

## **May 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 CGA Board Minutes**

**Attendees:** Elyse Perambo, David Delamater, Jayne Deardorff, Lauren Slingsluff, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Micheal Pierce, Wendy Pieh, Stephanie Berk

*\*Meeting called to order at 7:37*

*Welcome & Introductions -Elyse*

### **1. Approval of the April 2024 Meeting Minutes**

David motioned to approve the minutes; Jayne seconded.

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

Treasury Report

04/14/2024 - 05/12/2024 Income Debt

Renew Membership-via PP \$28.46

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Debts

Payment to Zoom Video Communications-via PP \$159.90

Hoofprints Payment \$150.00

Brochure Printing and Graphics \$731.45

Bank Statement Fee \$03.00

Total Debts paid \$1044.35

Total funds in \$56.92

**Bank balance as 03/14/2024 \$16,432.86**

Motion to approve treasurers report Elyse, seconded by Lauren

### **3. Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival -Stephanie**

Stephanie reported a good turnout. Stephanie was in a fiber booth that let her put out 50 brochures and cashmere fiber samples. Tables are free for education not sales. Stephanie will inquire about pricing for a sales booth for next year for a future discussion with the board. This was great exposure for CGA. Thank you, Stephanie!

*\*Michael is sending the CGA trifolds to Lauren who will be the keeper of the brochures*

### **4. American Goat Federation -Tabled**

Goal: Establish a better connection with AGF since a great deal of federal funding goes through this group, as well as policy development. (i.e. lack of a cashmere category on the Sheep & Goat census) Elyse will reach out to the new president for more information and introductions.

American Goat Federation President:

Karen Koph (President)

American Goat Federation

[kkopf@americangoatfederation.org](mailto:kkopf@americangoatfederation.org)

Cindy Dusek (Secretary)

office@goatusa.org

### **3. New York State Fiber Conference Sponsorship: Sunday, June 9**

Mika will send a check for \$500.00 to

CCE of Albany County

Attention: Dara Boudreaux

24 Martin Road

Voorheesville, NY 12186

The \$500 Gold plus level includes our logo being seen on the screen between presenters and an informational table at the conference that is accessible to both the conference & festival attendees.

### **4. 2024 Educational Seminars -Danielle F.**

In the works is an upcoming program with Dr. Nancy Irlbeck (Washington University) for a program on nutrition issues specific to goats' nutrition/fleece development.

### **5. Judge Training Certification (David, Jayne, Wendy, Peter)**

Meeting 5/11- David , Jayne & Wendy shared :

- Recertification timeline & qualify

- Feedback to decide how long certification is good for: 5 or 7 years

- Criteria to be recertified, ie Proof of experience of judging in x years

- Farm Visits

- Next meeting list out ideas on how Farm Visit can support

  - Propose a scholarship amount for judges from CGA to cover travel

- Connection with AGF

- Next steps

- Review Judge Standards for final comments-review older documents

- Look through Ann Dooling report and Joe David Ross for past judging standards

- Present to CGA board for approval when all feedback and input from judges has been finalized

Peter is going to share documents and forms that will be helpful to the committee. Elyse inquired if anyone was aware of what other livestock judging certificates might look like. Stephanie has access to dairy judges for a reference. One question is if a judge is certified to be a dairy judge, do they need a form/ certificate and what are the categories of judges?

Jayne shared that it was recommended that the existing judges be listed on the website.

**6. Regional Farm Visits** – This topic will be discussed at the next Judge Certification meeting.

## **7. CGA Live show -Kathy**

### **Adirondack Fiber Show September 21<sup>st</sup> /22nd September**

#### **Update from Kathy via Initiative Committee Page :**

“I spoke to Rebecca at Washington County Fairgrounds. We are planning the CGA show as part of Adirondack Wool and Art Festival as we did last year. They have hired David Delamater as the judge and will register entries for us. We need to discuss-perhaps at the next board meeting-what classes exactly we want to offer so they can buy ribbons. They would appreciate a small donation like we gave last year to the show and would like a list of anything they can do to entice more entries this year. The education table and crafts for kids were popular and I'd like to have those as part of it this year too. I will report to her after every board meeting, so we are all on same page-so please let me know if there's anything you'd like me to mention to her throughout the year as we get closer to September. I have the list of winners of each class which I will send to Pam Haendle as I think she was the one who asked for it? Excuse my absence tonight. I look forward to seeing you all next month on Zoom. Kathy”

## **9. Other Business**

- CCGA Mountain Classic Run: Mika requested sponsorship. More information is necessary to sponsor this show.
- Stephanie has a site that CGA can look to for shows to potentially sponsor

LINK for youth scholarships:

- [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6aQ\\_0jielBI18bA99Mqg7kaZcvzhS2LLmFX7dn-fLQ8hgA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6aQ_0jielBI18bA99Mqg7kaZcvzhS2LLmFX7dn-fLQ8hgA/viewform?usp=sf_link)
- Idea for an Exhibition Show at Rhinebeck since we are not judging fleeces.
- Reach out to the University of Montana: Montana Wool Lab to identify whether they are equipped to test cashmere. Pam has had someone submit their samples using this lab for the registry.

[https://www.montana.edu/woollab/documents/\\_WOOL%20LAB%20SUBMISSION%20May%202021.pdf](https://www.montana.edu/woollab/documents/_WOOL%20LAB%20SUBMISSION%20May%202021.pdf)

**10. Motion to adjourn**

**11. Next Meeting June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 7:30**

Meeting adjourned 8: 44.