

## AGENDA ITEM D

### PROPOSAL:

To restrict the compliance committee to only accept complaints that undermine the original purpose of this organization as outlined in the Articles of Incorporation and the Mission Statement—that purpose being a breed registry.

### REASONS, ADVANTAGES, DISADVANTAGES:

Since the organization is not a court of law it should not be hearing allegations regarding the business practices, political beliefs, and conduct of members outside of their dealings with and about pygmy goats as spelled out in the Mission Statement. False information may be presented as evidence without any vetting as to its veracity. Unfortunately, there is a lot of garbage on the internet, not everything you read is legitimate. If we continue to preside over complaints that may come down to he said/ she said, or something gleaned from the internet, we are opening ourselves up to litigation and could indeed be a party to slander.

In the past several years there has been several compliance complaints, but only one that has had any legitimacy with regards to the purpose of this organization, and it involved falsifying information on registration applications.

**PROS:** To keep NPGA operating within its founding principles and Mission Statement and only hear compliance issues that deal with the purpose of a breed registry.

**CONS:** There may not be any “teeth” in our code of conduct documents.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Reduces the possibility of NPGA having to face pricey litigation.

### PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to Change RR 9.A.

From (current):

#### 9. COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE

A. NPGA will provide a mechanism by which complaints against members for conduct or activity which allegedly violates the NPGA Code of Ethics, Code of Ethics for Judges, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Rules for Official Shows, Conflict of Interest Policy, and/or the Director’s Agreement may be filed. (09-22, 11-5,17-12)

To:

#### 9. Compliance Procedure

A. NPGA provides a mechanism to act against those whose conduct or submissions impact the integrity of the data maintained by this registry. This would include falsifying documents that challenge accuracy of registration information or Official Show records.

### SUBMITTED BY:

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