



SPPGA Winter Meeting  
January 2, 2022  
Cottonwood, CA

The Meeting was called to order at 11:50am by President Courtnie Braziel.

**I. Officers Reports:**

- a. President: Courtnie Braziel reported that effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 Katie Ellebrecht resigned as our current treasurer. Kevin Kress nominated Emily Schiffman to be our new treasurer and JT Struthers seconded the motion. Based on what the by-laws state, the president is able to appoint someone to this position. Emily Schiffman was appointed as our new treasurer and accepted the position.
- b. Vice President: JT Struthers had nothing to report.
- c. Treasurer: Katie Ellebrecht is no longer the current treasurer but Gina Miller reported on her behalf that the accounts are in good standing. Emily will be taking over and report at the next meeting.
- d. Secretary: Adawna Purdie had nothing current to report. Courtnie reported the previous minutes from October 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 were sent out via e-mail and posted online by the previous secretary Lynn Braziel. Motion to approve as written M/S/C, JT and Gina Miller.

**II. Director, Coordinator, & Committee Reports:**

- a. Judges Selection: Tammi Josephson counted all of the ballots for this years' judges list. Adawna Purdie rescinded two of her votes for the judges ballots she previously made by mistake. The suggestion was made to remove Tom Hallquest and Lynda Gredin from our judges list due to lack of use in our club. M/S/C Tammi Josephson/Gina Miller.
- b. Webmaster: Monica Wilcox was not present but e-mailed Emily Schiffman the current information and the current status of the website. It was decided to remove the SPPGA newsletters link since it has not been updated or implemented since 2012. The 2022 show schedule is updated and previous shows will be moved to the archive folder.
- c. Membership Coordinator: Monica Wilcox was not present but e-mailed Emily Schiffman the current information. The club has a total of 43 current paid memberships. It was decided to not do an exit poll as to why the 22 members left or didn't renew. It has been suggested to send out renewal notices via email to let members know when to renew.
- d. Futurity: Gina Miller reported the futurity forms are up on the website currently as well as emailed and posted on Facebook. She also forwarded the Facebook posts to other surrounding clubs.
- e. Directors Report:
  1. JT read through the NPGA board of directors meeting updates from their zoom meeting. The new business was discussed with all the members as follows:
    - a. By Law Rule Change – This was submitted in 2019 but never changed into the bylaws. The tasks will be changed from the business manager to the secretary of the NPGA to fulfill these duties.
    - b. Make January Board Meeting Virtual – This motion allows the option to have a zoom meeting and will save the NPGA thousands of dollars over years' time. There would only be the cost of the zoom account to consider. The members at the meeting voted to approve this motion on behalf of the SPPGA.
    - c. Use Merchandise Dept. for NPGA Related Items – It was discussed NPGA needs to be in control of any and all purchases made on behalf of NPGA. NPGA should

yield the benefits and revenue generated by any Merchandise sale. This will help create a checks and balances for any purchases made on behalf of NPGA. Our members agreed to this motion.

d. Recognize Best Wether Wins – This motion would allow all wethers whom received Best Wether wins during the time when restricted shows were reduced to 1/3 credit be awarded 1 full credit and recognized accordingly. Financial Implications would include some postage to send certificates after being changed. Our club was in favor of this motion.

e. Dress Code for National Champion Challenge – It was discussed to add a rule or guideline to wear more appropriate clothing while showing during the champion challenge. The members agreed to this motion.

f. Show Rule Correction – The proposal is to correct Rules for Official Shows (K) (1) (c). This was more of a housekeeping item.

g/h. Reinstate Provisional Judges – These motions would allow candidates who receive higher than 70% would be awarded a provisional license and then be allowed to retest the following year. The members of our club did not agree and did not want this motion passed.

i. Optional 5th Test Class to the JE - The optional extra class would be added at the time the JE is held and would be one of the following: 1. A reasons-only class 2. A placings only class 3. An additional standard class. This would award a few more points to pass very qualified almost passing candidates. It was discussed that in the past this has been offered and rarely allowed more people to pass. As a whole members discussed benefits and decided to vote against this motion.

j. Website/Herd book Upgrade – This motion has been made to upgrade the website and allow registrations online. This would use a lot of the NPGA funding. They are still looking at prices to build the website/herd book. There will also be a yearly maintenance, cloud hosting and tech support cost as well. They will have more information at the Board Meeting. Members agreed if it would be financially doable for the NPGA.

### **III. Show Updates**

a. Which shows do we keep/eliminate – The April show has a couple options for locations and dates. Katie Ellebrecht found a location also in Browns Valley at an equestrian center. This location is limited to dates available and has no covering in case of rain. All dates at the Susanville fairgrounds at this point are available. It was decided to keep the April show in Susanville. There will not be a June show with graduations and timing overall with convention. It was decided to attempt doing less show with more of the shows being 3 day shows. The High Sierra Madness Show and Redwood Rumble will switch months to allow exhibitors to save money since the coast area is much more affordable after Labor Day. It was discussed to eliminate the November show completely this year.

b. Shows, Locations and Dates –

Sierra Mountain Standoff – Lassen County Fairgrounds Susanville, CA April 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 2022

One Day Show – Tehama District Fairgrounds – May 1<sup>st</sup> 2022

Spring Classic – Ron Schager Residence (1 youth and 2 open shows) – May 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

High Sierra Madness – Lassen County Fairgrounds Susanville, CA August 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2022

Redwood Rumble – Redwood Acres Fairgrounds Eureka, CA September 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 2022

Goat-Tober-Fest – Private Residence Cottonwood, CA October 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2022 (1 youth show and 2 open shows)

### **IV. New Business**

a. Show Coordinating Committee – Elaine Krieg wanted to get a committee together to help Tammi find locations for shows. The only problem brought up by Tammi is that she hasn't received any interest in other members coming forward to help since this has been discussed in the past. She is open still to anyone who would like to help find facilities.

b. Available teleconference/Zoom option at all SPPGA meetings – Monica Wilcox emailed over her concerns about how we should allow members to vote via an online platform. It was discussed that making ALL meetings available is not ideal with Wi-Fi availability at some fairgrounds, restaurants and facilities. It was agreed upon to make the winter meeting available each year via video teleconference.

c. Revisit the % of meetings that need to be attended in order to vote – Currently it is required to attend 50% of the meetings to be allowed to vote. It was discussed that there are only 4-5 meetings a year and not every show has a meeting. This could impact our actively showing members to not be able to vote if they are at other shows or not available at that specific show a meeting is being held. Emily Schiffman made a motion to remove the clause in the bylaws to be present at 50% of the meetings to vote. M/S/C Emily and Tammi.

d. Updates to Bylaws – Kevin Kress made a motion to allow online/zoom teleconference only for the winter meeting and those attending members may vote. The wording for the new bylaw will be as follows: The SPPGA will make video teleconference available at the facility, if available, only for the winter meeting and those members present may vote. M/S/C Kevin Kress and Tammi Josephson.

#### **V. Old Business**

- a. Bring back champion prizes (tabled from April meeting) – Gina Miller gave input from Katie Ellebrecht. She mentioned that because a lot of our profits were more of a wash that the club should postpone bringing back prizes until the club is more profitable with shows.
- b. 2022 Convention Basket chair (in honor of Michelle) club to contribute \$250 – Gina Miller was nominated by Kevin Kress to get a committee together to work on the basket. The theme will be quilting.
- c. 2023 National Convention – Tammi is working on pricing at Cal Expo Fairgrounds in Sacramento as well as Rolling Hills Casino and event center. They have 10x10 stalls as well as banquet halls available for dinner. There is the hotel as well as RV camping there. The show arena is available at a reasonable cost but the pens are higher cost. Tammi thought the club could charge less for the pens but charge slightly more towards other items during convention and/or take the loss and add it to the facility/arena cost that our club pays. We could adjust banquet costs per plate if it is feasible and cost effective as well to offset the higher cost of the pens. Exhibitors have the availability to show out of trailers as well at this location. There was also discussion about if the club wanted to rent pens for the champion animals or just have a sign available in the exhibitor's pens and save on the cost of renting pens for individual champion animals. Tammi will be calling to check available dates. Gina came up with the idea for the name of convention W.O.W. Way out West. There will need to be a logo designed as well. Kevin Kress wanted to possibility come up with an NPGA lifetime achievement award for Linda Henwood as well as recognize her as an influential breeder and possibly give her an award.

Meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM