

November 8, 2021
NAPgA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:10PM MST

In attendance: Curtis King, Nan Hassey, Taffy Mercer, Nathan Putnam, Chris Gifford, Zeb Breuckman, Margaret Scott

Minutes submitted from the October 4, 2021 meeting. Curtis motioned to approve, Taffy seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Emailed from Nan. 36,283.88 in checking/paypal. Expenses of hats. Income from hats, and tee spring account have been accounted for. Carolyn Eddy fund has \$14,871.21.

Discussions:

UC research. What do we want a study to look like? – Chris Gifford and Margaret Scott

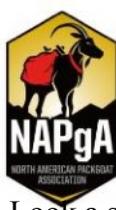
We need to reach out to corporate donors, feed companies, federal grants. Questions posed asking what do we want to see in a UC study, in order to focus efforts and fundraising.

Nan says prevention. Work with feed companies to develop a pellet that contains the needed chemical compounds to break stones down. Nan mentioned not a feed but maybe a supplement. Can research be done to determine water sources of stone formation? Possibility to create a mineral supplement that would ultimately target locality. Win-win for company revenue and prevention for owners.

Chris discussed calcium carbonate stones as the primary concern for packgoats. Need to determine the cause to prevent, as treatment is not often successful with this type of stone. Calcium carbonate stones cannot be dissolved like phosphate stones. There are good feed analysis spreadsheets for livestock. We could create a spreadsheet to plug in feed values, water values, etc and try to reach a balanced intake. Each locality will differ.

Margaret mentioned doing many necropsies is too time intensive. Looking forward to see how everything develops and catch them before an issue. Look to Dr. Heller for guidance as far as what she can start with versus NAPgA dictating too much what the research needs to be. Detection and prevention are key-Taffy

Nathan-Possible focus on wethers, Need to decide ideal banding time and use that as a study group. Interested in the cause more than the treatment citing difficulty of treating



stones that present in packgoat wethers. Look a studies that can determine the ideal ratio to Ca:P with a controlled water source. For effectiveness, we need an experimental group and control group. Meeting with Dr. Heller to listen to her ideas and ask questions to add what our needs/concerns are and try to match them up.

Will we have enough of a control group with just packgoats? Should we reach out to other goat species/usages? Goals of diversifying species, locations, etc. Focus on water issues. Possible reach out to American Goat Federation.

We need to narrow down who will communicate with Dr. Heller. Goal to follow a goat for its life or as long as possible. Conversation with Margaret on Wednesday 11/10.

Curtis mentioned the possibility of reaching to John Mionzynski for his input. Others agree that his experience could be beneficial to our ongoing efforts with UC.

How much money are we willing to dedicate to the UC study? Nate recommended \$10K and to ask other groups to match. Do we want to dip into the Eddy fund or save for forest access? Taffy motioned to set aside \$10K attributed to UC research project. Nathan seconded.

Curtis asked to move it to \$15K. Margaret suggested to set the 5K to a matching fund instead of flat out donation. Chris mentioned to commit to add an additional 4-5K if we reach a certain goal.

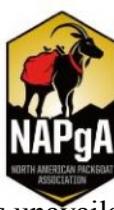
Motion passed. All in favor. No dissents. It was determined that the Carolyn Eddy fund would be used for these moneys. That funding cannot be used for legal fees making it difficult to use for public lands advocacy/access. Nan mentioned that the public lands issue may be bigger than the Carolyn Eddy fund will ever be able to tackle so it is best to use this money towards something that has huge impact on all packgoat owners.

Need to decide which groups we will approach and who will take on organizing this. Chris is happy to reach out to companies that might have an interest in this.

Separate account for UC Research. It was voted on to utilize a separate account that will be set up

Youth Packgoat Guidebook – Taffy and Nan

Youth Packgoat guidebook group meeting weekly. Hopefully by next week they have document completed. Still resonates with any demographic. Good input from 4-H AGA, etc. Nan and Taffy putting in a strong effort to keep this moving and completed. Taffy will send link when it is completed. Nathan mentioned that if we are putting this out for kids, we should offer a 4-H scholarship. Revisit at a later date.



Website Update: Nathan - Nicky Juels unavailable this evening. She will be able to answer questions regarding costs, etc. Not necessarily going to be web designer but can advise on helping to find the right person. NAPgA needs to decide how much money to dedicate towards a website designer and that person can propose a package that can meet our needs.

Looking for a web designer not a content creator. Need to commit money so that someone will make a solid and timely effort vs volunteer work. We should look for quotes first vs putting money out there. This could avoid us either overspending or someone declining without understanding the full scope.

Nathan motioned to spend \$2500. Taffy seconded. All in favor. No dissents.

Do we want to share the packgoats.com nutritional guide on the website? Requested by Marc Warnke. It was decided to have document on site but not link to packgoats.com. Include source but not link.

Livestock Conservancy Interview-Did not occur yet. Nathan arranged but Livestock Conservancy hasn't connected yet. Will try to connect again.

Recent Meeting updates:

Nan attended the bighorn sheep meeting which mostly revolved around adding bighorns to a small area in Wyoming and related disputes if the land is appropriate. Mostly Wyoming, but good to be involved to have a presence. Opportunity for connection for future concerns.

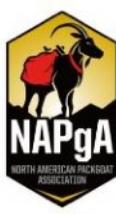
GMUG comment period extended. Curtis emailed Andy Irvine regarding this. He is responding and will provide comments on behalf of NAPgA. Packgoat limitations downgraded from standard to guideline

Committee Reports:

Social Media: Brianna unable to attend. Nathan Facebook policies are upgraded so anyone can post, which is an issue. We changed the group to private, which should fully change over in a few days. We cannot combat the volume of spam that comes through.

Marketing: We have made half our money back that was spend on merchandise. Hats are a big hit! Packgoat calendar is available. Calendar sales are posted and we sold 60 in 2 days! Hoping to sell 150 this year. We ordered 200 calendars after a cost analysis. Nan asked if we could send one to Andy Irvine and John Mionczynski or big donors. Approved.

UC-Committee: covered above in lead discussion



Newsletter- Larry unable to attend. Can Chris write up something about UC research that we want to fund? Yes. GMUG, hats. NW Packgoats sold to Morgan Rust are all topics that will be included in the next newsletter.

Advocacy: Zeb was in attendance but was unable to stay for the duration of the meeting.

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AFG/AGI-Karen unable to attend

Webmaster-open

Additional Discussion:

Membership Tier-Questions regarding corporate sponsor. When will that roll out? We have some business members who can be listed on the website. Website designer is needed for that. Flyers and business cards will go into packages, etc. Nathan will facilitate. The flyers/cards are an advertising boost to the donor. Web will come later. Will start on first of the year.

Nan sent out change of address form to the IRS. There were donations made on Facebook that we didn't receive because they were sent to someone else's address. Guidestar had mail address incorrect. Facebook donations are challenging with the third party aspect but we do not have control over who sets those donations up.

Will check in with Terri Summerfield if she is able to continue the reporting to the IRS and potentially finding a backup.

Meeting adjourned at 1940