. The 2000 Snippet mode clearly resulted in a more accurate analysis than that of the staple mode procedure and is comparable to snippet mode off the older version OFDA100. Questions arose during the discussion as to if ALL cashmere fleeces can automatically be done in snippet mode by Texas A & M. Approval of November minutes tabled.

1. Treasurer Report Submitted -Elyse Perambo

Christine motioned to accept the treasurers report. Tatiana seconded.

11.13.22 to 12.11.22 Income Debt

New Membership-pp \$28.46

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Debts

Paper fee 1 \$3.00

NY Sales Tax filed 12/4/22 \$617.97

Total fees and donation in \$56.92

Total Debts paid \$620.97

Bank balance as of 11/4/22 \$8,647.13

Notes

Calendar refund through PayPal

PayPal account mistake refund for pattern purchase \$48

2. Database

Pam reported that several herd codes were issued but there was no new moment on the database. Pam is still working on the request for the 4-generation pedigree form with Jeremy.

3. Membership Drive

Christine reported that the membership drive will begin with the new year and continue until March 15th. One thought Elyse had was to give an official CGA logo sticker to enticer members to renew. CGA stickers would be sent to new and renewing membership with a small thank you note from CGA. Elyse would be willing to mail out stickers.

4. Judging Clinic

Christine reported that the next judging clinic planning meeting is scheduled for January 10th. Two virtual online presentations are slated. One on fiber the other on confirmation with the reference of a terminology training guide. Dr. Peter Goth has agreed to deliver both these seminars. Questions about how to format the presentation using PowerPoint with imbedded videos and content for future training was discussed. Two PowerPoint presentations would need to be developed. Elyse shared that she is familiar with Prezi as a clinic delivery platform. Elyse will ask if her FFA (Future Farmers of America) professor if they might have a student available for this project. Christine will reach out to the American Goat Federation as to if they have any resources to assist with the development of a PowerPoint for this clinic program. The final piece of the clinic series would be a in person clinic in August of 2022.

5. Youth Scholarship Criteria Development -volunteers needed

Elyse volunteered to put together a Google form application for the scholarship program. Danielle will assist Elyse to review a final document. (These funds are specifically granted for youth for shows with cashmere goats.)

6. Educational Programs

Danielle will schedule the Texas A & M to present their findings of the most recent research on the use of the different fiber evaluation methods for the next educational webinar. Dr. Peter Goth will present two clinic on-line trainings late spring.

7. Langston University Study

Danielle reported that there were two questions CGA received from Langston regarding a book they are writing involving fiber goats. (They presently already have a handbook on meat and dairy goats) Information for chapter content and videos are welcomed. A small stipend is available for those interested in authoring chapter content. The following content topics were recommended:

- tatiana recommended a video on **combing** since this is a common topic for questions. CGA's present combing video is rather long, and it was recorded when the goats were not ready to comb. Creating a shorter demonstration video on this topic with a goat that is ready to comb.
- tatiana asked about creating a video on how to **show cashmere goats** and the guidelines for our shows compared with the dairy and meat goat shows.
- Elyse also recommended a short video on **what to expect when you bring your goat home (What you need to have prepared BEFORE you bring your goat home)**
- **Information & terminology skin conditions.** tatiana shared that Mary Smith might be able to conduct a video on this for CGA

- Elyse found a **horn processing video** with Spanish meat goats as a reference.
- Jayne shared that for the **fleece evaluation** piece information from the judging clinic information could be passed along
- Jayne is willing to provide information about **fiber processing by hand and machine**

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Chapter Suggestions	Author Suggestions					
1. Goat Management for Fiber Production						
2. Facilities for Fiber Production and Harvest						
3. Nutrition						
4. Health issues for fiber goats						
5. Skin and follicle structure, diameter, etc.						
6. Shearing practices, facilities, management, fleece evaluation						
7. Genetics of cashmere production, animal evaluation and selection						
8. Processing Fiber by hand						
9. Marketing						
10. Products						
Other ideas:						
Processing Horns for sale						
In addition, they are looking for education video ideas for a grant that they are submitting. Is there anything that you would like to see in a video? They suggested tubing or bleeding, but open to other topics. We have good tubing and bleeding videos from Cornell, so I would be interested in a good microchipping video (this seems to come up a lot and I have seen some videos of it done incorrectly that are currently circulating) or hand processing cashmere. Any other suggestions?	tubing, bleeding, combing cashmere (perhaps long guard hair vs short), microchipping, hoof trimming, AI'ing goats					

8. Fundraising

Elyse will connect with Pam to get the newest items on our site so folks can order them. Esty was one idea but there would have to be a mark up to cover cost. A drawback to Esty is that not everyone has an Etsy account. The CGA Zazzle site will only sell items Zazzle creates. Elyse has all the stickers. Pam can add a sales link these items to the website. Pam and Elyse will look further into options to sell these items.

6. Show Committee Update –

Kathy Ashland volunteered to support the development of a show. The board discussed the logistic on how to conduct a virtual show with an entire fleece provided . Topic tabled.

7. Other Business

None

8. Next Meeting January 8th @ 7:30

Meeting adjourned 8:50

