

SPPGA MEETING

January 4, 2020

Red Bluff, CA

Meeting was called to order by President Courtnie Braziel at 11:43 with 21 members represented.

I. Officer Reports

- a. President-Courtnie Braziel had nothing to report.
- b. Vice President-JT Struthers had nothing to report.
- c. Treasurer-Katie Ellebrecht gave the report of what monies are currently in our accounts. She also announced that our club made a little money last year so our changes seem to be working. Katie then passed out an accounting of all the expenses that our judges have so we can be informed when we discuss judges. David asked about the convention funds. Katie explained that the bank (Wells Fargo) wanted to do a credit check on her in order to move the account into a new account in our current bank. Consequently, it was moved into our current savings account. Discussion was held about the possibility of getting in back into its own account. JT brought up the fact that there are two other pygmy goat groups in region two now. Therefore, that money needs to be in an account separate from SPPGA as the Convention was not held by SPPGA but by a separate Convention Committee. It needs to have a 501C rating. The \$10,000 needs to be separate from the SPPGA accounts. Katie will look into other banks to see if she can find one that will set it up without all the background checks and credit checks.
- d. Secretary-Lynn Braziel reported that the minutes of the Oct. meeting were not sent out prior to this meeting since the only thing on them was the election of officers for 2020. The only ones running were the 2019 slate of officers who were nominated by Tammi and seconded by David. The 2019 slate of officers were unanimously voted back in to their current offices for 2020. The minutes of the September meeting were sent out at the beginning of October. JT made a motion to approve them as written and David seconded it. M/S/C.

II. Director, Coordinator, & Committee Reports

- a. Directors Report – Since neither of our Directors were present. Kathy did tell Katie that if she had names of all the members present at our meeting with how each one voted on the agenda items that Kathy would be happy to share that at the meeting as she (Kathy) reaches out to ALL the members of Region Two. JT announced that he will be attending the meeting and has other Directors who are willing to share our thoughts on the Agenda Items.

Item A - Having to do with changing the score card for the National Champion Challenge. Our vote is “yes”.

Item R is very similar in content. Again, our vote is “yes”.

Item B – Having to do with merging the NPGA Breeders’ Directory in Memo with the NPGA website and charge \$20. Our vote is “No”.

Item C – Having to do with changing the verbiage so judges’ family cannot show other people’s goats in the lineup since it goes against the judges’ ethics. We agree with matching the Code of Ethics but not the proposed verbiage.

Item D – Having to do with changing the Rules and Regulations regarding increasing dues. We vote “yes”.

Item E – Having to do with adding \$5 for sanction fees and include the Masters in every sanction. We vote “yes”.

Item F – Having to do with the VRD taking the place along with benefits and voting of their Director in the event he/she cannot attend a Board meeting. We vote “yes” but we need the inclusion of the Director physically attending.

Item G -Having to do with judges training and opting out of the two day clinic by the JTC. We vote "No" as it is written.

Item H – Having to do with changing the Rules and Regulations regarding registration of kids conceived through artificial insemination/embryo transfer. 8 in favor and 6 opposed.

Item J – Having to do with Committee members, officers, chairmen and coordinators contributing to the Memo for the membership to obtain information. We vote "no".

Item K – Having to do with tattooing location of identification. We vote "yes".

Item L – Having to do with adding language to to allow anyone in good standing in the NPGA to NOT be restricted from any show. We vote "NO".

Item N – Having to do with rescinding the \$5 charge for Master Champion ribbons. We vote "yes".

Item O – Having to do with restricting shows based on personal or political beliefs. We vote "no".

Item Q – Having to do with extending the term of the JTC. We vote "no".

Item S – Having to do with limiting the number of auditors for the Judges Clinic. We vote "no".

Item T- Having to do with more time to prepare the minutes. We vote "no".

Item U- Having to do with change the terms of markings. We vote "yes".

Item V- Had to do with color pattern but was removed.

Item W – Having to do with the caramel does having a martingale being optional. We vote "yes".

- b. Webmaster-Monica Wilcox was not present but sent a report via Courtnie who reported Monica made changes as requested to the web page. She also needs the 2020 futurity forms to post. Also, there are more show results posted on our page. The 2020 show information is also posted with what is available at this time. Katie suggested that there be a tab for the previous year's show information.
- c. Judge Selection/Procurement Committee-Tammi Josephson reported that currently we have six of our judges. Because of previous problems, she is being very detailed about what we pay for as to their expenses.
- d. Membership Coordinator-Monica's report said there were 52 paid memberships and 1 suspended membership for 2019. As of the beginning of this meeting there are for 2020 11 paid memberships with 5 of them being new. We need the Code of Conduct to be signed and add a signature line to the membership form.
- e. Youth coordinator-Angie Skillman asked if there is a budget for awards. Tammy Misplay announced that Hayden would like to make a \$25 donation to each age group.
- f. Futurity Update- Wethers, does, and bucks are all \$5 to nominate and also for sustaining. She will update the information. Courtnie can also send information out in an e-mail.

III. Show Chair Reports Updates.

- i. Katie reported that Cloverdale needs more participation and help this year. Courtnie reported that State Fair is a week later this year. Elaine reported that a member brought to her a concern that some people are bringing sick animals to shows. Make sure your animals are healthy when you take them to shows.

IV. Old Business: None

V. New Business

a. Judge expenses/contracts

- i. Additions/changes to contracts- Katie found a program for e-signing 3 documents per month. Elaine suggested that the format is easy to work with. Jennifer suggested sending a self-addressed stamped envelope.

- ii. Manipulation of high cost judges-only one high cost judge per show. Again, Tammi is being very specific about what SPPGA will cover in expenses. Also, it was suggested that we need to be careful to consider having only one high expense judge per show. Discussion followed. Young judges cost more due to the car rentals.
 - iii. Hiring of judges under the age of 25. A suggestion was made to have the young judges be hired to judge by the fairs that will pay those expenses. Another option was to have one of our members chauffeur the young judges. Not really an option due to our show locations.
- b. Show locations/changes: Tehama Dist. Fair May 3 will be a double show in one day. No cost except for judges' fees. The Goat-tober-Fest may be held back in Red Bluff. It's the same weekend as the Goat Day but we will have our usual area. Tammi is working with the woman in charge. We would only be responsible for additional pens with fees of \$5/pen and our judges' fees. They also want goat vendors. There would be no booth costs.

We do not currently have a location for the May show. Tammi suggested that we could buy some pens and have a backyard show. The Skillmans have offered up their place for two shows Saturday. Tammi suggested paying them about \$500 for usage. Angie said that she couldn't promise water or electricity and that we not show on Sunday. Their goal is to have water and electricity in 5-7 years. This 1st show there would be no shade for goats either. JT suggested we each sponsor panels for pens. Katie mentioned that may put more work on show chairs to have to get the panels from wherever they are being stored and then do setup etc. Jennifer made a motion to move the May show to the Skillmans. JT seconded. M/S/C. Angie also asked for no drinking outside and to not use their name in advertising.

Katie and Gina having been checking on the fairgrounds in Ferndale. She suggested that we come in on Friday, hold two shows on Saturday, and leave by 9 Sunday. The cost would be \$850. The last weekend of June 27 is available. Camping hookup is \$28 and dry is \$10. David moved that we add the Ferndale show in June. JT seconded it. M/S/C.

- c. Any changes to the By-Laws: None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50.