

NAPgA Meeting Meeting Minutes

July 5th, 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, Ryan, Brianna and Lily

III. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting- Curtis

Taffy moved that we approved the minutes. Nathan Seconded. Motion Passed.

IV. Treasures Report/ Approval- Nan

Nan was absent this meeting and we didn't receive report.

V. Old Business

a) Napga Rendezvous Recap -Nathan

Nathan said they had a really good turnout. There was 80 people. There was no complaints from the forest service so they did a great job cleaning up the area. Everyone agreed it was a great turn out.

b) Committee Chair Reports- Ryan, Nathan

Ryan came on and said he is sorry about being absent, he had some family issues come up and it turned into job and so it doubled his work load. He said he will start working on the website. Nathan came on and said he has nothing to report.

c) Proposal to Change the Logo – Nathan

Nathan proposed that we changed the logo, Brianna joined in (she is working so she would be in and out) seconded the motion. Motion passed. Nathan motioned to hire Gerry with Photolabs Studios to create and design a logo for NAPGA, Taffy seconded. Curtis just requested that he read our vision and mission statement and allow him to do his job. Nathan is passing the torch to Ryan as Ryan has a good relationship with him and has worked with him in the past.

VI. Old Business

a) Developing 4-H Guidelines- **Nathan**

Nathan had a conversation with a non-member who asked about 4H Guidelines. Nathan believes this would be a great opportunity for Napga to expand and also set a good presence. Taffy talked about how she and Nan had been working on this, she will send us the document to the board members to get thoughts. Curtis mentioned that the one time he was involved in something similar to this the kids didn't know anything about the safety of goats or best management practices. The group agreed this should be pursued. Lily offered to help with this as well.

b) Coordinating Volunteer Projects with FS - **Nathan**

Irene had mentioned this to Nathan. She has a lot of contacts with the FS and this will create a good precedence with the forest service.

c) Advertising Budget & Target Markets- **Des**

Nathan wanted to connect with Ryan and other committee members and discuss a plan of action on this especially with the new logo.

d) Creating USDA Sanctioned NAPGA Pack Goat Registry- **Nathan**

Nathan, Nan, and Taffy have been working on this. Kelly Shuer was willing to help create a USDA Sanction on this NAPGA Goat registry national. You would just have to ID and lineage which may be an issue for some. Everyone in the group agreed that this would be a great idea! Nathan said he would like to take the lead on this. Chris Gifford jumped on and would like to help however he can as well.

e) Activities for Children Future Rendezvous- **Taffy**

Taffy mentioned that there were kids at this rendezvous, and she believes that there should be kid activities that could help them learn and appreciate things related to pack goats and just get them involved.

f) Napga Website Resources- **Taffy**

Taffy wants the organization to become a resource for goats. She wants people to find our organization through resources. Sky is the limit with this. Curtis feels this needs improvement. So many people ask about closures for Packgoats and Curtis wants to be that for people. He agrees we need to have this information and information that taffy is suggesting.

G) Urinary Calculi Water Testing- **Curtis**

Chris Gifford did extensive testing on his water and how it affected Urinary Calculi in his goats. Curtis is convinced this might be a huge issue, he would like to see more education and awareness on this continued.

H) Meta-analysis of the science- **Curtis**

Curtis believes we should put together all these studies and give a summary of understanding. Whether that means hiring a consultant or getting together a meta- analysis that is non biased. Documents like this can be used in this forest service plans attempting to ban pack goats.

VII.Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting will be August 2nd , 2021.