

September 11th 2022 CGA Board Minutes

Attendees: Wendy Pieh , Elyse Perambo, Emily Clark, Loriann Fell , Danielle Fowler, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Pam Haendle, Ann Taylor, Jayne Deardorff

Wendy called the meeting to order at 7:35

Danielle motioned to approve the August 2022 minutes and Emily seconded.

1. Treasurer Report Submitted -Elyse Perambo

Danielle motioned to accept the treasurers report. Emily seconded

8/15/22-9/11/22 Income Debt

1/2 page Ad -CM \$41.01

Debts

Paper fee 1 \$3.00

CGA Stickers-Sticker Mule \$287.68

CGA Pins-Wizard Pins \$284.40

CGA Show Ribbons \$398.90

Total fees and donation in \$41.01

Total Debts paid \$973.98

Bank balance as of 9/11/22 \$6,871.08

TO discuss tonight

Live Goat Show Insurance

Sponsorship from Clean Cashmere for \$412

Goat Show vrs Demo

2. Database

Pam reported that she made a request to Jeremy for the development of a pedigree document generator. Pam sent two options to him; however, it was challenging to fit everything with 4 generations on one page. Danielle shared that it would be best to have it all on one page with a smaller font. Emily shared her example of her pedigree document with a small font. Christine emailed this example to Pam to share with Jeremy as an example of how to fit all the necessary data on the same page. Wendy asked if there would be a stamp or watermark for validation. Danielle commented that we do own a CGA watermark from Bella's logo work. Danielle shared her example from the Dairy Goat Association. Pam will share these examples with Jeremy.

3. Texas A&M/ Langston Study

Danielle reached out to Langston for an update regarding our project collaboration for the two slated research projects. Langston asked that members please continue to mail in their DNA samples. However, IF your samples have been in a hot location, please retake your samples for

the DNA testing. Dawn has left the lab and there is a new administer. Danielle has a meeting scheduled this week to touch base on the status of the two research projects. Langston is in possession of all of Heidi's samples to test with three different procedures to compare diameter data. The discrepancy with Yocum's data regarding diameter numbers sparked this research. Danelle will report back on the outcome of her meeting this week at next month's board meeting.

4. Educational Programs

The new head of the American Goat Federation attended. She attended our last meeting and might be at the NY Sheep & Wool Festival in Rhinebeck where we could create some content for CGA. No confirmation to date.

Jayne volunteered to do a presentation on dehairing cashmere.

Wendy will reach out to Jaclyn Severance about having a professional article about cashmere written that CGA could use to share accurate information about raising cashmere goats that in turn could then be used for future articles and the website.

5. Fundraising

Danielle shared that some of the new merchandise has arrived including two different styled stickers, a car sticker, a magnet, and enamel pins are on the way! These will be ready to sell at the Vermont Sheep & Wool and the New York State Sheep & Wool.

6. Show Committee Update –

New York Sheep & Wool Festival, Rhinebeck, NY

Elyse asked that we get more members involved in the booth since it is too top heavy with board members. Danielle and Christine will share this information with membership /social media.

Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival, October 1st & 2nd, Turnbridge, VT

Elyse shared that there have been no sign ups for the show to date. The deadline is the 16th. Emily was excited over the potential of a virtual show since it could involve more participants. Danielle commented that Mika did a working and sporting group did a virtual show that was successful.

Loriann wondered if we might still have a presentation/demo from David since he has reserved a room. Elyse commented that a virtual show could be slated for next year. The live animal insurance for the year would be about \$500 for the year. The discussion revolved around slating a demo by David versus an actual show for spectators to learn more about cashmere goats. David might be available to have fleeces assessed if folks want to bring them. After much discussion it was decided to wait until the deadline for entry and have an executive board meeting to decide on the future of the show and its venue with these ideas in mind.

7. Endorsement of Future Judge

Wendy endorsed David DeLaMater as a future conformation judge. David has been approved by CGA as a judge for fiber. Christine shared the developing criteria for becoming a judge that has come out of judge criteria committee. It was explained that none of the present recommendations of this criteria have been approved yet by the board however they have been developed by present day recognized CGA judges.

Jayne noted that she would like to see a certificate be issued to qualified /recognized judges by CGA. Jayne motioned to approve David as a judge. The conversation reverted to the developing criteria in which two CGA judges are required to endorse a candidate. The written evaluation and the experiential time component (ringside or on farm experience with a trained judge) was waived in this discussion due these components not being fully developed by the committee.

Wendy recommended that a zoom session be arranged in which David can demonstrate his knowledge of conformation with at least one other judge (Peter/Jayne) present. Both judges will then submit their recommendation to the board to endorse David's conformation-judging status as a judge. The board noted that they have full faith in David's ability to be an excellent judge but also noted the importance of following the developing criteria which will be utilized for future judges. Christine motioned to have David arrange a zoom video in which he can demonstrate his knowledge of conformation with at least one other judge to move forward with his conformation certification. Danielle seconded.

- During the April 2020 Judge Committee Meeting headed by Cameron Falkowski the following judges were recognized and grandfathered as consultants: Wendy Pieh , Peter Goth, Heidi Krause, Jane Deardorff, Becky Bemus, Phil Smith, Linda Fox, Joe David Ross, Terry Sim, Cynthia Herren
- *At this same committee meeting it was recommended that judges request an updated certificate every two years so CGA will know who is actively judging. This information will be included in the CGA judging guidelines.*

8. Social media

Danielle reports that there is continued content and interest with posts. Danielle is hopeful that she might get some content from Katie Carruth, from AGF if she attends the NYS Sheep & Wool Festival this year.

9. Other Business

Annual Meeting October 9th @ 7:30 & October Board Meeting to follow via Zoom

Up for re-election 2024-2026 (2 yr. term): Wendy, Heidi, Emily, Gareth

New: Jayne Deardorff

Other possible board member recruits;

Michael Pierce

Jayne Deardorff- agreed to join the board!

Paisley Ashland

Mika

Ann Taylor

tatianna Stanton

Fiber Artisans- Ruby Wolfe, Jaclyn Sansevere

*Christine will send an email out to the above possible candidates to inquiry if they would be interested in serving a 2 yr. term on the board

10. Meeting adjourned 8:50