

## **December 15th 2024 CGA Board Minutes**

**Attendees:** Elyse Perambo, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Dorothy Avis McClure, Ann Taylor, Cody Sargent, Nadya Pena, Danielle Fowler, Pam Marshall, Tatiana Stanton, Lauren Slingluff

\*Meeting called to order at 7:40

Welcome -Elyse

*Elyse discussed the idea of a cell phone reminder for future meetings!*

### **1. Approval of the November 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Dorothy motioned to approve the minutes; Cody seconded.

### **2. Treasurer's Summary Report -Mika**

Tabled

### **3. Database /Registry- Confirmation standards for the registry**

Nadya shared that for the Boer Goat breed standard there is an “Ennobled status” for conformation with a point system. You can then get a certificate for confirmation.

*“Non-inspected Boer goats can achieve Ennobled status through their progeny, when at least three of these progeny have earned a combined total of one hundred points and those progeny have passed visual inspection, as certified by the ABGA Secretary.”*

Danielle shared that dairy goats adhere to a more linear appraisal by a judge on a 1-100 point system with letters to associate values.

The idea of an “optional” feature to incorporate confirmation within the CGA registry but not required to enroll, was agreed by the board as a good idea to follow up on. Pam M. reminded the board that confirmation attributes to some degree can be a preference for each farm, however additional certification could be a helpful requirement if taken directly from the scorecard. It could be a great incentive to feature strong bucks available for breeding.

Conformation scores are 0-3 on the scorecard. Judges would need to align how conformation scores are awarded.

Pam Marshalled volunteered to help Elyse gather the judges for a future discussion on this topic.

Cody reiterated the importance of the judge's alignment of the basic conformation scoring.

**Next Step:**

- Bringing the judges together
- Create a written document to be communicated on how confirmation will be scored with uniformity amongst judges with the 0-3 scoring.
- Incorporate a system into the database to support this data

**4. Show Planning & Development -Rhinebeck booth for next year**

**Adirondack Fiber Festival**

CGA will be hosting the CGA/ NWCA fleece show 2025 at NYS Sheep & Wool

Could we schedule an exhibition show at the New York Sheep & Wool?

(\*Reach out to Andre Tidbits on a possible 45-minute time slot)

Elyse motioned to renew the CGA Booth at the NY Sheep & Wool,

Christine seconded.

**5. Goat Expo-Elyse**

The Goat Expo will take place at the Missouri State Fairgrounds at the end of May 2025. There will be a free vendor day and a demo day with educational tables. They are looking to cover the fiber goat category in addition to the dairy and meat goat classes.

Dorothy has volunteered to attend and represent CGA.

Christine discussed the idea of offering free junior memberships in the future to support more youth memberships. Elyse shared that possibly we offer youth membership for certain events such as the Goat Expo or the festivals.

Cody is working on an educational youth component that involves working with goats on his farm.

## **6. Hoofprint Submissions DUE NOW!**

### **Late January Issue**

*\*Reminder that board members are required to submit one piece for each issue.*

Allie included a new email address just for Hoofprints at

[allisonfowlercgag@gmail.com](mailto:allisonfowlercgag@gmail.com)

## **10. Other Business –**

- Reminder from Danielle: chapters due to Roger by March for the fiber insert of the Langston Meat and Goat Guide.
- *Request for high resolution photograph if any of your members are interested.* “I would need the image soon along with the name of whoever took the photo, a bit about what's in the image, and written permission to use it for my book. Specifically, photos of goats being combed for a companion book, called The Useful Goat.

Contact: Gianaclis Caldwell <[gianaclis@gmail.com](mailto:gianaclis@gmail.com)>

- Christine shared the new roll out of the Australian Cashmere Growers website is out this week and a good reference for future updates for the CGA website.

## **11. Motion to adjourn**

## **12. Next Meeting January 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 @ 7:30**

Meeting adjourned 8:35