



**NAPgA Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 6, 2021
6PM PST/7PM MST**

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- I. Call to order at 1813 MST
 - II. Roll call - Curtis King, Chris Gifford, Taffy Mercer, Karen Kopf, Amy St. Pierre, Larry Robinson, Margaret Scott, Kent Daniels.
 - III. Approval of minutes from November 8, 2011 - not a quorum for minutes approval. Possible review of bylaws and inclusion of meeting attendance requirement.
 - IV. Treasurer's Report - Nan (emailed)
 - V. Committee Reports
 - a. Social Media – Brianna Murphy – Not in attendance
 - b. Marketing - Nathan – Not in attendance
 - c. Advocacy – Zeb – Not in attendance
 - d. UC – Nathan and Taffy - Full committee now and lots of discussion on questions to ask and working with AGI. Next meeting with Dr. Heller is this Wednesday to clarify the project. Chris feels there is value to moving forward with meeting and building a plan even if Margaret cannot attend. We need a vision for the AGI grant.
 - e. Newsletter-Larry –
 - f. American Goat Federation/American Goat Initiative - Karen -
 - g. Webmaster - position open
1. Discussion
 - a. Update on Packgoat Guidebook - Taffy – Nan, Aubrey, and Taffy did an outstanding job! What was once a youth guide is now a full on guide for

anyone to use. This is huge for the packgoat community.

2. NAPgA Youth Scholarship Committee - Taffy
3. Hart Mountain NAR Bighorn Sheep Plan and Final EIS - Taffy - We only have 30 days to comment. It has been amended to prohibit packgoats and Llamas on the refuge. Curtis has spoken to them and they have not seen anyone with packgoats. The policy is reactive with no basis. Unfortunately, the wildlife managers' document that has been referred to over and over again isn't something we can change. Karen mentioned to pass this on to AGF. Curtis could possibly draft a letter and get Andy behind it and then send to AGF. Provide draft letters? NAPgA has standing. Curtis will send his letter to Andy and see if we can submit. Forward Taffy's email also.
4. Ashley NF Webinars December 8th 12-1pm and 6-7pm – going to discuss draft EIS and comment period. Email Brianna if she can share this on Facebook. Curtis to send to Brianna to post on social media outlets.
5. Wild Sheep Foundation elections – NAPgA choices – don't vote for Wolf or Landrus is the consensus.
6. Calendar update and decision to send some to Marissa Ames-Curtis approved and will send.
7. Membership rewards implementation - general discussion
8. Elections and Nomination Committee – general discussion

Karen – Explanation of AGF – it is not a registry. It is a neutral org that reps the interests of producers of all kinds, including packgoats. This is due to our membership in the AGF. Goals are standards, research, etc. AGF does things like write policies with the USDA for dealing with possible pandemics. They have a legislative arm so they can respond if policies are going to change or be impacted. If NAPgA gives the policy we are trying to influence, AGF can respond as a larger organization versus just NAPgA and its members alone. Our member representative in AGF is Nan. Karen is our board representative. Check in with Nan that she is fulfilling this role. She cannot serve as the member representative if she does not stay on the board. We need to encourage NAPgA members to join AGF. \$30 for individuals. NAPgA only has one vote. Each member has one vote. We can increase our influence if we can show NAPgA member the importance of becoming members of AGF.

A condition of the membership is for the member organization to sponsor the cost of attendance of the appointed director to one face-to-face meeting. If they choose not to fund this, then they release their representative from the board. Need to decide if this is cost beneficial for NAPgA.

Karen will come to next meeting and give a recap. Karen's goal for AGF is public policy and legislation. NAPgA has a strong tie to this focus, as well as grazers. NAPgA can inform AGF when a closure is proposed. AGF can back NAPgA

AGI- 501c3 created by AGF in 2021. Created to make donations possible. It was created for research and education. Mission-Advance the US Goat Industry through

collection and distribution of funds to find and support and/or provide Education, Scientific Research and Collaboration through public funds, grants and donations.

UC fits this mission very well. It is a bigger issue than NAPgA. Many, many market wethers are lost to UC, which is a big financial impact to producers. Curtis posed question if they would be interested in research regarding grazing and trailing or brush clearing goats. Could we pick up on the Margaret Hyland MOVI research? Any proposal needs to be short and sweet and include the scope, timeframe, who will do the research, and how long it will last.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51PM PST