

## **January 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 CGA Board Minutes**

**Attendees:** Elyse Perambo, Michael Pierce, Danielle Pierce, tatiana Stanton, Heidi Dickens, Lauren Slungluff, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Wendy Pieh, Michael Pierce, Danielle Choiniere, Wendy Pieh, Ron Fiorica, Stephanie Berk, Pam Haendle, Matty Elliot, Dorothy McClure , Mika Ingerman, DeAndra Navratil, Molly Steig

*\*Meeting called to order at 7:35*

*Welcome & Introductions -Elyse*

### **1. Approval of the December 2023 Minutes**

**Motion to amend to the December 2023 minutes to include the executive board slate of new 2024 officers to read as such:**

**Elyse Perambo- President (past president Wendy Pieh)**

**Lauren Slungluff-Vice President (past Vice Present Danielle Fowler)**

**Christine McBrearty-Hulse – Secretary (Continued)**

Elyse motioned to approve the amended December minutes. Mika seconded.

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

Memberships are coming in from renewals!

Foundation grant of \$1800 granted from Re -Synergy was received to go towards education.

Elyse asked Brad to send a quote of the cost of paying for our GoDaddy acct. Brad will investigate if it would be more cost effective for him to cover the domain.

Wendy motioned to approve the treasurers report, Michael seconded.

**Elyse motioned to approve Mika Ingerman to the position of the CGA treasurer for a two-year term 2024-2026.**

**Wendy seconded. No objections. Mika is our new CGA treasurer!**

12.11.23	Income	Debt
New Membership-via PP	\$28.46	
Renew Membership-via PP	\$28.46	
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Renew Membership-via PP	\$28.46	
Jr Membership	\$15.00	
Ads		
Bussiness Card HF	\$21.54	
<b>Backyard Green Films/RE Synergy Foundation</b>	\$1,800.00	
<b>Debts</b>		
Paper Fee		\$3.00
Cornell mileage reissued		\$124.80
Rhinebeck Booth paid		\$400.00
Total Debts paid		\$469.09

### 3. CGA Educational Flyer

Michael sent out copies of a sample gloss stock brochure to Lauren, Kathy, Christine, Jayne & Elyse. The finish is more a satin finish than what we would think is a true gloss.

The prices for 1,000 are: (with a \$30 set up charge & shipping)

70# text uncoated, \$510.00 + tax

100# gloss text \$651.00 + tax

Christine motioned that CGA order 1000 of the brochures. Elyse seconded.

Elyse motioned that the overall fee does not go above \$750. 00. Danielle seconded.

Lauren volunteered to keep the brochures and help with the distribution!

Lauren will create a system for distribution such as Google Form outlining how to request brochures. Brochures will be mailed to Lauren upon printing.

A pdf copy will be located on the website. Christine will send the updated copy to Pam. Christine will attach a digital copy of the CGA brochure to membership with the February meeting invite.

#### **4. Hoofprints**

The deadline for submissions is **January 30<sup>th</sup>** with the intent to have the issue ready to be distributed by mid-March. Pictures and show information will be included in this issue. Pam 's article outlining the history of CGA will be included in this issue.

Pam will search for a prior article about Ann Repaske to include in reference to the generous donation made to CGA.

tatiana has an article that she wrote years ago that included early genetic history.

Danielle has scanned the article and will apply pieces to Hoofprints.

Stephanie asked if we could include yarn shops that carry cashmere farm yarn. Elyse recommended interviewing the shop owner that wants to feature US cashmere yarns.

#### **5. 2024 Educational Seminars**

Micheal shared a program that he attended last year that would be a great fit for a presentation on goat nutrition. The presenter is a specialist in animal nutrition with an excellent knowledge of ruminant nutrition. The board agreed that this topic would be a great topic to include as a live webinar with a Q&A which would then be posted to the CGA YouTube channel as a future resource. Micheal will reach out to her for a future presentation date.

Danielle shared that last year we received a request for an *“Ask Me Anything”* session with a panel that can speak to animal start up and care, (tatiana , Wendy, Dorothy, Pam) fiber arts processing and marketing . (Stephanie, Heidi, Elyse, Lauren, Deirdre)

Danielle thought dividing these topics into two sessions might work!

send to registrants.

#### **6. Langston Fiber Analysis Research & Fiber/Meat Goat Guide Updates (Danielle)**

Summary-

“Langston cashmere study- 25 farms have sent in samples. The total number of samples from those farms is around 930. David Shaw from New Zealand has sent is another 430 samples. So, just over 1350 samples will have been analyzed for the genomic association. The more samples the better. It would be great to get a few hundred more samples sent in. Samples can be clipped or combed. **Fiber due**

**May 1st** before the grant runs out. Detailed instructions for collection and submission are on the website.”

## **8. American Sheep Industry Conference & American Goat Federation**

Christine and Heidi presented on behalf of CGA at the annual AGF members meeting. The presentation included a brief history of CGA and the most recent initiatives.

## **9. Make it with Wool Project- Request**

The Make It with Wool Competition is looking to add cashmere into their designs for the competition. Christine will investigate more on rules and fiber needed to share at a future meeting. Lauren volunteered to assist with the assessing and potentially proposing how this competition can best incorporate locally farmed cashmere from our members.

## **10. Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival -CGA representation (Stephanie Berk)**

Stephanie is waiting to hear back from the committee. Elyse can provide the 501C3 letter copy. Elyse shared our presence can be supported as long as CGA’s presence is educational. Michael shared that there is a barn with animals that is educational!

## **11. Sub Committees**

Please check the following link :

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d\\_aoC-a5EcCfWJm3RrEWgBD1nO7XWhuFfPXkLkvEvD4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d_aoC-a5EcCfWJm3RrEWgBD1nO7XWhuFfPXkLkvEvD4/edit?usp=sharing)

## **12. Other Business**

➤ Christine shared that Linda Fox has all the back issues of *The Cashmere Mirror* dating back to the 1980’s. Linda is willing to lend them to CGA to be digitally scanned to be archived by CGA. Christine shared that these issues have a tremendous amount of valuable information.

Lauren will provide a few resources that provided professional digitalization of documents. Lauren also recommends we clarify any ownership/copyrights to make sure these documents can be released and shared.

Elyse recommended we add this topic to the February meeting agenda.

➤ Reminder Membership Drive! Get your membership in.

- Danielle shared updated due dates for Langston University Cashmere Goat Book supplement info for chapter authors: Updated due dates for Langston University Cashmere Goat Book supplement info for chapter authors.
  - ✓ Jan 31 for a chapter outline
  - ✓ March 31 for 1st draft
  - ✓ Final draft by May 1st

I will reach out to authors with this updated info.

**13. Motion to adjourn**

**Next Meeting February 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 @ 7:30**

Meeting adjourned 8:43