

January 2022 CGA Board Minutes

Attendees: Elyse Perambo, Danielle Fowler, tatiana Stanton, Lauren Slingluff, Kathy Ashland, David LaMater, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Jayne Deardorf, Pam Haendle, Donna Guthartz
Danielle called the meeting to order at 7:37

Lauren motioned to approve the November and December meeting minutes; Kathy seconded.

1. Proposal of CGA sponsorship of the Animal Fiber Conference at the CNY Fiber Festival on June 11th

This program will focus beginning farmers to help them make decisions on breed selection and uses for fiber. The board was supportive of the intent of this program as a great way for CGA to further the education of fiber animals. tatiana shared that there will also be a Cornell Sheep and Goat Symposium this fall that CGA can support .

Christine motioned for a \$500.00 Platinum Level for sponsorship, Kathy seconded.

2. Treasurer Report Submitted -Elyse Perambo

Elyse reported we had a good kick-off month for the membership drive! We are up in renewal numbers for this time of year. Elyse has been mailing out membership letters and stickers. The cost to mail out of country is more. The board agreed to pay the cost of mailing membership letters and stickers internationally.

tatiana motioned to accept the treasurers report. Jayne seconded.

12.11.22 to 12.31.22-3 memberships	Income	Debt		
New Membership-pp-KN	\$28.46			
New Membership-pp-RWF	\$28.46			
New Membership-Ck-AF	\$30.00			
1.1.23 to 1.8.23-13 memberships				
Renew Membership-pp-MP	\$28.46			
Renew Membership-pp-MP	\$28.46			
Renew Membership-pp-RH	\$28.46			
Renew Membership-pp-PH	\$28.46			
Renew Membership-pp-DD	\$28.46			
Renew Membership-pp-RF	\$28.46			
New Membership-pp-WS	\$28.46			
Renew Membership-pp-KG	\$28.01			
Renew Membership-pp-JD	\$28.46			
Renew Membership-Ck--JD	\$30.00			
Renew Membership-pp-DA	\$28.46			
Renew Membership-pp-TS	\$28.46			
New Membership-pp-JT	\$28.46			
ADS-1.1.23 to 1.8.23				
Web Ad-pp	\$24.13			

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1/4 annual HP ad-pp	\$67.55		
Donation-1.1.23 to 1.8.23	\$24.13		
Debts			
USPS-stamps, mailing-1/7		\$72.20	
Paper fee 1		\$3.00	
Total fees and donation in	\$597.93		
Total Debts paid		\$75.20	
Bank balance as of 1/8/23	\$8,631.93	\$9,169.89	(After PP deposit on 1/9)

3. Database

Pam reported that several herd codes were requested. Pam connected with Jeremy about a request for the 4-generation pedigree. Pam thinks he'll be able to move on it this month and get CGA a quote for this request. The website has required updates and changes with the addition of new merchandise and payment options. Pam will ask Brad to add a donation button on the webpage. Elyse recommended having this donation button since we have our non-profit status back. The cost for the scope of work for this addition may be covered by our contractual support hours that we pay Brad yearly.

4. Membership Drive

Christine will send Tatiana a blurb for the Sheep-Goat Management List Serv about the advantages and services offered by being a CGA member. The membership drive will continue until March 15th.

5. Judging Clinic

Tabled. Clinic committee meeting occurring this week. More to follow in February!

6. Youth Scholarship Criteria Development -

- Elyse shared a Google Form Doc and is looking for input as to what questions to ask on the application form.
- Elyse asked if we should set aside a number of scholarships offered and the criteria such as shows that have other fiber goats as qualifying for these scholarships. (Angoras, Cashmeres, Cashgora) Tatiana thought allowing scholarships for *fiber goat classes would be a good start*.
- Last year we gave 2 scholarships. It was suggested that we offer several scholarships with no specific amount granted and provide examples of what this cost can cover in an informational packet. Ribbons, judge fees etc.

- **Elyse motions for \$750.00 for scholarships. Kathy seconded.**
- Danielle asked that we define the criteria for approving scholarships before these scholarships become available. The board universally agreed.
- *Jayne asked that the scholarship be tagged for Youth Goat shows to include FFA, Grange & 4-H Shows*
- Kathy commented that in Paisley's experience there was at the time no fiber goat classes and she was lumped in with dairy. Over time they educated others about fiber goats to get a class at their show.
She questioned how are we going to get these groups to know that a fiber class can occur and provide information on how do they go about creating one . Can we create an informational sheet on the steps to create a fiber goat class for a show? tatiana commented that hopefully the \$250 would help to help show committee create these classes. Sometimes these classes are labeled as an "exhibit class " for these animals where there is no established breed class.
- Questions arose about how to best disseminate information about this scholarship. Specifically, if there is a state-to-state list serve for groups like the Goat Extension, FFA & Grange. Tatiana shared that we might best go through the headquarters for each organization for them to disseminate this information with a press release type doc and maybe an informational sheet on how to organize a fiber goat class at the local level.

7. Educational Programs

Danielle will schedule the Texas A & M to present their findings of the most recent research on the use of the different fiber evaluation methods for the next educational webinar. Dr. Peter Goth will present two clinic on-line trainings late spring.

8. Fundraising

CGA merchandise has been added to the website.

9. Other Business

- tatiana shared that Cornell Goat & Sheep Symposium will tentatively be *October 14th & 15*. If CGA would like to donate to this program it is best to have it go through paying a speaker that we provide rather than be charged the 18% from Cornell fees. There will be speakers present that will be relevant to our members in this program.
- *tatiana shared that there will be an ASI Wool Handling School Program* scheduled for November. Tatiana wondered if we might want to add cashmere fleeces available for this program. – YES!
- Reminder Hoofprint articles are DUE.

10. Next Meeting February 12th @ 7:30

Meeting adjourned 8:45

