

January12 2024 CGA Board Minutes

Attendees: Elyse Perambo, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Dorothy Avis McClure Cody Sargent, Danille Fowler, David Delamater, Wendy Pieh, Peter Goth, Pam and Bob Marshall, Lauren Slingluff, Jayne Deardorff, Lynn Semer, Pam Haendle, Micheal Pierce, Danielle Choiniere

**Meeting called to order at 7:40*

Welcome -Elyse

Introductions and sharing of our favorite combs for harvest season!

1.Approval of the December 2024 Meeting Minutes

Danielle F. motioned to approve the minutes; Jayne seconded.

(Upon fixing one typo)

**Elyse reviewed the December agenda to update the attending CGA judges about the discussion of “noble status” for confirmation on the registry. Elyse requested that this idea be reviewed by our present judges at a future meeting.*

2.Treasurer’s Summary Report -Mika Tabled

Elyse put a call out to anyone who might be interested in this position if Mika is unable to continue as treasurer. Pam Marshall is interested as a candidate if Mika is unable to continue.

3.Membership Drive

The CGA membership drive will occur from January – March 15.

Christine proposed that CGA offer free memberships to youth. Discussion followed about the advantages of this offer and organizing regional youth ambassadors that would be responsible for disseminating information about youth memberships and the regional youth show.

Christine will draft a letter explaining this role for the next board meeting.

Cody shared that he found many of his youth were hesitant to sign working with his cashmeres due to the possible conflict in show schedule with the dairy goats. Danielle F. shared that in her experience they work with the fairs to make sure that these classes are not in conflict.

Lauren motion to offer free memberships to youth for the year 2025. Daivid seconded.

Once regional youth ambassadors are established Lauren will organize ambassador packets that could be sent directly to youth members.

Pam and Lauren will add this free membership youth link to the website. *Elyse asked that youth names not be on the member list due to youth be under 18.*

4. Webinar Schedule

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.

5. Goat Expo May 20-31st

Dorothy will be representing CGA

She is doing a drop spindle class and a presentation on raising cashmere goats
Dorothy is meeting this Wednesday with the Goat Expos show committee
April 15th commitment /May 1st for print ad due
Lauren can pull together content about CGA for their website and promotion page.

6. Request to update USDA Scrapie's Certificate for CGA – Elyse

Our certificate expired in October 2024. Elyse wrote a request to update our certificate with a new request (needed every 5 years) Registry accepts tattoos and USDA scrappies.

*Elyse mentioned that all these types of records and taxes filed etc. should eventually be scanned into a file.

10. Other Business –

- Wendy discussed the advantages of the farm visit, and all agreed. Elyse will organize the team of CGA judges to meet to develop the Regional Farm Visit Protocol
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d_aoC-a5EcCfWJm3RrEWgBD1nO7XWhuFfPXkLkvEvD4/edit?usp=sharing
- Reminder from Danielle: chapters due March 1st to Roger for the fiber insert of the Langston Meat and Goat Guide.

11. Motion to adjourn

12. Next Meeting February 16th 2025 @ 7:30

Meeting adjourned 8:40