

Minutes from Bay Area Pygmy Goat Club Meeting Friday, August 11, 12:15 pm, Sonoma County Fairgrounds

Attendees: Alice Duffee, Jane Coneybeer, Kathy Gilbraith, Katie Ellebrecht, Monica Wilcox, Gina Miller, June Garvin, Walter Gilbraith, Isabella Garvin, Nicole Hardesty, Michael Hardesty, Kyle Hardesty, Kate Tackmeier, Loree Tackmeier

1. Officer Reports:

- a. President (Jane Coneybeer): No report
- b. Vice President (June Garvin): No report
- c. Treasurer (Nicole Hardesty):
 - 501c3 and tax paperwork submitted – waiting on government
 - fees: \$275 for nonprofit registration and \$30 for CA → 1 time costs
 - bank account set up and EIN complete
- d. Secretary (Alice Duffee): No report
- e. Membership (Monica Wilcox):
 - 10 families/individuals with paid membership
 - \$240 taken in
- f. Youth Coordinator (Loree Tackmeier): no report

2. Old Business:

- a. Fundraising/Sponsorships
 - Kathy Gilbraith: What is purpose? How will we use funds? Shows
 - Garvin: What is cost of show
 - Coneybeer – depends on length (1, 2 day), location, etc.
 - Wilcox: SPPGA pays about \$1000-\$1500 per weekend
 - Miller: at lakeside they minimize cost by not having pens -> HS ag dept?
- b. Judges list
 - Coneybeer: will distribute list to membership for vote
 - Wilcox: what are our criteria for selecting judges?

- Coneybeer: west coast, to minimize judge's travel expenses (keep cost down)

c. Show Planning

- Coneybeer: Who wants to be on committee?
- Show chair runs show check-in. pens, bedding, etc.; treasurer receives entries and fees directly – manages spreadsheet
- Dates?
 - Wilcox: there are no other shows in September
 - a. Coneybeer: 9/22 show in Utah
 - b. Miller: something in Boise in September
 - c. Ellebrecht: Arizona, too?
 - Miller: January and march are kidding months
 - Duffee: availability of location might determine dates
 - Months to avoid: December, July, October, June, September, March
- Locations?
 - N. Hardesty: Elsie Allen – Santa Rosa -→ FFA program, use their facility?
 - Miller: do fairgrounds offer a discount or youth shows?
 - a. Coneybeer: waiting to hear back from Sonoma Marin (Petaluma)
 - b. K. Gilbraith: volunteered at Sonoma-Marin, knows manager, can email
 - c. Miller: For example, in SOCAL no cleaning charge for Youth except dumpster
 - d. K. Gilbraith: Howard Park, Santa Rosa?
 - i. N. Hardesty: it used to be a petting zoo
 - Sonoma Valley High School FFA/Ag program, Sonoma → do they have facilities? Do Schiffmans have access – Coneybeer will ask
 - Calistoga Fairgrounds
 - Napa Fairgrounds -> Darlene Young?

- Healdsburg Fairgrounds?
- Citrus Fairgrounds, Cloverdale?
- Requirements
 - 1 day, in/out, show out of trailer (no pens), bathrooms, about 70 goats, power, water, flat area for “ring”
 - youth and open on the same day? General consensus was yes
 - a. same judge (OK by NPGA regulations)
 - b. get FAST judges
- Entry Fees
 - Recap: member vs. non-member pricing (i.e. \$8 vs \$10)
 - Volume discount (i.e. drops a couple dollars for goats 10+)
 - Coneybeer: in favor of non-member pricing, no volume discount for non-members

- **NICOLE HARDESTY MOVED: Entry fees for BAPGC shows will be \$9/goat/class for MEMBERS for the first 4 goats, then \$7/goat/class for goats 5+ for members. Non-members will pay a flat \$10/goat/class fee.**
- **JUNE GARVIN SECONDED**
- **NO FURTHER DISCUSSION**
- **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Show Book
 - Recap: Coneybeer: unnecessary expense at the show she organized for SPPGA in May → maybe 5 people took them, cost about \$2/ea to print
 - Recap: Coneybeer: at last meeting suggested that we allow people to indicate on show entry if they want the show book and charge them the extra \$2
 - Discussion about the class sheets being copied as show book
 - Could email class sheets in advance of show and let people print at home

- a. N. Hardesty: entries will be put into a spreadsheet -> could email it out
- b. N. Hardesty: suggested we have a database of goats to make entries and class sheets easier

c. General feeling that we should just email it and not print

- o Discussion turned to on-line entries and using PayPal for payment – paperless
 - a. “ShowWorks” used by Orange County Fair, State Fair, Sonoma County Fair (database)
 - b. N. Hardesty will check if “ShowWorks” links with PayPal
 - c. Miller: Cascade Pygmy Club using PayPal

3. New Business

- a. Miller: Banner? Coneybeer: done and she is donating production cost (hanging at fair now)
- b. Wilcox: shirts? Coneybeer – youth \$12, adults \$15 – she donated production costs and shirts are on sale at fair now
- c. Miller: there is a new 4H group on the Peninsula
 - Julie Ho working with it
 - Another one in Orinda with Barnes
- d. “Pee Wees”
 - Shannon Parks working with Southern California → started “pee wee”
 - Sonoma County fair just cancelled “pee wees”
 - Discussion about fair rules for kids under 8 and ethics training requirements → should be made more accessible and easier (it’s a power point, anyone can proctor)

4. NICOLE HARDESTY MOVES TO ADJOURN, JANE CONEYBEER SECONDED → meeting adjourned 12:46 pm