

# ***NAPgA Meeting Meeting Minutes***

June 7th, 2021

**6:00 PM PST/ 7:00 PM MDT**

## **I. Call Meeting to Order- Curtis**

Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. MDT

## **II. Attendance Call- Desarae**

Present Callers: Curtis, Desarae, Taffy, Nan, Nathan, Emmett, Brianna, Kent

## **III. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting- Curtis**

No questions or concerns were heard. Zeb motioned to approve minutes Nan seconded. Approval of minutes approved.

## **IV. Treasures Report/ Approval- Nan**

**(See attached report)**

Nan asked if everyone received the treasure report. No questions were heard on the treasure report.

## **V. New Business**

### **a) Response to Hart Mountain-Curtis**

This is located in SE Oregon it's an antelope refuge. Curtis spoke to one of the managers he said there was no indication of a pack goat closure or even introducing one. It's open to all sorts of extracurricular activity. Comment period ends on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **b) Strategy for potential bans- Zeb**

Zeb said the impact of commenting is great but we are still not gaining these areas we are still losing these battles. Zeb brought up testing and if that was something reasonable we could look at? Curtis brought up that Maggie said testing was pointless. Zeb's concern was just that our rhetoric just wasn't working and maybe we give these land managers what they want with testing if we can find a cost efficient way. Nan brought up concerns about the labs. WADDL has conflicts with their integrity. Zeb had talked to someone at WADDL and asked about a pooled sample. The gentleman said there is a blood test that runs 10\$ each but they are only available for domestic sheep but it isn't currently validated on domestic goats. Nan really believes in the power of commenting and bringing these issues to light. Kent said that we need to be part of the document that the land managers create that gets made every 10 years and never gets questioned. Curtis said that we need to connect with the right people and

work together and use these funds that Carolyn Eddy for research, otherwise this battle will continue to break us down. Taffy mentioned these blood tests and it would be nice if we can get them validated. Zeb mentioned that gentleman he talked to claimed if there was a pool of goats to validate these blood test they could possibly do that.

c) Monthly Meetings? – **Curtis**

Curtis brought up that we have so many things pop up that monthly meetings might be something we need to consider. The group wanted to keep Monday Meetings but we will move to monthly meetings every first Monday of the month. Nan motioned and Nathan seconded. Motion passed.

d) RustPack T-shirt Design- **Nathan**

Nathan has been talking with the RustPack owner and he is willing to design some t-shirts for the organization and donate proceeds to the organization. They created a design together, and he is very excited about this relationship. Nathan thinks that growing these relationships would be good for us.

e) Marc Warnke Involvement- **Nathan**

Marc would like to be more involved. He has a lot of different marketing aspects and has a large following and he would like to be involved more. He wants to be a spokesperson for NAPGA without being a board member.

## VI. Old Business

a) Rendy Update- **Nathan**

Nathan talked about the schedule and 9 presenters this year. Still waiting to hear on the forest service in regards to the community service project. Everything is ready to go the only issue was firewood. Nathan is going to see if he can get up there or get someone to volunteer. Nan asked about a fire ban, but Nathan said they typically don't see those until end of July. Nathan also informed the group that the Discovery Channel will be filming a lady who has a pet goat that wanted to get involved with NAPGA. They will want to talk to some of the attendees and talk about the best management practices. Curtis will connect with Maggie we will see if she wanted to do a conference call and talk about this.

b) Committee Reports- **Taffy**

Taffy wanted to do some committee reports but we were missing some members. Board members agreed these committees will be very beneficial.

C) Status of the Auction- **Des**

The auction is going well! We are at \$4700 raised and there were 66 items donated. Desarae asked if anyone had any questions. None were heard.

VII.Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting will be July 5th, 2021.