

November 19th 2023 CGA Board Minutes

Attendees: Wendy Pieh, David S DeLaMater, Mary Marchewka, Pam Haendle, Elyse Perambo, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Emily Weesner Clark, Jaclyn Severance, Jayne Deardorff, Katherine Ashland, Lauren Slingluff, Mika Ingerman, Stephanie Berk, Danielle Choiniere, Gareth Crosby, Pam & Bob Marshall, Michael Pierce

**Meeting called to order at 8:35 immediately following the Members Annual*

**Approval of September 2023 meeting minutes and treasurer report and committee updates occurred at the November Member's Meeting*

1. Approval of Officers

Elyse Perambo was nominated by Wendy for president. Christine seconded.

Elyse accepted to leave the position of treasurer to assume the position of president.

Christine nominated Lauren Slingluff for vice president, Pam seconded.

David was nominated for treasurer to be confirmed at our next meeting.

Pam nominated Christine for secretary. Wendy seconded. Christine accepted the nomination of secretary.

2. Approval of CGA Educational Trifold Printing Cost

Michael discussed the stock options as 78 pound or glossy. Michael has examples of both types of copies. Michael suggested that 10 copies of each be made and sent to board members for approval. The glossy price point is a bit higher. Michael will send copies to Lauren and Kathy for a quality check before a decision on printing 1000 copies. Christine will send the addresses to mail those copies to Lauren and Kathy. Approval tabled until December.

Quote:

They offer two types of stock, 70# and 100# gloss.

The prices for 1,000 are:

70# text uncoated, \$510.00 + tax

100# gloss text \$651.00 + tax

3. Livestock Conservancy – Danielle James Choiniere

Danielle shared that the Livestock Conservancy is a non-profit. In August Danielle contacted the Conservancy about the possibility for North American Cashmere Goat to be included on their registry. Danielle explained the advantages and services offered by this organization.

tatiana shared that we are creating a breed versus preserving a breed which she noticed they are doing with the American Yak.

Kathy is familiar with this organization as they raise the San Clemente Goats which are on the conservatory. She shared that since we have an open breed/ registry, meaning that as long as a goat meets the criteria for the North American Breed Standard it qualifies, without necessary having its sires being registrants, will the Conservatory quality North American cashmeres? If not, then we may qualify under the “study” category. Danielle will follow up with the Conservatory to inquire more on our potential status.

PARAMETERS OF BREEDS ON THE CONSERVATION PRIORITY LIST

1. The breed is from one of the seven traditional U.S. livestock species: cattle, donkeys, goats, horses, pigs, rabbits, and sheep.
2. The breed census satisfies numerical guidelines:
 - Critical: Fewer than 200 annual registrations in the United States and estimated global population less than 2,000.
 - Threatened: Fewer than 1,000 annual registrations in the United States and estimated global population less than 5,000.
 - Watch: Fewer than 2,500 annual registrations in the United States and estimated global population less than 10,000. Also included are breeds that present genetic or numerical concerns or have a limited geographic distribution.
 - Recovering: Breeds that were once listed in another category and have exceeded Watch category numbers but are still in need of monitoring.
 - Study: Breeds that are of genetic interest but either lack definition or lack genetic or historical documentation.
3. The breed is a true genetic breed (when mated together, it reproduces the breed type).
4. The breed has an established and continuously breeding population in the United States since 1925. Or, if imported or developed since 1925,
 - The foundation stock is no longer available.
 - Must be below global guidelines for inclusion (see #2).
 - Must have at least three breeding lines in the United States.
 - Must have at least twenty breeding females in the United States.
 - Must have at least five breeders in different locations in the United States.
 - Must have an association of breeders in the United States.
 - Must be contributing to the breed’s survival internationally. In general this means that:
 - the United States population is reciprocal to other international populations. Registry must be sanctioned by the mother organization so as not to be a dead-end for the breed, and breeding stock must be licensed according to the rules of mother organization;
 - or is an important and numerous population when compared to that in other countries;
 - or the non-United States populations of the breed are at risk geographically or politically.

Breeds not meeting all these criteria may be placed in the “Study” category and monitored.

4. Other Business

Jayne asked that we add a recipe section to Hoofprints.

5. Motion to adjourn

Next Meeting December 10th @ 7:30

Meeting adjourned 9:05

2023 Cornell Sheep & Goat Symposium

Friday October 27th – 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm: Hands-on afternoon on the Cornell Campus Registration in the Lobby of Morrison Hall. Advance sign-ups required. We will walk to the 3 pm workshops from the Lobby. Please let us know in advance if you will require transport instead.			
3:00 pm	Processing goats and sheep for meat, <i>Jessica Waltemyer, Cornell Univ.</i> B38 Morrison Hall & Meat Plant (previous sign –up required) 1) euthanasia options 2) carcass evaluation, 3) cut up & processing	Hands-on skills for new farmers Livestock Pavilion 1) Demonstration station 2) Lambing/Kidding Station 3) Hoof care Station 4) Health care Station	How to do a field necropsy, <i>Dr. Mary Smith, DVM, Cornell Univ.</i> 174 Morrison Hall, (previous sign –up required) Work in teams of 4 or 5 under the guidance of Dr. Mary Smith DVM to learn to do field necropsies and collect important information/photos for your veterinarian and yourself
5:00 pm to 7 pm	Intro to Artificial Insemination, <i>Dr. Megan Bernard, DVM, Cornell Univ.</i> Advance sign-up required. B82 Morrison Hall and later Livestock Pavilion		
Saturday Oct 28th – Morrison Hall, Cornell Campus			
8:00 am: Registration and continental breakfast (132 Morrison Hall) – Producer and other association displays on the first floor of Morrison Hall throughout the day			
8:30 am: Welcome (146 Morrison Hall), <i>Dr. Thomas Overton, Cornell Univ. Animal Science Dept. Chair</i>			
8:45 am: Vector ailments of increasing concern: Cache Valley Fever, deer worm & tickborne ailments, <i>Dr. Mary Smith, DVM Cornell Univ.</i>	Introduction to laparoscopic AI and embryo transfer in small ruminants, <i>Dr. Rachael Gately, DVM, Tufts Univ. by ZOOM</i>		
9:40 am: Preventing, ID'ing & Treating Mastitis, <i>Katherine Rose Gottwald, graduate student, Cornell QMPS Lab.</i>	Farmer panel: diversifying your on-farm enterprises (goat yoga, on-farm stores, etc.) Lively Run Creamery, Lochan Mor Farm, Otter Lake Farm, Springside Farm	9:40 am to 11:50 am: Hands-on skills for new farmers, Livestock Pavilion 1) Demonstration Station 2) Lambing/Kidding Station 3) Hoof care Station 4) Health care Station	
10:35 am: Diagnosis, control & eradication of high impact diseases: CAE, OPP, CL and infectious abortions, <i>Dr. Kimberly Snedden, DVM, Cornell AHDC</i>	Farm Income Taxes 101, <i>Christen Adels, MBA, Munchin Hill Farm, ADGA District 2 Director</i>		
11:30 am Diagnosis, control & eradication of Johnes, <i>Dr. Jessica Scillieri-Smith, DVM, NYS DAM</i>	Updates from NYS Ag & Markets: Certification programs, funding opportunities, OC antibiotics, NYSSGHAP, <i>Dr. Eireann Collins, DVM; Kathryn Davis, Econ. Dev. Program Spec.</i>		Members of NYSDGBA should report to Rm 348 to pick up lunches at ~12:05 pm so that you can meet with your regional directors in a separate room during lunch to discuss topics brought up at American Dairy Goat Assoc. Annual Convention, etc.

Friday October 27th – Sunday October 29th, 2023

Sponsored by Cashmere Goat Assoc, Empire Sheep Producers Assoc., NYS Dairy Goat Breeders Assoc. & Cornell Small Ruminant Program

12:20 pm: Lunch in 348 Morrison Hall for mo, Association displays on the first floor of Morrison Hall			
1:20 pm Handling systems for sheep & goats , critiquing several examples, <i>Betsy Hodge, Dr. Niko Kochendoerfer, Rich Toebe, Jess Waltemyer.</i> Cornell Teaching Barns	1:20 pm to 3:15 pm Using ADGA Records to help make breeding decisions , <i>Jim VanDerlinde, ADGA Performance Programs Manager</i>	Fiber Fun , <i>Bruce Berggren-Thomas, Cornell Univ.</i>	Intro to Lotion making – <i>Michele Kline, Nellie's Knoll Creamery will demonstrate how to make goat milk body lotions</i>
2:20 pm Impact of nutrition, genetics and season on reproductive outcomes , <i>Dr. Richard Ehrhardt, Michigan State Univ.</i>		2:20 to 4:30 pm Intro to Fiber Evaluation: evaluating cashmere, mohair, and various wool fleeces, suitability for different products/market supply chains – <i>Marcia Weinert, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, etc.</i>	2:20 to ~5:00 pm Beginning Cheesemaking – instarella mozzarella and chevre, <i>Michele Kline, Nellie's Knoll Creamery</i> – advance sign-up required for this hands-on class.
3:15 Refreshment break			
3:30 pm Forage & grain finishing systems for lambs and meat kids , <i>Dr. Richard Ehrhardt, Michigan State Univ.</i>	Raising dairy kids to reach their full potential , <i>Don George, Majenli Dairy Goats</i>	Fiber evaluation cont.	Cheesemaking cont.
4:30 pm: Questions with answers by the speakers (146 Morrison Hall)			
5:15 pm: Done for the day! Safe travels to those of you returning home that evening!!!			
Sunday Oct 29th – Meet in Lobby			
9:00 am to 12:30 PM: Integrated parasite management and FAMACHA Certification workshop, <i>Janice Liotta, Dwight Bowman Parasitology Lab, Cornell Univ., and Dr. tatiana Stanton, Cornell Univ.</i> Previous sign-up required, 101 Morrison Hall. <i>FAMACHA cards available for purchase at \$16 each. Bring bag lunch if you wish. We also encourage you to bring a refrigerated fecal sample from one animal in your herd. If you have a microscope at home and are having trouble adjusting it, you may also bring it.</i>			
12:30 pm Adjourn! HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU!			