

Cashmere Goat Association (CGA)
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 14th **Time:** 7:30 PM **Location:** Virtual (Zoom)

Attendance

Present: Elyse Perambo (Chair), Pam Marshall (Treasurer/Judge), Christine McBrearty-Hulse (Secretary), Nadya Pena (Media), Jayne Deardroff, Cody Sargent & Kateri (assistant/volunteer), Mary & David (Dough Haven Farm), Lauren Slingluff, Kathy Ashland, Pam Haendle, Wendy Pieh, Mike Pierce, Ann Taylor

Call to Order & Approvals

- Meeting called to order by Elyse Perambo.
- Prior Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve last month's board meeting minutes; motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Motion made and seconded to approve; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Summary)

Balances & activity highlights:

- Beginning balance: \$14,499.01 (noted verbally).
- Memberships: 2 new; 1 renewal; PayPal fees: \$5.82.
- Software: (\$211.98).
- State filings: Vermont Secretary of State update (\$45).
- Adirondack show processing: 21 fleece entries (\$210) + 1 fleece evaluation (\$5).
- Insurance: paid (was for Rhinebeck). Ribbons: \$453.34.
- PayPal bal: \$204.74; Chase bank bal: \$13,834.13; Outstanding check to Brad (web hosting) \$270 → available approx. \$13,768.87.

	Prev total 8/16/25				\$14,499.01	
8/16/25-9/13/25		Income	Expense	Transfers		
	2 New Memberships	\$60.00				
	1 Renewal Membership	\$30.00				
	PayPal		\$5.82			

	Otter.ai, Inc - Translation software, 1yr - 2 users			\$211.98		
	VT Secretary of State - update CGA info			\$45.00		
	ADK Fleece Show Entries 21@\$10	\$210.00				
	ADK Fleece Evaluations 1@\$5	\$5.00				
	Rhinebeck Insurance			\$49.00		
	ADK Ribbons			\$453.34		
	PayPal Balance as of 9/13/25				\$204.74	
	Chase Bank Balance as of 9/13/25				\$13,834.13	
	Totals 9/13/25	\$305.00	\$765.14	\$0.00	\$14,038.87	
					\$14,038.87	bal verification
	Pending:					
#1029	Brad Zehr - CGA website hosting & security			\$270.00		
					\$13,768.87	Available Balance

Show Planning: Adirondack Live Goat & Fleece Shows

Logistics & equipment

- Fairgrounds liaison: Sarah (GM). Needs list to be emailed (tables, rooms, arena, PA/mic, power/extension cords, desk lamps).
- Ask fair: threshold number of pens to get a dedicated goat barn rather than sharing with sheep.
- Bring extra extension cords (in good condition) and task lighting. A magnifying/fly-tying lamp may be useful.

- Scale & container for fleece weighing (food scale up to ~5 lb; lightweight bowl/bucket).
Dryer sheets for static control.

Volunteers & roles

- Ring steward & announcer: Cody Sargent. Show scribe covered.
- Fleece prep crew (bagging/labeling/weighing/scribing): Cody, Rose, Ella, Kateri (Sun), plus others as available.
- Fleece organizer (live show tables): Elyse.
- General runner/gopher day-of: Kathy Ashland.

Entries & schedule

- Live goats: ~46–50 entries expected; (~40 fleeces).
- Plan: Judge show fleeces Friday PM and Sat AM aiming to finish by ~10–11 AM; live show start time may need to begin earlier than 1 PM given volume.
- Fleece show (Sun): ~65 fleeces expected.
- Vet check at gate per fairgrounds; confirm check-in hours for Fri/Sat.

Health paperwork

- Rabies/CVI: Practice varies by state; CVI indicating rabies vaccination date has been acceptable in NY. Estes does not require rabies; CVI needed. Elyse to confirm with GM.

Bedding & feed

- Local sources: Agway nearby; Country Power Products (~1 mile) has hay & straw; explore delivery.
- CGA will fund bedding hay: Motion passed to approve up to \$300 for hay for showgrounds.

Education table & outreach

- Banner: locate CGA banner (Dorothy may have one; follow up).
- Brochures: Lauren to send 100 to Elyse (plus QR code sign to Linktree).
- Hands-on fiber board: Cody to bring; replace missing samples as needed.
- Kids' craft supplies, tablecloths, baskets, tape/string: Kathy to bring.
- Social: Nadya to tag the fairgrounds where possible; post cashmere info pieces and cute goat photos.

Rhinebeck Festival Booth

- Submission link is live on CGA website; insurance and NY sales tax certificate are in place.
- Action: Obtain Vermont state non-profit exemption documentation to avoid paying sales tax on CGA purchases (e.g., ribbons).
- Product intake deadlines: Mail by Oct 13 to Elyse; in-person drop-off Fri Oct 17 between 3–5 pm (confirm year).

- Commission: 15%. Products should contain cashmere; blends are fine (historically 20%+ accepted). Cases <10% may require board review.

Judging: Cards, Guidebook & Training

- Judging cards: Elyse designed new card; will print and distribute (to Pam; sets for in-person; mail to Jane, Peter, Wendy).
- Guidebook: Peter provided a printed workshop packet (2023). Christine and Elyse may have a prior digital PDF (Draft 2020). Kateri to assemble slides; Christine to compare materials and share digital assets.
- Mentorship: Wendy to ask Peter to email Pam with guidance on mentoring Ella toward judge qualification.
- Judge training program: multi-phase work over the next year; will need Peter's input.

Media & Hoof Prints

- Social media: Nadya to continue show reminders (avoid over-saturation); request everyone take/share photos from the show. Post-show: Regional Ambassador push and Rhinebeck booth posts.
- Hoof Prints: Recent issue shipped—great work. Some ads arrived late/with issues; board to discuss make-goods (carryover to next issue and/or social highlights).
- Next issue target: Late Nov / early Dec (to include show & fleece results and membership reminder). Content deadline target: Nov 15; ad list finalized by early Nov.

Webinars

- Mike Pierce recovering from surgery; scheduling to resume. Board to brainstorm topics next meeting; consider recycling strong past webinars.

Regional Ambassadors

- Applications remain open; at least two received. Biggest gap: Western region (CA/OR and surrounding).
- Nadya to post a call for Ambassadors post-show; highlight priority regions.

Cornell Sheep & Goat Symposium (November)

- Featured speaker: Christopher (University of Montana; fiber genetics/breeding).
- CGA donated \$500; members expected to receive a registration discount—Christine to confirm with Tatiana and email membership.

Research Topic: Shrubland & Goat Nutrition

- Cody researching shrubland development to enhance goat nutrition; pursuing potential NRCS funding pathways.
- Requests: books/articles/webinars on tree fodder, browse-based nutrition (60–70% from shrubs), plant lists for habitat + grazing synergy.
- Pam to check with CSU researcher contact; Tatiana may provide academic connections.

Action Items

- Elyse: Email fairgrounds GM (Sarah) the consolidated needs list; confirm rabies/CVI acceptance; confirm tables (2 edu tables), power/cords, vet check hours.
- All: Bring extension cords/desk lamps as backups; confirm scale/bowl for fleece weighing.
- Elyse & Pam: Secure Vermont state non-profit tax-exempt paperwork for purchases; coordinate Rhinebeck booth details on website and social.
- Lauren → Elyse: Ship 100 brochures + QR code signage. Kathy: bring tablecloths, baskets, tape/string. Cody: bring fiber board; replace missing fibers.
- Nadya: Tag fairground page where possible; schedule Ambassador call post-show; collect & post show photos; Rhinebeck intake blurb with deadlines.
- Elyse: Print judging cards; distribute at show and mail to remote judges (Jane, Peter, Wendy).
- Christine & Elyse: Locate digital Judge Guidebook; share with Kateri. Kateri: build PowerPoint from materials.
- Wendy: Ask Peter to email Pam with mentoring guidance for Ella before the show if possible.
- Pam: Contact CSU researcher (via vet's husband) on shrubland/browse nutrition; report back.
- Christine: Confirm Cornell symposium member discount with Tatiana; email membership.
- Pam & Elyse: Reconcile late/paid ads and propose make-good plan for next meeting.

Next Meeting & Adjournment

- Next meeting: Thursday, October 12 at 7:30 PM (virtual).
- Meeting adjourned.