

May 16th 2021 CGA Board Minutes

Attendees: Wendy Pieh, Pam Haendle, Elyse Perambo, Danielle Fowler, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, David S. DeLaMater, JoAnne Wirtz-Ryan, Heidi Dickens, Gareth Crosby, Emily Clark, Sister Mary Elizabeth, Ron Fiorica,

Wendy called the meeting to order at 7:35

1. Call to approve the April minutes

JoAnne made a motion to pass the minutes. Elyse seconded the motion.

2. Treasurer Report Submitted -Elyse Perambo

Present Balance: \$6593.75

4/12/2021-5/16/21	Income	Costs
3 membership via paypal	\$ 86.49	
Hobby Farm ad		\$ 300.00
Tax act		\$ 109.95
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IRS 2019 1120 taxes due		\$ 211.00
IRS 2020 1120 taxes due		\$ 125.00
bank paper statement fee		\$ 3.00
Firefly		\$ 1,200.00
Income	\$ 86.49	
Total fees		\$ 2,058.90
Bank balance as of 5/16/21		7793.75
After firefly payment		6593.75

Else reported that \$1200.00 will be paid this month from this balance for the Firefly database. JoAnne motioned to approve the treasurer report. Danielle seconded.

3. Database

Pam brought up Cameron's concern that she has goats that are owned by more than one farm (co-ownership) yet only the primary owner can make changes to the goat data on the database. Pam proposed that both co-owners of a goat be allowed to make changes to the information on that goat.

She would like to add this feature and have Jeremy make this change. The board unanimously agreed to have Pam pursue this feature.

4. Bylaw Reviews

Christine reported the updated bylaw approval vote results as: **23 Yes 1 No**

To modify CGA's bylaws two thirds of the membership must vote. This number ~~puts~~ is slightly under the required vote requirement to pass. Wendy also shared that Gail H., CGA consultive lawyer, has recommended further changes in the bylaw language to support our non-for-profit status. Wendy proposed that a new vote go out to the membership once these changes are made to the revised document. Wendy will follow up with Gail.

5. Style Standard Proposal

There was good feedback on the style standard proposal. Concerns regarding valid testing of fiber seems foremost at this point before a specific cut off number is established. Danielle is working with Texas A&M to conduct research with cashmere samples with both testing devices presently offered (100 versus 2000). Wendy proposed the idea of having a photo sample requirement in which the curvature could be viewed to qualify a sample for style for CGA database entry. The technological knowledge necessary, as well as the time, with this idea were the biggest concerns. Heidi asked the question, "What is the goal of the database, to enroll as many cashmere goats as possible or select only the best cashmere goats to present?" It was decided that the growth in number of registrants is primary at this point based on our present day standards, until the testing devices utilized by applicants can be proven as providing reliable data.

6. Langston University Research Project

Heidi reported that she has not heard any news from Langston.

7. Educational Seminars

Idea for future educational seminars included a session on how to register a goat into the CGA database with Pam Haendle. Danielle and Christine will look at potential dates and times for the month of June/ July.

8. Committee Check Ins

Fundraising- The Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival in Tunbridge and the NYS Sheep & Wool in Rhinebeck will offer opportunities for fundraising for CGA. Sister Mary Elizabeth shared that there are still Maurice Sendek prints available to sell during these venues. Christine will explore ideas for fundraising at these events to report back to the board.

Judging Committee – Christine will organize the information put together thus far by Cameron to pass along to the judging development committee. (Wendy, Sister Mary, Pam, Christine)

9. Social Media

Calendars are being mailed out to photo contest winners, including this month's winner, Our Rocking Age Ranch in Oregon. Danielle inquired on how to respond to those who wish to sell goats. Can we send out an email to membership or have a page on our website?

10. Other Business

- Heidi shared her recent purchase and use of the Fiberlux , a fleece testing machine. It only measures micron count but has thus far proven to be extremely accurate. Heidi is finding this device to be a useful tool in assessing her herd in a more time efficient manner.
- Elyse will be contacting individual board members for estimates of their time in relationship to specific board duties/committee work. This information is necessary for her work with Gail H. towards CGA's non--profit status.

10. Next meeting June 6 @7 :30 PM

11. Meeting adjourned 8:30