

February 16th 2025 CGA Board Minutes

Attendees: Elyse Perambo, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Dorothy Avis McClure Cody Sargent, Pam and Bob Marshall, Lauren Slingluff, Jayne Deardorff, Pam Haendle, David Delamater, Peter Goth, tatiana Stanton

**Meeting called to order at 7:35*

Welcome -Elyse

Introductions and sharing of the weather!

1.Approval of the January 2025 Meeting Minutes

Dorothy motioned to approve the minutes; Jayne seconded.

2. Treasurer's Resignation

Elyse shared that Mika Ingerman resigned from the treasurer's position

3. Treasurer's Nomination and Vote

Elyse nominated Pam Marshall as treasurer, Lauren Seconded. All approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

Elyse presented the **January 2025** treasurer's report. Cody motioned to approve; Dorothy seconded.

1/1/2025-2/16/25 Income Debt Jan-mid Feb 2

New Memberships-PP 56.92

Jan-mid Feb 18 Renewal only memberships-PP \$512.28

Jan-mid Feb 8 Renewals with Ads 227.68

Jan-mid Feb 1 Jr Member-donation \$1.44

Donations-pp-test 0.48

Ads

6 Web Ad (\$25) after PP deduct (\$24.13 ea) 144.78

2 HP buss. card (\$22) (\$21.24, \$21.23) 42.47

1/2 Page HP ad (\$130) for year 125.47

1/2 page HP ad (\$75) single print 72.38 1/21/2024 Rhinebeck Booth Fee \$400.00 1/31/2024

Paper Bank Statement \$3.00 Bank Balance as of 2/15/25 \$16,940.38 Totals \$1,183.90

\$403.00

Elyse presented the **December 2024** treasurer's report which was approved by Lauren, seconded by Jayne.

11/18/24-12/31/24 Income Debt

12/8/24 Renewal Membership-pp \$28.46

11/29/2024 Cornell Sponsorship Ck \$500 11/29/2024 Paper Bank Statement \$3.00

12/9/2024 Paypal Charge to USPS \$13.15 12/10/2024 USPS payment reimbursement \$12.76

12/23/2024 NY Sales tax from Rhinebeck \$182.01 12/31/2024 Paper Bank Statement \$3.00

Bank Balance 12/31/24 \$16,232.10 Totals \$41.22 \$701.16

5. Committee Check-In's

Membership Drive

The CGA membership drive will occur from January – March 15. To date are 45 members that are enrolled as members.

Pam H. will update Mika's info for checks on the membership page and make a note on the Junior membership page about directions to enroll at no cost.

Elyse will share with Pam Marshall how to make sure the PayPal and checks correspond with the 2025 membership list.

Judging Committee: Peter Goth

A judging clinic was hosted by Peter and Wendy via a webinar for fiber and conformation in 2023. This was followed up with an in-person workshop for both fiber and conformation last summer at Springtide Farm with Peter and Wendy. (About 8 people attended last summer) Peter shared that tightening up the standards so they are universally understood and applied for future judges and cashmere growers would be in the best interest of CGA moving forward as new and old judges align their practices. A recent follow up meeting with some of the CGA judges came to the agreement of further discussing their terminology and methods. All the information from the fiber workshop that was recorded and is presently on the CGA YouTube channel will be typed up to be reviewed. Another recommendation from this committee is to look at the value of shows and move forward with the practice of assessing goats on the farm.

Committee Summary:

1. Revisting standards, looking at doing farm visits, keep doing shows but adding farm visits.

2. Elyse shared that the group also talked about hiring a consultant to work with Peter to develop a judging presentation that could be used for present-day judges. The presentation will take a PDF story board to PowerPoint and narrate over PowerPoint. The committee proposed work from Peter to fund a judging on-line training program. This would include the cost of working with an independent contractor to put together a training presentation.

(Cody's wife volunteered to help with PowerPoint)

Peter summarized by saying that the only thing "new" is the necessity of clarifying Some of the terms for a more universal understanding and application of the standard by all.

Assessment Farm Visits:

One idea is to pay for each goat to assess with form that entered ahead of time with a pre -assessment form to identify what owner are looking for. (Maybe like our CGA score card) All were in favor of charging per a goat for farm assessments. The committee will continue to formulate their recommendation regarding the procedure for conducting regional farm visits.

Goat Exo Goat Expo May 20-31^s

David shared that the Goat Expo reached out to him to attend on behalf of CGA as a judge. David has put together a proposal for fees and expenses.

Dorothy will also be attending and shared that she is about three hoursdrive away from the event venue.

David and Dorothy will put together an expense proposal for the costs that are expected for this event the board approve at the next meeting.

Hoofprints

CGA is looking for a new editor for Hoofprints. The position comes with an honorarium of \$150 per issue.

David is interested in the position if Alley can support explaining the format.

Elyse will check the bylaws as to if a board member can be paid for a position such as this. CGA charges for ads that are scheduled to be in 3 issues per year.

Tabled:

Review and edit the proposed Regional Cashmere Goat Ambassador

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https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XS_N8IL-4Ji-Z1vnREtTVNnTtdR8CIKETdEGUL1Bwvw/edit?usp=sharing

Tabled

Education Webinar

Hold until after kidding season

- Micheal will check with Dr. Nancy is available after kidding season (April) for a Thursday April 24th at 7 PM EST.

10. Other Business –

Tunbridge Fair September 2025

Elyse was contacted by the fair as to if anyone from CGA would bring a cashmere goat. The event is over a five-day span. David may be interested.

USDA Sheep & Goat Livestock Survey

Elyse had a great conversation with the USDA regarding having cashmere goats included on Sheep & Goat Livestock Survey.

Meat Goat Guide updated – tatiana has submitted an updated chapter for the newest edition of the Langston Meat Goat Guide.

Reminder from Danielle:

Chapters for the cashmere supplement to the Meat Goat Guide are due to Rodger by March 1st.

11. Motion to adjourn

12. Next Meeting March 9th 2025 @ 7:30

Meeting adjourned 8:44