

January 9th 2022 CGA Board Minutes

Attendees: Wendy Pieh, Pam Haendle, Danielle Fowler, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Heidi Dickens, David S. DeLaMater, Mary Marchewka, JoAnne Wirtz-Ryan, Elyse Perambo, Gareth Crosby, Ron Fiorica, Karen Hein, Erin Percival Carter, Ann Taylor

Wendy called the meeting to order at 7:35

David approved the December 2021 minutes and JoAnne seconded.

1. Treasurer Report Submitted -Elyse Perambo

Elyse shared that this month's report has a bit more detail than usual because it spans across the budget cutoff for 2021 and the start of the new tax year for 2022. Good calendar sales this month. Memberships are coming in with 19 to start this month. The AGF funds came through this month as well for the Mohair -Cashmere plan donation. Thank you to those who also made additional donations this month!

We are due to pay around \$500 to the American Goat Federation this month. Elyse motioned to pay the renewal fee to AGF as an affiliate organization. David seconded. David motioned to approve the treasurers report, JoAnne seconded.

12/13/21-1/9/22	Income	Debt	
3 calendar sales pp 12/13	\$42.94		
1 calendar sales pp 12/13	\$14.38		
1 calendar sales pp 12/13	\$14.38		
3 Calendar sales Ck 12/17	\$45.00		
1 Calendar sales Ck 12/17	\$15.00		
3 calendar sales pp 12/18	\$42.94		
1 calendar sales pp 12/18	\$14.38		
1 calendar sales pp 12/21	\$14.38		
1 calendar sales pp 12/21	\$13.99		
1 calendar sales pp 12/28	\$14.08		
1 calendar sales pp 12/31	\$14.38		
1 calendar sales pp 12/31	\$14.38		
1 calendar sales pp 1/2	\$13.99		
5 Calendar sales pp 1/2	\$75.00		
1 calendar sales pp 1/2	\$14.40		
4 calendar sales pp 1/6	\$60.00		
Total monthly Calendar sales=\$423.62			
renew membership 12/13 pp	\$28.56		
renew membership 12/13 pp	\$28.74		

renew membership 12/18 pp	\$28.56		
renew membership 12/21 pp	\$28.56		
New membership 12/28 pp	\$28.01		
renew membership 12/31 pp	\$28.56		
renew membership 12/31 pp	\$28.56		
renew membership 1/2 pp	\$28.46		
renew membership 1/2 pp	\$28.81		
renew 2 membership 1/2 pp	\$60.00		
renew 3 membership 1/2 pp	\$86.45		
renew membership 1/3 Ck	\$30.00		
renew membership 1/5Ck	\$30.00		
renew membership 1/6 pp	\$28.46		
renew membership 1/6 pp	\$30.00		
renew membership 1/9 Ck	\$30.00		
19 Memberships= \$551.73			
Ads			
directory ad 12/13	\$23.95		
HP 1/4 annual ad pp 1/2	\$67.21		
web ad pp 1/2	\$25.00		
HP 1/4 annual ad pp 1/2	\$70.00		
HP card ad 1/9	\$22.00		
Ad sales total=\$208.16			
AGF check for Cashmere & Mohair Secure supply 1/6	\$1,500.00		
Donation for shipping(minus pp fees for total order) 1/6	\$6.06		
Donation (minus pp fees for total order) 1/6	\$15.12		
Donation-ck 1/9	\$3.00		
Donation total=\$1524.18			
Debts			
PH reimbursement for Fleece show mailing via pp 12/30		\$211.49	
VT State updating officers-1/7		\$25.00	
Vt State updating address-1/7		\$25.00	
Paper fee 12/31		\$3.00	
Total fees and donation in	\$2,707.69		
Total Debts paid		\$264.49	
Bank balance as of 1/9/22			\$9,594.29

2. Database

Pam reported 15 goats were added to the database. 6 reports were submitted for review. One report from Texas A&M contained a number in length that was below the standard. Pam was concerned over the recent issue with validity over length from this lab. In the past the goat owner did their own measurement. Texas A& M was asked not to include length in the future until an accurate method is developed. *The board agreed to have the owner measure the length or a show judge measure length to have accurate information for the database. Currently, a photo is not necessary.* A discussion followed as some breeders have their samples sent back to them per request and others do not.

3. Texas A & M Lab/Langston Research Project

Heidi reported that she is previewing the training videos right now. Langston is prepping items for January to send CGA. Danielle will send an email to Dr. Dawn Brown at Texas regarding the processing of Heidi's samples that are helping to calibrate their data process.

4. Judging Clinic

The judging clinic planning meeting is slated for January 12th. David, Pam, Danielle, Wendy and Christine will be involved to assist the invited judges in developing criteria for an upcoming clinic.

5. Fleece Evaluations

Wendy shared that the fact that we do not have a viable lab for testing fiber. *Wendy proposed that fleece sample also be permitted to be sent to her or David for evaluation for the same cost of \$5.00 plus shipping.* The membership may not know the level of influx with not having a viable testing lab in the US. Pam voiced preference for a full fleece but understands the need to allow a single fleece sample. Although there are other cashmere fiber judges right now Wendy feels that she and David are consistent and work well together for accuracy. David agreed. Pam recommended that a form be created on the website for people to initiate this fiber analysis. Wendy shared that her and Peter updated the fleece evaluation forms /score card. Pam shared this included a change in the category uniformity. Questioning the definition on uniformity on length, style, diameter. Wendy and Peter recommended that these three areas be defined on the score card /evaluation. Currently there are questions as to how judges are interpreting uniformity. A lab test only test diameter for uniformity. A show judge might view it differently. How these numbers are reported is important since uniformity is required for registration. Pam recommended that individual uniformity scores be reported on the score card for three areas; length, diameter, style and that an overall average of these scores

translate into a uniformity score . This is the number that will be entered into the database. This is different from what has occurred in the past where some judged may be using this term for just uniformity in diameter. Pam quoted that standard that does reference language for uniformity in length and style. A lab test will only report a coefficient of variation with regards to diameter with a small sample. Lab results regarding uniformity numbers will continued to be accepted for database entry as long as they meet the standard.

Further discussion regarding these changes will occur at the upcoming judging clinic on January 12th with the present panel of certified judges.

6. CGA Program Initiatives /Webinars

Yvonne shared a workshop on fodder for membership. Christine will forward this information to membership.

Danielle shared two slated programs for upcoming educational webinars:

February 24th Mika from Team Snazzy Goat: How to Cart Train Your Goats

March TBA: tatiana Stanton: Parasites

Heidi discussed the possibility of regional chapters in the future to create better buy in to CGA with a regional touchstone to network with growers in your area. Christine proposed the idea of a regional rep. model with representatives from both CGA and NWCA. Ron commented that NWCA might be interested in such a model. Christine will create a regional rep. proposal for both boards to review as a future initiative.

7. Fundraising

Elyse reported:

70 2022 CGA calendars sold

\$1,190.18 raised revenue

-\$884.35 cost to create calendars

Continued advertising for the calendars will occur this month. Pam also created a pull down on the website so multiple calendars can be ordered. A comment was made that the accessibility to find the calendar on the website is difficult. A proposed idea of a button/tab on the main page would allow easier access to order.

8. Membership Drive

Pam reported that we have 20 members for the 2022 but memberships have been rolling in with a March 15th deadline. Emily is ready to start a new Hoofprints Issue for Spring.

Christine will also be sending a membership push via email with Danielle reminding followers on social media.

9. Show Committee

Discussion tabled

10. Social Media

Danielle reported that there are increased subscribers each month with a push for subscribers on the CGA YouTube Channel. Danielle did receive a request to help relocate a wether via our social media page. The board recommended keeping it off the FB page due to the restrictions and monitoring on FB. Facebook Cashmere Collaboration might be a better place for her to post.

7. Other Business

Elyse has been transferring her records to Google Drive for safe keeping (via cloud) and ease of transfer. Elyse asked if the board would be interested using the Google platform for documents to be stored and shared. This would coincide with our discussion of using google emails for board members. Danielle supported this idea. The decision regarding email accessibility regarding security was to keep it the same at the point. Pam will hold on moving forward with Brad on any changes. (*Refer to the December 2021 minutes & Hoofprints Issue December 2021 for further information)

8. Meeting adjourned 8:35. Next meeting February 20th @7:30