

October 4, 2021
NAPgA Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PST by President Curtis King.

Attendance: Curtis King, Nan Hassey, Nathan Putnam, Larry Robinson, Brianna Murphy, Kent Daniels, Taffy Mercer, Desarae Starck, Chris Gifford, Margaret Scott.

Minutes were submitted from the September 13, 2021, meeting. Nathan moved, Larry 2nd, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Nan reported there is \$36,283.88 in the checking account and \$14,717.90 in the Carolyn Eddy Research Fund savings account. We currently have 516 members.

NAPgA Youth Packgoat Guidebook - Taffy said the group is making progress and is still on track to have the guidebook finished by December 1st.

NAPgA's role in getting lost goats out of the woods - Brianna said there has been no movement on this. Discussion ensued about what should be done. Nan was to have typed something up but hasn't had a chance to due to vacations.

Membership Levels & Benefits - Nathan & Taffy finalized the new membership benefits for different membership levels and added a corporate membership. The Board voted on, and passed, the updated document. Nathan will ship everything out. New/different membership benefit items should be discussed and voted on each October/November for the following year.

Committee Chair Reports

Social Media Chair - Brianna reported there has been a lot of spam from individuals who are not NAPgA members posting t-shirts for sale with the new NAPgA logo. She has been busy removing them. Brianna will be gone for 10 days with no cell service. It was moved by Nan, 2nd by Taffy, that Nathan will be added as an administrator so he can help keep on top of the spam posts and group posts. Motion passed.

Marketing Chair - Nathan asked for access to our PayPal account. Taffy moved, Larry 2nd, motion passed. Discussion ensued regarding the hats and decals he has ordered, teespring items and sales. Taffy moved, Larry 2nd, Nathan will look into and order the new logo patches using the circle logo.

Advocacy Chair - Zeb was not in attendance. Nan said she attended the GMUG September 21st virtual open house. No other Board members attended any of the virtual open houses. Nan stated we need to comment on the plan when e can. She will send an email to all of the NAPgA members. It also needs to be shared on our social media sites.

Newsletter Editor - Larry needs items for the newsletter. Everyone who has covered an item during the Board meeting needs to send a write-up about it to him for the newsletter. Members need to be informed of what the Board is doing and how they can be involved.

American Goat Federation / American Goat Initiative Rep - Karen wasn't in attendance.

Webmaster - Ryan wasn't in attendance.

Website upgrade - Curtis has not heard from Ryan after sending him emails and calling him. We need to move forward. NAPgA needs an updated website. Nathan suggested we possibly put Phil on NAPgA payroll and have him continue do the website. No total upgrade at this time because the cost for a web designer cannot be justified to our members. Nan will ask Phil if he's interested. She said if he does, he needs help on the front end design. He is good at the background stuff but not the design part.

Savings account/investment - Nan has not had a chance to meet with US Bank about savings options due to vacations. She has the number for a bank contact who works with 501(c)(3) and will speak with them. The item was tabled until the November meeting.

SD Mini Rendy - It was held September 24-26. It was a small group but very successful. 7 people and 11 goats attended with 5 or 6 more adults, 2 kids, and 2 goats showing up at various times Saturday. The location is outstanding and large enough we could hold the annual Rendy there.

Cascade Packgoat Club Campout - Taffy said the campout, which was held September 10th-12th, was great. It was a small group with 8 members and 8 goats attended. The weather was perfect and it was a lot of fun.

PayPal account - separate bank account - Taffy said if our PayPal account were breached the hacker would have access to all of the money in NAPgA's checking account. Taffy suggested we open a separate checking account for PayPal and only keep a sustaining amount of funds in it. Discussion ensued about the best way to do it because PayPal is difficult to work with. Nan stated a \$2000 balance in the PayPal account would be good. Taffy moved, Nathan 2nd, Nan will temporarily move the NAPgA checking account funds to the Carolyn Eddy Research Fund savings account and leave \$2000 in the NAPgA checking account, using it as our PayPal account.

2022 Rendy Date & Location - We still plan to hold it near Joseph, OR on June 16th-19th (the 3rd weekend). A Rendy Committee had been formed at an earlier Board meeting (when?) to oversee the Rendy and work with the person who volunteered to host the Rendy in coordinating the site, working with the FS, porta-pottys, wood, etc. This will take some of the burden off of the host and more than one person will know the ins and outs of the Rendy in case something happens the host person can't do it. Nathan thought he and Taffy were on the committee but we didn't know who else.

To make the committee legitimate (because we couldn't remember when it was discussed) Taffy moved, Nan 2nd we form a Rendezvous Committee. Motion passed. Nathan is the chair, Taffy & Kent are committee members.

Nathan will contact Kaare Tinglestadt to make sure he is still willing to host it.

Nathan also mentioned we should have a backup site chosen in case of Covid or other restrictions that preclude our holding it in Oregon. He suggested we have a backup plan in Washington. Curtis and Taffy will look into locations and have a site by November or December.

Possible UC Davis UC Research Study - Margaret Scott had to take one of her goats to UC Davis and while there spoke with a veterinarian about the possibility of a UC research study. The vet told her UC Davis has a program for 1st & 2nd year students that gives them grant money for research. It is called S.P.A.R. The veterinarian was interested. Margaret would like to pursue this and see if it is possible. She suggested possible ways for packgoat breeders to help with goats for the study. It was discussed whether it would be a packgoat specific study or broader scope.

Curtis would like to approach AGF to see if there is a way to involve AGF and UC Davis together for the study. Taffy stated Karen Kopf is our AGF Representative and we needed to speak with her and see if she would approach AGF.

Nathan moved, Nan 2nd we approach both UC Davis and AGF. Motion passed. Regarding a UC research study. A UC Committee was formed with Nathan as the chair, Margaret Scott & Chris Gifford as members.

Livestock Conservancy - Nan stated NAPgA received an email from the Livestock Conservancy asking to speak with someone from NAPgA about goatpacking. The Livestock Conservancy's mission is "To protect America's endangered livestock and poultry breeds from extinction." The email stated:

Hi, I am the Program Coordinator for The Livestock Conservancy. We host species chats each month on Facebook and October is Goat Month aka Goatober. I would love to chat with someone at the NAPA about using goats as pack animals. Several of the endangered goat breeds on our Conservation Priority List, Spanish & Oberhasli for example, are used as pack animals. I think our members and farmers would love to know more about your organization and this opportunity for utilizing goats this way. Would someone from your board (or a member) be interested in speaking with me? - Cindra 919-444-4141 or the email address above. Thank you and kind regards!

Nathan will call her.

Secretary Vacancy - Desarae needs to resign her position as Secretary. The Board thanked Desarae for all she has done for NAPgA. No one on the Board volunteered to finish her term. Nathan suggested we seek a secretary from the membership. Chris Gifford said he might be interested but to give him a couple of days

to think about it. Nan will email the membership and Brianna will post on social media that we are looking for a member to finish Desarae's term as Secretary.

Motion made by Nan, 2nd Larry to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26PM PST

The next meeting is November 1, 2021, at 6:00 PM PST.

Addendum:

Secretary Position - Nathan emailed the Board on Tuesday morning that NAPgA member, Amy St. Pierre, is interested in being the Secretary.

Curtis emailed the Board:

Our NAPgA member Amy St. Pierre from Wyoming has volunteered for the position.

As your NAPgA President I am appointing Amy St. Pierre to fill the position of Secretary due to Desarae Stark's resignation.

Please vote "Yes" or "No" via email when you receive this email so we can move forward and fill this very important position.

Six of the ten Board members responded to Curtis' email. This is a quorum. They all voted "yes." Amy St. Pierre is the new NAPgA Secretary and will finish Desarae's term.