

February 12th 2023 CGA Board Minutes

Attendees: Wendy Pieh, Elyse Perambo, Danielle Fowler, tatiana Stanton, Mika Ingerman, Kathy Ashland, David DeLaMater , Pam Haendle, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Dorothy McClure, Stacy Wistock, Michael Pierce, Ann Taylor

Meeting called to order at 7:37

David motioned to approve the January minutes . Michael seconded.

1.. Treasurer Report Submitted -Elyse Perambo

Elyse reported that memberships are rolling in with 15 memberships, as well as some ads.

The Rhinebeck booth fee was paid.

Tatiana motioned to approve, Danielle seconded.

1.9.23 to 2.12.23 Income Debt

New Membership-pp \$28.46

New Membership-CK \$30.00

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Renew Membership-pp \$28.46

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Renew JR membership-pp \$14.48

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4-new members, 1 renew Jr, 10 renewals

ADS-

1/2 page ad-pp \$125.47

Business card ad-pp \$21.24

Website Ad-pp \$24.13

Debts

Rhinebeck Booth \$400.00

NYS Fiber Animal Conference Sponsorship \$500.00

Paper fee 1 \$3.00

Total fees and donation in **\$586.84**
Total Debts paid **\$903.00.**
Bank balance as of 2/12 /23 **\$9,325.24**

3. Database

Pam reported that Jeremy did work on the certificate that would show up to four generations of a goat's genealogy. There are many noted "unknowns" on these documents. He is developing a solution around this issue for the certificate.

No new submissions for the registries this month.

Nora Kravis from Chianti Cashmere in Italy would like CGA to revisit the discussion of allowing cashmere goats to join an EU section of the CGA database. Pam has previous notes recorded on this topic and will refer to them to work with Nora. Jeremy's biggest concern was the possible complication of the conversions of fees IF CGA was to charge for EU registrants. Other than this Pam did not think it would be a problem.

4. Membership Drive

Christine reported that memberships have been coming in regularly. (33 plus) March 15th is the deadline to renew before emails are taken off the 2023 list for CGA news and information. One more group reminder will be sent out, with a final "sorry to see you go" email at the end of March to those members who did not renew.

5. Judging Clinic

Christine reviewed the tentative content that would be taught during two virtual sessions and one in person session with instructor/ judge Peter Goth. All content is to be reviewed and edited by Peter in late February. The committee will submit their recommendations regarding the logistics and recommended cost for these sessions at the next board meeting in March. Christine shared that two videos of prior training programs on fiber and conformation conducted by Joe David Ross have been uploaded onto the CGA YouTube channel. These programs will serve as a resource for the 2023 workshop.

The committee was in favor of including a showmanship training component. This would include what to expect in the show ring, how a judge will conduct various classes plus more. Presently no one on the clinic planning committee has this expertise. Tatiana commented that this could be a great resource to identify how showing a cashmere might be different from other breeds of goats, and/or how showmanship *can be more uniform between breeds*.

(American Dairy Goat Show Guidelines, Angora Goats, International Boer Goat Association)

Kathy and Mika volunteered to work on gathering information for a template that could be used as a cashmere goat showmanship standard handbook for training purposes. A goal would be to identify where CGA aligns with certain breed showmanship expectations and where we differ.

6. Youth Scholarship Criteria Development

Elyse shared and reviewed the template of the Youth Scholarship Application Form

“The Cashmere Goat Association has made the commitment to allocate \$750 in 2023 to help support Youth Showing Cashmere Goats across the United States. We are offering a rolling scholarship to support the inclusion of Cashmere goats at a Youth Goat Show. To apply for the funds a Cashmere Goat must be included in the Youth Show. Classes may include a Fiber class, or Utility class, or Cashmere breed class, but all must have a Cashmere goat present. We are offering a sliding scale sponsorship from \$25 up to \$250 for show related expenses. Show related expenses are considered cashmere assessment judge fees, ribbons, promotional official show t-shirts, promotional show banners, promotional show programs. Scholarship noted that being more learn that the funds go to the show not the individual.”

tatiana asked that the wording be clearer denoted that funds are going to the association who is putting on the show, not the individual. tatiana also recommended that the wording reflect classes as: utility class, fiber breed class, and cashmere breed class. Once this document is complete tatiana volunteered to pass it along to the NY 4-H youth educator group. Elyse will ask Mika’s showmanship committee to review and edit this document.

7. Educational Programs

Danielle will be scheduling the Texas A & M presentation in which they will share their findings of the most recent research on the use of the different fiber evaluation methods. This presentation will occur on a Thursday @ 7 PM. (TBA) Rodger is still accepting fiber samples for this research project!

8. Fundraising

CGA stickers and magnets are up on the website.

9. Other Business

- CGA is looking for a new editor for Hoofprints for the next issue!
Should a stipend be considered to attract potential candidates ? Pam commented that this was done in the past.
- October 28th & 29th NYS Sheep & Goat Symposium

10. Next Meeting March 12th @ 7:30

Meeting adjourned 8:38