

**Official Minutes**  
**National Pygmy Goat Association**  
**Summer Meeting**  
**15-16 June 2006, Morris, IL**

**Call to Order.** 8:00 AM

President Aaron Esterline called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. Present were President Aaron Esterline, Vice President Mark Adkins, Treasurer Joyce Hubbard, Secretary Stetts Stettler, Directors Donna Elkins, Michelle Fonda, Lynda Gredin, MaryBeth Guenther, Karen Hepner, Tammi Josephson, Maggie Leman, John Murray, Andy Nash, Cheryl Rogers, and Business Manager Dori Lowell. Directors Scott Noffsinger and Susan Seiler were absent.

**Officer Reports.**

President Esterline noted the relative smoothness of the period since the last meeting. Report accepted.

Vice President Adkins reminded directors of their responsibilities under the Director's agreement, particularly as it pertains to submitting at least two Regional Reflections to the MEMO annually. Report accepted.

Secretary Stettler had no new items. Report accepted.

Treasurer Hubbard received a request to recheck the JTC travel expense breakdown for improved accuracy. NPGA has approximately \$46,000 in CD's, which is a comfortable cushion for our size. Report accepted.

**Central Office Report.**

Dori Lowell reported the new postage meter is working out acceptably well although slower than expected. Problems fixable through Central Office tend to be received quite late—by then they're harder to address. Please notify early.

One buck was accepted for registration through the progeny process. There is no large interest in the program.

The annual independent audit report of the statement of financial condition was presented and no discrepancies were found. Report accepted.

**Ad Hoc Committee Reports.**

**Linear Appraisal.** Stettler. At the Jan 2006 Board meeting, the Board recommended the committee's efforts be aimed primarily toward education of the membership on the characteristics and benefits of a proposed Linear Appraisal program. As a result, MEMO articles, Regional Reflections columns and individual discussions are on-going.

The committee plans for an educational booth at the Convention to include handouts, article reprints and draft appraisal products. We also plan a multi media presentation on either CD or video. Finally, we plan to use a questionnaire to evaluate member interest in the program and will distribute the results of that to the Board.

Next Steps: We request the Board extend the Ad Hoc Linear Appraisal Committee through the next Board meeting. We have two Linear Appraisal articles ready for submission in future MEMOs. The committee will conduct a final review of the draft appraisal sheet and guidelines and send them for committee reviews. No funding is required or requested for the next period.

The committee members are Leman, Overman and Stettler. Report accepted.

**Wether Committee:** Donna Elkins. In 1999, the NPGA adopted a promotional program for wethers to encourage the keeping and showing of wethers. At the same time, a National Champion Challenge class was added for wethers. The Wether Committee was formed to revisit issues and make suggestions on possible improvements to reach the goal of having more wethers participate in the medal program on all levels. The Board asked the committee to continue working on ways to develop and expand the wether program and promotion of the NPGA wether. A MEMO article is on the way.

The committee made several recommendations resulting in the following motion.

**Motion 06-15.** Wether Program. Passed By: Elkins/Hepner  
Voting Yes: Adkins, Elkins, Fonda, Guenther, Hepner, Hubbard,  
Josephson, Leman, Nash, Rogers. No: Gredin, Stettler. Absent:  
Noffsinger, Seiler.

Effective 1 Jul 2006, change SHOW RULES, Para D., as now reads:

#### **D. REGULATIONS FOR WETHERS**

1. Wethers are not eligible for Junior, Senior or Grand Champion competition.
2. Classes for wethers shall be judged according to Guidelines for Judging Pygmy Goat Wethers. Separate classes for wether showmanship may be held.

3. It is suggested, but not required, that a bill of sale listing the registration numbers of the sire and dam or an NPGA issued "Certificate of Recorded Ancestry" be presented as proof of Pygmy lineage. However, all wethers that appear to the judge to be purebred Pygmy goats shall be allowed to be shown.
4. Proof of "Best Wether" award shall be the awarding NPGA licensed judge's signature on the back of the certification papers in a show in which at least 5 wethers of any age are shown. (03-03)
5. The judge will sign only the certification papers of the "Best Wether" if
  - a. An original NPGA wether certificate is present at the time the wether is being shown.
  - b. Tattoo and/or microchip number matches the number on the NPGA wether certificate if the animal is over six (6) months of age.
  - c. The goat was entered and placed in the correct age class. (03-03)
6. Judges will check tattoos and/or microchip number on the Best Wether prior to signing the wether certificate. If the "Best Wether" does not have certification papers or if the tattoo and/or microchip number does not match the wether certificate, he will still receive the ribbons, awards, and title for "Best Wether" of that show. He will not be allowed to compete in a National Champion Wether Challenge unless he receives certification papers and is designated "Best Wether" of a subsequent show. (00-06)
7. After receiving 12 "Best Wether" recordings a wether is no longer eligible to compete for "Best Wether". Effective January 1, 2005. (04-15)
8. Health certificates may be required if specified on the entry form. Show officials may deny entry if any goat does not appear to be in good health.

to read:

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4. *Proof of a Best Wether win shall be the awarding NPGA licensed judge's signature on the back of the certification papers. The judge will only sign the certification papers of the Best Wether if:*
  - a. *An original NPGA wether certificate is present at the time the wether is being shown.*
  - b. *The tattoo and/or microchip number matches the number on the NPGA wether certificate if the animal is over 6 months of age.*
  - c. *The goat was entered and placed in the correct age class.*
  - d. *There were at least 5 wethers of any age competing in the show.*
  - e. *The goat has not yet recorded 12 wins. (06-15)*
5. *The Reserve Best Wether will record a win if any of the following apply to the Best Wether:*
  - a. *Is not certified with the NPGA*
  - b. *Did not have original wether certificate at the show*

- c. *Was not shown in the correct class*
  - d. *Did not have legible tattoo and/or microchip*
  - e. *Has recorded 12 or more wins. (06-15)*
6. *If the goat is not qualified to record the Best Wether win because it does not meet requirements set by NPGA, it will still receive the NPGA rosette. (06-15)*
  7. *Health certificates may be required if specified on the entry form. Show officials may deny entry if any goat does not appear in good health. (06-15)*

The committee members are Donna Elkins, Tammy Josephson, Andy Nash, Karen Hepner and Jan Likens. The report was accepted.

Judge's Training Video: Noffsinger. No report this time due to absence, but the Board continues its interest in the project.

### **Standing Committee Reports.**

**Breed Standard Committee.** Mark Adkins. The Committee reviewed requests from Board members and determined:

1. The scorecard should remain as it is now. (Reason) The bucks genetics are passed on to more offspring than the does so their points are counted to a stronger degree.
2. The crown marking should be an optional marking. (Reason) The fact that most bucks and does rub the white off the crown makes hard to tell in older animals if it was there at all.
3. Several Breed Standard wordings should be changed.
4. The following should be added to the scorecard: The goat must have both light and dark breed specific required marking, not just one or the other. Missing either distinctly lighter or distinctly darker required markings would disqualify the animal.

**Motion 06-16.** Breed Standard. Passed Adkins/Leman

Voting Yes: Adkins, Elkins, Fonda, Gredin, Guenther, Hepner, Hubbard, Josephson, Leman, Nash, Rogers, Stettler. No: None. Abstain: Murray  
Absent: Noffsinger, Seiler.

The Board change the Breed Standard, (Revised January 2005)  
Paragraphs 1 and 2 as now read:

#### **1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Pygmy Goat is genetically small, cobby, and compact. Its frame is clearly defined and well angulated; limbs and head are short relative to body length. The Pygmy Goat is full-barreled and well muscled; the body circumference in relation

to height and weight is proportionately greater than that of dairy breeds. The Pygmy Goat is hardy, agile, alert and animated, good-natured, and gregarious.

## **2. BREED CHARACTERISTICS:**

**COAT** – The full coat of straight, medium long hair varies in density with seasons and climates. On does, beards may be non-existent or sparse. On adult bucks, abundant hair growth is desirable; the beard to be full, long and flowing, the copious mane draping, cape-like, across the shoulders.

### **COLOR AND BREED-SPECIFIC MARKINGS:**

**SOLID BLACK:** Body Colors: All body hairs black in color. No other solid colors are acceptable. Required Markings: none. Optional Markings: none

**BLACK:** Body Colors: All body hairs black in color. No other solid colors are acceptable. Required Markings: muzzle, crown, eyes and ears accented in white. Optional Markings: (a) white patches or bellybands anywhere on barrel between point of elbow and stifle joint; (b) tail accented in white.

**AGOUTI** – Body Colors: All body colors are acceptable. The predominant coloration is formed by the intermingling of lighter and darker hairs producing an appearance ranging from highly grizzled to nearly solid. Required Markings: (a) muzzle, crown, eyes and ears accented in white; (b) hoofs, socks, face, and forehead distinctly darker than main body color. Optional Markings: (a) white patches or bellybands anywhere on barrel between point of elbow and stifle joint; (b) dorsal stripe darker than the main body color; (c) varying degrees of grizzling on areas of the body (such as the chest, shoulders, mane, and tail).

**CARAMEL** – Body Color: Any shade of white through brown. Required Markings: (a) muzzle, crown, eyes and ears accented in white; (b) Vertical stripes on center front of socks same color as body; (c) hoofs, sides and rear of socks, dorsal stripe and martingale accented in tones distinctly darker than main body color; (d) Face: Accented in tones distinctly darker than main body color. Amount ranges from partial to complete according to age and gender. Optional Markings: white patches or bellybands anywhere on barrel between point of elbow and stifle joint.

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*The legs and feet should work together so that the gait (tracking) is smooth, balanced, ground covering and effortless. (06-16)*

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Further, Add to Paragraph 8, Compliance, Showing, as now reads: Variations from the Breed Standard will be faulted as moderate to disqualifying in accordance with NPGA Guidelines for Judging Pygmy Goats.

To read:

Variations from the Breed Standard will be faulted as moderate to disqualifying in accordance with NPGA Guidelines for Judging Pygmy Goats. *The NPGA Breed Standard describes the ideal Pygmy Goat. The user of this Standard should not attempt to fault an animal based on the Standard itself, but should refer to the Guidelines for Judging Pygmy Goats. The Guidelines for Judging describe how variations from the Standard will be faulted, based on the severity of the variance, up to and including disqualification. (06-16)*

**Color Chart.** The near-final version of the new color chart was distributed. About 4-6 photos will be swapped for others already on

hand. The backgrounds will be removed, leaving a neutral background on each photo. If the chart is ready before January, the Executive Board is authorized to provide final approval.

The report was accepted as amended.

**Health, Education and Research Committee.** Kay Orlando. HER Committee is now answering health questions via the internet and some by telephone. At least one health related article appears in each issue of MEMO. The HER Committee will assist the Publications Committee in the process of updating the "Basic Owners Manual".

The Board requested an agenda item for the next meeting concerning the possibility of adding veterinary or other links to our website. The Board also noted there are several open volunteer positions on the committee. Ray Hoyt has been added to the HER Committee and will continue his NAIS Liaison position.

**National Animal Identification System.** Ray reported he continues to stress our desires for any NAIS, "...continues to advocate NPGA's position, which is:

No eartags.

Goat owners need to participate in any regulation to be imposed.

Our current ID methods (microchips and/or tattoos) should continue to be acceptable.

Any costs to implement a federal system need to be kept to an absolute minimum.

A pre-existing Goat Working Group started up their website to distribute information about the USDA program. Members of the Goat Working Group were identified and profiled, breed organizations were invited to provide information on how they currently identify their animals (I provided all relevant NPGA rules and regulations on the subject), and an opinion capability was provided for viewers to react to the system, among other features. This website should be frequently visited to check for any late breaking news: <http://usanimalid.com>.

With respect to keeping NPGA informed, it was decided to provide some online information to members on the NPGA website. Working with our President/Webmaster Aaron Esterline, the NPGA homepage now has a place where a viewer can click to proceed to a "Goat ID" page where a number of articles and updates I have written are available for review. Additionally, there is an update article in the latest Memo on page 22 which tries to synopsise for our members what is happening with NAIS.

The report was accepted.

**Judges Training Committee.** Linda Carpenter. Eleven candidates (three pending written tests) are expected to take the 2006 JE.

Non-JTC judges will participate in a separate Continuing Education session mediated by Andy Nash and Ray Hoyt and restricted to judges only. Judges who are also Board members will assist, evaluate the CEP and consider future changes and improvements.

The Board requested the JTC perform a one-time trial setup for a different way of scoring the four-goat test class on Monday morning and report back on the results.

The Board considered a proposal to create a Provision License for judges. After discussion, and acknowledgement that the JTC was not in favor of the proposal, the Board passed the following motion.

**Motion 06-17.** Provisional License. Passed. Elkins/Gredin  
Voting yes: Adkins, Elkins, Fonda, Gredin, Guenther, Hepner, Hubbard, Josephson, Leman, Murray, Nash. No: Rogers, Stettler. Absent: Noffsinger, Seiler.

Add to Judge's Training Manual (Page 3, immediately after para 5)

*An applicant must earn an average grade of at least 70% in each of these areas to pass the practical test and qualify for a one-year, non-renewable provisional judges license. Provisional judges are subject to the same rules, codes and guidelines as any NPGA licensed judge.*

The report was accepted as amended.

**Youth Committee.** Eleanor Zarski. (Interim) Coloring book is completely done and offered in merchandise. Youth activities during convention are all organized and ready. We're looking for a volunteer member from Region 3. The deadline for scholarship applications is 1 August.

The report was accepted.

**Public Relations Committee.** Bob Flickinger. The Committee has been working on the rewriting of the NPGA pamphlet and has contacted two website managers in an attempt to arrange exchange links. We are looking for new members from Regions 2,5,7 and 8. Terry Heath is a new Region 1 member.

The Board discussed the purposes and limitations of our website links and suggested various improvements in the Public Relations area. The



President pointed out this issue remains unresolved after many discussions and asked for firm agenda items for the next meeting.

***Closed Session.***

***Open Session.***

**Publications Committee.** Linda Henwood. The Committee reviews many articles each quarter for MEMO in a timely fashion as directed by the Board. The Committee Chair individually reviews the show results for any obvious errors and the full MEMO in .pdf form to scan for any spacing errors, etc. before it's printed

There are no articles or items pending for MEMO or the web site for the committee's review at this time.

The Basic Owner's Manual will be retyped by the Publications Committee Chair, and sent through the full Publications Committee, the HER Committee, the JTC Committee and the Breed Standard Committee for input and approval prior to being sent to the Board for final approval. It is anticipated this will be ready for the Board of Directors' approval at the June 2007 meeting.

The report was accepted.

**Webmaster's Report.** Aaron Esterline. I have been updating the Breeders Directory on the website several times a week and other content as necessary. We have collected over \$8,000 since January 1, 2006. We are on track to meet last year's online sales total of \$19,900. Traffic to the website continues to increase compared to 2005 numbers. We have averaged approximately 8900 visitors per month compared to last year's 7900 per month (95,000 total). Listing the show results online has proven to be a little more complicated than I thought it would be. I am working on it, and hope to have it done before the Board Meeting – or shortly thereafter.

About 10 on-line goat ads have been sold to date.

The on-line judge's schedule/calendar proposal has proven to be a very difficult project. Even if the site pages existed, the value depends upon individual judges personally and continually updating their information. That's optimistic, at best. However, the on-line show results are coming soon.

The report was accepted.

## **Coordinator Reports.**

### ***Closed Session.***

### ***Open Session.***

***Elections Coordinator:*** Erin McCarthy. All Vacancy Replacement Director positions are scheduled for election this year.

Nominations have been received for the Directorship position in Region 2 and Vacancy Replacement Director nominations have been received in Region 2, 4, 7, and 8. Nominations are still needed for regions 1, 3, 5 and 6. Additionally, I have been in contact with several people across the country that have recommended people for director or vacancy replacement director or have expressed interest in positions. Nominations have yet to be received from those individuals

I have begun the process of sending out acceptance letters to current nominees and plan to follow up with those individuals if no word is received within 30 days.

The report was accepted.

***Affiliated Clubs Coordinator.*** Susan Seiler. There are currently 46 clubs on the Affiliated Clubs roster. Most of the work involves making sure contact information is updated. An information packet has been sent out to a group in Nebraska, but there have been no new listings. A file of by-laws and a constitution is being maintained for the use of clubs who may need the information.

Letters were sent to each listed organization as requested. All who responded with a current contact person are included in the updated listing. The new listing is correct on the website and in the last MEMO, but was not completed in time to make the new Breeder's Directory.

Bob Flickinger has asked for help/input in providing Showmanship manuals to 4-H and FFA groups. I have sent this question out to my committee members to gain more ideas on this possibility.

Stacy Hamilton has suggested that there be a time when the membership can contact the committees during the convention. I am looking forward to contact with any of the clubs representatives for ideas about how NPGA can be of more help to the clubs.

Pending the reorganization committees' recommendations I need to beef up my committee with more members or let them rotate off without replacement.

The report was accepted.

**Show Coordinator:** Keira Engelke. There will be a new order for rosettes in fall for 2007. Both manufacturer and color will change. The rosette style will change slightly as well. The Board authorized e-mail coordination between the President, Dori and Keira for the final choice. Fewer show chair complaints of errors or lateness have been reported as the year progresses.

I am proud of the new reporting system I have developed with Dori to ensure that she gets the most accurate information on the shows and money that I deal with on a monthly basis. The paperwork has been reduced and organized for greater accuracy.

The report was accepted.

### **Department Reports.**

**MEMO Report.** Staci McStotts. Four issues of the MEMO have now been completed. I've continued to make numerous contacts for new articles and have made considerable efforts at new advertising, to include promotion of our NPGA merchandise and selling inside cover ads. New software has been purchased and I'm expecting to use it for the Fall issue.

The report was accepted.

**Merchandise Report.** Jim Huber. The Merchandise Department is doing very well. We sold 2,000 copies of The Basic Owner's Manual in 2 years, "pretty good!" The inventory spreadsheet and sales summary are attached. Please keep up the promotion of the Merchandise Department.

The Board suggested a special sale on the remaining inventory of patriotic T shirts.

The report was accepted.

**Compliance Committee Report.** Ray Shipley. Two compliance actions were evaluated and reported on by this committee with recommendations to the Board. (Secretary's note: Board actions held over until second day of meeting.)

The Board heard the proposal by Andy Nash to formalize the guidelines for penalties and use of a standard form to report and record final Board actions.

**Motion 06-18.** Compliance Action. Passed Nash/Gredin

Voting Yes: Adkins, Elkins, Fonda, Gredin, Guenther, Hepner, Hubbard, Josephson, Leman, Nash, Murray, Rogers, Stettler. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger, Seiler.

To the President's job description add, 19. *Shall complete an NPGA Board of Directors compliance action form describing actions taken by the Board. Copies will be sent to the Central Office and Chair of the Compliance Committee for storage. (06-18)*

### **Old Business.**

Two items of old business were discussed.

**Motion 06-19.** Executive Committee. Passed. Stettler/Gredin

Voting Yes: Adkins, Elkins, Fonda, Gredin, Guenther, Hepner, Hubbard, Josephson, Leman, Nash, Murray, Rogers, Stettler. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger, Seiler.

Change Bylaws, Section 4.12 to read: *The President shall have, to assist him in his work, an Executive Committee consisting of elected officers and any other honorary officers delegated to this committee. (06-19)*

The second item has two parts; amending the Bylaws and changing the Rules and Regulations to reflect the changes. Motion 06-20 incorporated three distinct actions. It amended the Bylaws, it changed Rules and Regulations 11.C.3 to match the Bylaws and then it made two additional changes to the 11.C.3 wording. The two additional changes further restrict and define the director's responsibilities by requiring continuous residence and election in the nominating region.

**Motion 06-20.** Director nominations. Passed Stettler/Murray

Voting Yes: Adkins, Elkins, Fonda, Gredin, Guenther, Hepner, Hubbard, Josephson, Leman, Nash, Murray, Stettler. No: Rogers. Absent: Noffsinger, Seiler

Change Bylaws, Article IV, Directors and Officers, Sect 4.1 to read: The authorized number of Directors of the Association shall be 16, *however,*

*the number may be changed by an amendment to this section by the vote or written proxy of a majority of the members in good standing voting on this amendment. Ballots must be provided only to all members in good standing in the candidate's region. Directors must be members of the Association and must reside in the region in which they are nominated at the time of nomination. Residence is to be defined as the primary residence and verified by a driver's license or state ID card. (06-20)*

In accordance with the bylaw announcement, Rules and Regulations, Para 11.C.3 is sympathetically changed as now reads:

C. Eligibility requirements

3. Must reside in the region for which he/she has been nominated for a minimum of 6 months prior to the close of nominations. Residency is defined as the primary residence and verifiable by a driver's license or state ID.

To read: *3. Must continue to reside in the region for which he/she has been nominated and elected. (06-20)* Residency is defined as the primary residence and verifiable by a driver's license or state ID. (06-20)

**New Business.**

**Trademarked Herdnames.** Aaron Esterline. After receiving a report of a possible trademark infringement, investigation revealed NPGA could possibly have some liability under our current herdname registration guidelines. While the original complaint was peaceably resolved, and the liability appears tenuous, the Board felt it prudent to add certain disclaimers in the registration process.

**Motion 06-21.** Herd Registration Disclaimer Passed Esterline/Adkins

Voting Yes: Adkins, Elkins, Fonda, Gredin, Guenther, Hepner, Hubbard, Josephson, Leman, Nash, Murray, Rogers, Stettler. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger, Seiler.

The following disclaimer be added to the Herdname Application Form, Membership Roster, MEMO, On-Line Breeder's Directory and print Breeder's Directory.

**DISCLAIMER**

Members must be aware that trademark laws protect some herdnames from infringement. As a service to our members, NPGA screens applications for obvious potential infringements and will refuse to register them. However, trademark laws and their interpretations vary and we cannot be responsible or liable for trademark infringement. Any publication of trademarks or herdnames found to be infringing is inadvertent and unintentional. Members are urged to contact legal advice prior to submitting a herdname for registration.

The following be added to the NPGA Business Office Guidelines.

## **HERDNAME REGISTRATION GUIDELINES**

Federal and state trademark laws protect the integrity and value of herdnames by preventing confusion of the names in the public perception. New herdname applications should be compared to existing registered herdnames. New names deemed too close to existing names should be rejected and returned to the applicant.

The question of infringement is a legal one. While NPGA does not have the resources to provide a definitive answer, we can provide initial screening, call the applicant's attention to names presenting what appear to be obvious or intentional conflicts, and refuse to register them as submitted.

As a service to our members, NPGA adopts the following guidelines for use by our Business Office staff and Executive Board when registering new herdnames.

1. Do not register, but return to the applicant, submitted herdnames
  - a. that add word(s) to herdnames that are already registered, unless other herdnames like that are already registered, (example: If EchoPoint is registered, someone trying to register EchoPoint Pygmies would be refused unless someone had already registered EchoPoint Farm) or
  - b. that remove word(s) from a herdname that is already registered, (example: Saltbox Farms is registered, someone trying to register SaltBox would infringe) or
  - c. that change adjectives such as farm/ranch/acres/pygmies to a different one of those words, unless two or more of those herdnames are already registered. (example: Kabills Farm is already registered. Trying to register Kabill's Pygmies would not be accepted unless Kabill's Acres and Kabill's Ranch is already registered.
2. Explain to the member why the application is returned and, if practicable, suggest a variation that is within the guidelines.
3. In the event you are unable to determine the appropriate action, forward the herdnames and your recommendation to the Executive Board for resolution. In the event the Executive Board is unable to determine a course of action, the issue will be referred to the full Board of Directors.

**Youth Chair Stipend.** Karen Hepner. The Board discussed the possibility of initiating a stipend and determined that in the event it

requires the Chair's attendance at the Convention, then that could be addressed again. No further action.

**2007 Winter Meeting Location.** The Board, after some discussion, chose Tampa, FL, as the next meeting location.

Adjourn. 5:23 PM.

**Convene.** 8:00 AM Sunday, 16 Jun 2006.

**Closed Session.**

**Open Session.**

**Compliance Committee Report, Con't.** The Board completed consideration of two compliance actions, 05-3 and 06-1 as reported by the Committee. There were minor and usual expenses reported and no further activities.

The Report was accepted.

**Breeder Recognition.** Andy Nash. After discussion, the Board passed the following motion.

**Motion 06-24.** Breeder's Recognition. Passed Nash/Gredin

Voting Yes: Adkins, Elkins, Fonda, Gredin, Guenther, Hepner, Hubbard, Josephson, Leman, Nash, Murray, Rogers, Stettler. No: None. Absent: Noffsinger, Seiler.

The Board considered the proposal that the NPGA create a Breeder's Recognition Certificate that would recognize breeders for having Permanent Grand Champions in their herdname. There would be three levels of recognition; Bronze for 5 PGCH, Silver for 10 PGCH and Gold for 20 PGCH. The Breeder's Recognition Application would be filled out and sent to the Central Business Office with the appropriate fee.

The Board insert Rules and Regulations para 4F to read: *Upon application and payment of \$3.00 fee, NPGA will award a Breeder Recognition Certificate recognizing multiple Permanent Grand Champions in a herd name as follows: Bronze, 5 PGCH's; Silver, 10 PGCH's; Gold, 20 PGCH's. (06-24)*

Renumber the present para 4F through 4M to 4G through 4N.

**MEMO Article Submission.** Mark Adkins. More good, original articles are needed for the MEMO. The Editor has exhausted all the usual techniques for attracting them and asked the Board for help. Many ideas were discussed but tabled for further development of the details.

The NPGA has authorized a payment of \$20 for the cover photo selected for each of the next 6 issues.

**Continuing Education Coordinator.** Mark Adkins. NPGA is searching for a non-judge coordinator in the event Andy is not able to continue performing this function. He will try to develop the details of the responsibilities for the coordinator.

**Microchip Requirements.** Stetts Stettler. Withdrawn after discussion.

**Microchip Readers.** Aaron Esterline. Withdrawn after discussion.

**Productive Doe Recognition.** Aaron Esterline. Withdrawn after discussion.

**Closed Session.**

**Open Session.**

**2006 Volunteer of the Year.** Wanda Hook, Baytown, TX, President of Kids at Heart Pygmy Goat Club, was unanimously selected for her work supporting Pygmy goat owners in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

**2007 Convention.** The 2007 Convention will be held at the Gold County Fairgrounds in Auburn, CA, co-hosted by the Sierra-Pacific and Silver State Pygmy Goat Associations.

**Adjourn.** 1:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stetts Stettler, Secretary  
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