

November 17th , 2019 CGA Board Minutes

Attendees: Sister Mary Elizabeth Garrett, Pam Haendle, Wendy Pieh, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Elyse Perambo, Danielle Fowler, JoAnne Wirtz-Ryan, David DeLaMater, Cameron Falkowski

Guest: Ron Fiorica (NWCA President)

Absent: Heidi Dickens, Heidi Krause

Wendy called the meeting to order at 7:35

Pam moved we accept the October minutes as written; David seconded; motion passed.

1. Treasurer Report (*Refer to the treasurer report submitted by Elyse attached)

NY Sheep & Wool with the Vermont show made about \$1000.00 for CGA

Balance: \$6000.00

New PayPal account is not open yet , but Elyse & pam are working on it !

Wendy and Elyse have CGA credit cards and check books

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by JoAnne, seconded by Cameron.

Motion passed

2. Database (Pam)

No new issues. Presently working on generating a certificate for any goat kid w/o a fleece until a first fleece can be examined. 157 goats have been registered. The 2018 NW fleece competition had no length recorded on the score cards. Question as to if we are including uniformity or not?

Nora Kravis from Chianti Cashmere is working with the Italian government to create a European cashmere database. It was agreed to share the basic structure and key elements of the database with the hopes that the information is consistent to allow for a potential future interface. The board was in consensus that we are interested in collaborating to support such a model.

4. Hoofprints

David DeLaMater, Lorianne Fell and Pam Haendle are heading up Hoofprints this year !

Board members are asked to submit a picture or article. Due at the end of this month.

5. Website

Up and running! The idea was suggested to add more information to the "frequently asked question" section such as our response to PETA publishing and database questions.

JoAnne volunteered her time and expertise with the website.

6. 2019 Small Ruminant Management and Fiber Conference in Review (Christine)

- Overall positive feedback about the conference from attendees, presenters & Cornell
- Financials are to still be determined as we have not received all the donations

- Handouts and presentations are being uploaded onto links by Cornell. Once available the links will be accessible on the CGA website.
- In order to gather possible evaluation that were not completed it was recommended that a digital evaluation form be sent to all attendees.

7. Future Fiber and Live Goat Show

- Possible locations for show venues include the Big E in Massachusetts, Virginia and West Coast.
- A show committee consisting of Sister Mary Elizabeth, Cameron Falkowski, and Danielle Fowler will explore options for future shows.
- Another goal will be gather information on 4-H groups throughout the US that are inclusive of cashmere goats.

8. Judging Development Committee

A judging committee was created which includes David DeLaMater, Pam Heandle, Wendy Pieh and Cameron Falkowski

9. Other Business

A new membership list for 2020 will be started on the website/membership access page. The 2019 membership list will be saved and archived. Members who joined in October 2019 will have active membership status for 2020.

11. Next meeting December 15th, 2019 @ 7:30

12. Meeting adjourned 8: 30