

**September 13, 2021
NAPgA Meeting Minutes**

Prior to the meeting being called to order there was discussion on the possible spam post on the Facebook NAPgA Discussion Group of someone posting t-shirts for sale with our logo and about the goat that was found today and posted on the NAPgA Discussion Group.

Meeting called to order at 6:19 PST by President Curtis King.

Desarae was not able to attend the meeting so Taffy volunteered to take the minutes.

Attendance: Curtis King, Nan Hassey, Nathan Putnam, Emmett McCormick, Zeb Breuckman and Taffy Mercer.

No minutes were submitted from the August 2, 2021, meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Nan reported there is \$35,888.06 in the checking account and \$14, 615.28 in the Carolyn Eddy Research Fund savings account.

Discussion ensued about the low interest rate on the savings account. Nan will talk with US Bank to see if there is an account we can place the money in that will have a better return. Setting a baseline amount to keep in the checking account then placing an amount into a separate savings account or into the Carolyn Eddy fund. Also, the possibility of setting a percentage of earnings aside for the Carolyn Eddy fund on an annual basis.

SD Mini Rentry - It's scheduled for September 24-26. Nan said she thinks it's going to be a small event but some members had expressed interest in attending and Finn will be giving a presentation about his work with Wounded Warriors. Taffy posted the information on Facebook NAPgA Discussion Group during the meeting since no mention of it was found.

GMUG Online Open Houses - Nan stated these need to be on our radar and as many as possible need to attend the remaining ones. They need to know we're still highly interested in this forest plan. She would like input from the Board on the plan as it stands now. https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd939801.pdf

One specific item we need to make sure is removed is listed under Management Approaches and states,

“To increase awareness, educate partners and visitors of the **potential for pathogen transmission** affecting native plants and animals (e.g., **recreation pack goats and bighorn sheep**, the need to decontaminate wading boots to reduce spread of chytrid fungus or whirling disease).”

We cannot submit written comment at this time so attending the virtual open houses is paramount. We need to monitor this forest plan and comment as needed. Taffy posted the information on Facebook NAPgA Discussion Group during the meeting.

Annual Photo Contest - Phil made a photo upload addition for the website so hopefully the photo contest will be much easier to run this year and we can do it from the NAPgA website. Nan sent the link to Board members to try. <https://www.napga.org/2022-calendar-contest/> It is accessed through the “Members Only” section of the website. Taffy will post it to the Facebook NAPgA Discussion Group after Nan has it go live tonight.

Ryan Avery & Website - When will Ryan be taking over the website? He and Phil met in May/June but Phil hasn't heard anything since. Curtis will email Ryan to see what's going on and if he is still interested in doing the website.

Casey Brewster - Curtis said Casey needs the .jpg logo file for his t-shirts. Nathan said he had emailed it to Casey.

NAPgA Youth Packgoat Manual - Taffy said the first meeting of the group of volunteers who are writing the manual is September 15th with a deadline of December 1st to finish it. It will be a reference resource for

packgoat leaders rather than an entire program. It will include written information, photographs, a PowerPoint presentation and an obstacle course video. Taffy will email the finished product to the Board before it is placed on the website.

Meeting Decisions Follow Through - Taffy brought up items that were discussed at the July and August meetings for further follow up.

UC Article -Curtis hasn't heard from Chris Gifford but he thinks he's working on it.

NAPgA PR with FS Administration - Curtis thinks this came from his discussion with Andy Irvine. Andy wondered if there had been any more progress on the Highland Study and wondered why, if it came this far, it wasn't finished. Andy said we need to work on good PR with the FS in general.

Discussion on how to do this ensued. Do it on a state level, commenting on individual plans is crucial, other?

NAPgA's role in getting lost goats out of the woods - Nan will type something up.

NAPgA logo stickers - Nathan used his own funds to purchase 150 stickers and is selling them 3/\$20 with all profits going to NAPgA. He will donate the monthly. To date sales have paid for the stickers and he thinks sales will pay for the cost of the logo designs.

Discussion ensued regarding Nathan having access to the NAPgA PayPal account (Nan & Curtis have the password), how sales would be handled, updating sales items on the website, a budget for merchandise so Nathan doesn't need to ask permission for every transaction.

A motion was made by Taffy and seconded by Nan that it was ok for Nathan to use all NAPgA logos for the benefit of NAPgA and merchandising. Motion passed.

Nathan will bring a budget to the October meeting.

The remaining items were tabled until the next meeting so the Board could adjourn.

A motion was made by Taffy and seconded by Nan to adjourn. Motion passed.

The next meeting is October 4, 2021, at 6:00 PM PST.