

SPPGA Winter Meeting

January 5, 2019

Sonoma, CA

The meeting was held at The Palms Grill in Sonoma, California and called to order at 11:53 a.m.

I. Officer Reports

- a. President-Courtne Braziel had nothing to report.
- b. Vice President-JT Struthers had nothing to report.
- c. Treasurer-Katie Ellebrecht passed out the treasurer's report to those present and announced that only two shows profited in 2018. Some of the losses (highlighted) shown for the Fall Frolic will roll over to be expenses for the 2019 show season since the show was cancelled. She will check on the car rental expense as there was some discrepancy as to the amount we should have been charged. Also, part of the airfare for Jeff will roll over as well (not highlighted). Accounts are in good shape at this point.
- d. Secretary-Lynn Braziel reported that the minutes had been emailed out. Motion was made to approve the minutes as they were sent out. M/S/C – Katie/ JT.

II. Director, Coordinator, & Committee Reports

- a. Directors Report-Kathy Griffiths and Jane Coneybeer announced the New Business agenda items to be discussed at the NPGA Board meeting to be held in Phoenix later this month. At the request of our attendees each item was read so we could hold discussion on each item. We came to a consensus as to how SPPGA wanted to be represented by our directors at the NPGA meeting. Those items are as follows:
 - a. Judges' candidate requirement to complete a two day judging clinic- SPPGA feels that it should be required for first time candidates and optional for those who have already taken it.
 - B. Livescan of volunteers, agents, and/or others working on behalf of NPGA – A question was raised as to how a representative is defined (anyone holding a show or clinic?). Also, who will be paying for it, monitoring the results, and what are the repercussions of not doing it? What level of livescanning are they suggesting? SPPGA is against this proposal.
 - C. Inserting new requirements into the show rules that if the Senior Ch is named Grand Ch. there must be 20 does in a show and 8 bucks in a show with 8/4 in the Senior division with at least two senior classes being judged respectively. The winning goat must be named Senior and Grand Ch or be recording the win by default as Reserve Grand - SPPGA is opposed to this proposal.
 - D. Reimbursement for the Assistant Clinician –SPPGA feels that the NPGA needs to create the position prior to approving a stipend for the position.
 - E. Change Secretary job description regarding timelines as to when minutes will be prepared and sent out to the Executive Committee for review from 60 days to 15 days with the Committee responding within 7 days so copies can then be sent to the Directors. Directors will have 7 days to review and provide input before publishing drafts to chairs, Memo editor and the Webmaster for posting - Elaine explained the agenda item as a housekeeping item. SPPGA feels that the way it is written currently it would need to be in agreement and then maybe a tweak to allow a little more time for the secretary.

- F. A change in the NPGA By-laws Section 6.2 to be published in the next Memo- Elaine explained that this is an outdated clause that needs to be cleaned up. SPPGA is good with that.
 - G. Temporary waiver of Sanction Fees for the Ohio State Fair Open Pygmy Goat Shows - SPPGA says emphatically NO!
 - H. NPGA Rules and Regulations Section 10-C (4) be changed to include a term of two years for the NPGA Clinician and an Assistant Clinician. SPPGA is opposed to this as it is written.
 - Ad Hoc report item 1 – The proposal is that a director must be a member of the NPGA and physically reside in the region they are representing for at least 11 months per calendar year. If not, they must inform the NPGA and resign – SPPGA is in agreement.
 - Ad Hoc Report 2 – The proposal is that a change be included to include in Rules and Regulations 12 B in order to receive a ballot and vote in an NPGA election for regional director and/or vacancy director a member must be a member for one full calendar year prior to voting. This would protect votes from being stacked. SPPGA supports this proposal.
- b. Webmaster-Monica Wilcox asked if anyone had any other ideas of things they would like to see on the website. It was suggested by Tammi that maybe some health items from NPGA or a link to it. It was also suggested that maybe upcoming meetings could be posted.
 - c. Judge Selection/Procurement Committee-Tammi Josephson reported that she is keeping track of when she notifies judges. All is going well. It was brought up that with the new format of three shows we might want to look at the layout of the shows., specifically the three buck shows back to back to back. This requires Friday’s judge to stay an extra hotel night and possibly an extra day of car rental. A motion was made to have the does and bucks Friday night and the wethers, showmanship, wethers, does, bucks, bucks, Saturday and showmanship, wethers and does Sunday. M/S/C - Lisa/Gina. JT made a suggestion we start at 8 a.m. on Sat.
 - d. Membership Coordinator-Monica Wilcox reported we have 16 current members. She will be collecting dues at Cloverdale. Hopefully Pay-pal will make things easier for payments. Katie is working on getting it up and going. Lisa brought up the question of how refunds would be made with Pay-pal if we ever had a situation like the cancellation of a show. Tabled to next meeting. Katie will get answers.
 - e. Youth coordinator-Tammi Josephson announced that she has turned over the position to Angie Skillman for 2019. She will give her spread sheets. Tammi will make changes to the forms for high point.

III. Show Chair Reports

- a. Cloverdale – Tammi reported all is well
 - i. February 15-17
 - ii. JT Struthers (Saturday judge and Manny Antonacci (Youth and Sunday judge).
- b. Gridley Spring Classic – Courtnie reported that she just received the contract and the fees have gone up by \$160. It was suggested that we hold the April show in Red Bluff. It’s a little cheaper by about \$200 and better for inclement weather. JT reported that Susanville is about half the price of Red Bluff. However, the Reno flights are more expensive than Sacramento flights. Courtnie reported that she is still looking for other alternatives. Gina and Katie are looking in their area. Courtnie will talk to Gridley to get a prediction on when the Camp Fire animals, etc. will be out. Elaine made a motion that we hold the 2019 show in Red Bluff. M/S/C – Elaine/Gina. A suggestion was made for the club to buy portable pens in the future.
 - i. April 5-7

- ii. Jeff Smith/David Wortham/Jennifer Lozoya
- c. Gold Country Classic will be held in Red Bluff.
 - i. May 17-19
 - ii. Judges TBD
- d. California State Fair is tentatively July 16-19.
 - i. Open judges TBD
 - ii. Youth show-Elaine Krieg
- e. Sonoma County Fair show has been cancelled after this last year. Apparently, there was a lot of problems causing the cancellation by the Fair Board.
- f. Harvest Show (Fair has been replaced by Show since there is a misconception that it is a Fair.) JT reported he has the contract. Kevin will judge the Friday show, April Seiler will judge the Saturday show, and Corey Christofferson the Sunday show. The dates are September 27-29 in Susanville. They want \$150 now to hold the dates. The check will be held and returned.
- g. Goat-tober-Fest – Tammi reported all is good. The show will be held in Red Bluff.
 - i. October 18-20
 - ii. Bryson Staley/TBD
 - iii. Youth show-October 18; judge TBD
- h. Fall Frolic – Lisa wanted to know if we are asking for a refund for 2018. It was determined we should ask for a refund minus the \$250 deposit to hold the November 2019 dates.
 - i. November 8-10
 - ii. Judges TBD
 - iii. Youth show-November 8; judge TBD

IV. Old Business

- a. none

V. New Business

- a. By-Law/Protocol Review – We need to make some changes to our By-laws. Also, we need to establish a Code of Conduct. Points to consider in the By-laws:
 1. We need to protect our club by establishing guidelines for voting. The Bay Area Pygmy Goat Club has very tight regulations. It was suggested members go a full calendar year before being allowed to vote. A lapse in membership constitutes a new member status. We need to shorten the dues timeline to January 31. Elaine and Lisa began working on the new guidelines for By-laws.
 2. A motion was made to provide an incentive to become a member by charging \$8/entry for SPPGA members, \$10/entry for non-members, with an additional \$2 late fee- M/S/C – Katie/Tammy.
 3. Code of Conduct of SPPGA will be abided by as signed by entrant on the entry form.
 4. Procedures for emergency decision making-JT brought up that Robert's Rules of Order provide that we can amend the agenda at a meeting. The E-Board made a decision to cancel the Nov. show due to the Camp Fire. The E-Board also determined a need to add a third show at Susanville due to reduced entries. Tammy noted the need to have trust in the exec board. JT noted that the E-Board needs to act in the best interest of the club. A motion was made to allow the E-Board to make decisions in the best interest of the club if a decision needs to be made prior to the next meeting. M/S/C – JT/Emily.
 5. A motion was made that all bank fees be paid by anyone who has insufficient funds, bounces a check, or stops payment on checks payable to SPPGA. M/S/C – JT/Lynn. In addition they will be responsible for any costs incurred in recovering these funds.

6. Suspension of membership if member is not in good standing.
7. Payment guidelines to add to membership form. By-laws and Code of Conduct reference adherence. What will the penalty be for not being in good standing? How will future payments be made?

A Committee to revise the SPPGA By-laws was made up of Elaine, Lisa, Katie, and Angela Garvin.

- b. Changing sequence of showmanship-older kids go first due to the younger kids being able to watch and learn from the older kids. The membership decided the younger kids would just get bored and really won't watch the older kids. The sequence will remain as is.
 - c. Posting class lists outside the show ring instead of printing programs – It was suggested that programs no longer be printed for shows due to costs. It was motioned that we will only post the program on the website on Wednesday prior to the show so those who want a program can print their own. Also, a class list will be posted outside the show ring in a binder. M/S/C -Emily/Lynn.
 - d. Purchasing insurance – Katie reported that Tammi has been checking on insurance for one year. She found a company, Sportsman Insurance Agency, that quoted \$562 a year as opposed to the Cal Fair insurance that currently costs about \$900. We need to find out if it only covers our 5 weekends. A breakdown of the coverage was provided as it compares to State property requirements. A motion was made to purchase the insurance providing it meets the requirements for the fairgrounds. M/S/C – JT/Lisa.
 - e. Our By-laws can be amended by the membership at any membership meeting. In order to enter an SPPGA event all outstanding debt/fees must be paid in full by certified check or money order prior to entries being accepted. M/S/C – Katie/ JT.
 - f. Hold Harmless – We have a Hold Harmless Agreement on our entry forms. We need to include our Code of Conduct. A motion was made to add to our Hold Harmless Agreement to include a notice on the entry form and the membership form that entrants have read and will abide by the SPPGA Show bill, SPPGA By-laws and the SPPGA Code of Conduct and entry forms pertaining to this event or show with a signature line. Show Chairs will have copies of both at all shows for entrants to sign. M/S/C – Elaine/Lisa.
 - g. We are adopting the Rocky Mountain Pygmy Goat Club Code of Conduct with changes to reflect SPPGA as the club name. Also, a Grievance in writing needs to be shortened to ten days. The accused has ten days to respond in writing. A meeting regarding the grievance with the participants within 30 days of receiving the written grievance and response. M/S/C – Katie/Tammi. A motion was made to add the Hold Harmless agreement verbiage to our membership application with a signature line and the Code of Conduct be attached to the application as a second page. M/S/C – Katie /JT.
 - h. JT asked if we can remove Jane and Kathy from the SPPGA website due to the lack of their support of our club. Directors don't have to be included since they are not members of our club.
- VI. Adjourn Meeting – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:38. M/S/C – JT/Emily.

The next meeting will be at the April show.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Braziel.