

National Pygmy Goat Association

June 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

June 23 & 24, 2016

Shelby, NC

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Meeting of the National Pygmy Association called to order at 8:10am. Directors present: President Linda Henwood, Vice-President Lynda Gredin, Treasurer Joyce Hubbard, Secretary Sarah Read, Kim Shunney, Jose Torres, Katie Ridley, Jean Sisco, Michelle Fonda, Chad Hudson, Crystal Shults, Donna Staley, Cheryl Rogers, Karen Hepner, Susan Seiler. Sharon Irving was absent due to a family emergency. Business Manager Dori Lowell was also present. There were also several members in attendance.

Officer Reports:

President- no report

Vice-President: Lynda Gredin reports that all is well. She says that the chairs sent their reports in in a timely manner.

Secretary: Secretary Read updated the board on what she's done since becoming secretary in January 2016.

Treasurer: Joyce Hubbard reports that she's been sending regular reports to the board. She stated that she's had some trouble with some email addresses not working and having emails returned as undelivered.

The board moved to approve the January 2016 minutes.

The board moved to approve the June 2016 agenda.

Central Office Report

Dori Lowell reported that registrations were up as of the June meeting as well as a slight increase in new memberships. The membership roster is available on CD at the Central Office. She will be replacing the laser printer, and she also replaced the credit card processor. At the time of the meeting, she is still experiencing issues with the online herdbook. An inquiry will be made into finding some assistance from a NPGA member with the ongoing technical issues. She advised the board to give future consideration to rewriting the registry program.

Certification

Only one goat circulated through the committee, and it was denied due to excessive white.

The Central Office Report was accepted.

Document Retention

Board member Shults provided information for the board. She researched several different requirements for NPGA under Washington non-profit law. President Henwood asked Shults to collaborate with Dori Lowell to determine a set length of time for each type of document. This item will return to the January 2017 agenda as an old business item.

Committee Reports

Breed Standard

Breed Standard Committee Chairperson David Wortham presented the report. He updated the board on the new committee members, and he said that the committee is working on several items that are still in progress. These items will be heard at the January 2017 meeting. The Breed Standard Report was accepted.

Health, Education, and Research

There was discussion regarding those who choose to seek veterinary advice on social media groups. The board will ask Dr. Griffiths to remind the NPGA Membership that the best course of action in obtaining treatment for an animal is from a veterinarian. The HER Report was accepted.

Judges Training Committee

The report was presented by the chairperson, Linda Colville. She has been maintaining an expense and income log to record all monies to date. As of the meeting date, she recorded JTC income at \$3250. There will be 9 judge candidates at this 2016 Convention. She reports working with Publications to update/edit the Judge's Training Manual. The next item discussed was Hormel Scoring System. Colville explained to the board that the 50point system was too limiting and can lead to errors. She reformulated the sheets line by line with the correct values based on the 100point system.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFIDENTIAL MOTION 2016-09

SHULTS/TORRES

PASSED 13-0-1-1

OPEN SESSION

JTC Motion proposal item F was rejected.

JTC Report Motion1: The JTC recommends the board of directors amend the Judge's Code of Ethics to allow judges to judge both an open and a youth show on the same day/event/weekend.

JTC Report Motion 2: Edit wording to revise language in judge-related documents from "his" to "his/her". Linda Henwood volunteered to review all NPGA documents to find all instances where "his" is used to be replaced with "his/her" and will present in a motion in January 2017.

2016-10

Sisco/Hubbard

passed 14-0

I move that we change the Code of Ethics for Judges to read:

"Judging a NPGA Sanctioned 4H/Youth/Restricted by fair show and a NPGA sanctioned open show on the same day/weekend/event, by the same judge, does not violate this directive."

Yes: Fonda, Gredin, Hepner, Hubbard, Hudson, Read, Ridley, Rogers, Seiler, Shunney, Sisco, Staley, Shults, Torres No:
None Absent: Irving

Colville then presented the board with new proposals for scoring. She provided the board with examples to assist in the explanation. The chairperson's recommendation for scoring was accepted.

2016-11

Torres/Staley

passed 14-0

I move that we amend the wording in Show Rules A.6. to the following:

If there is a 4H/Youth/Restricted Show on the same day/weekend/event and judged by the same judge at the same location as an open show, then the animals from the restricted show may show in the open show. Yes: Fonda, Gredin, Hepner, Hubbard, Hudson, Read, Ridley, Rogers, Seiler, Shunney, Sisco, Staley, Shults, Torres No: None Absent: Irving

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The committee has been working with Linda Colville on updating changes to the Judges Training Manual as well as the routine reviewing of articles for Memo. The report was accepted.

YOUTH

Interim chairperson Michele Neckerman presented the report. There were 8 applicants for the scholarship. The prototype for the new Youth Project Guide was passed around for the board to review. There was also discussion pertaining to ways to encourage and support youth membership participation. The Youth report was accepted.

The Board took the agenda out of order to hear the Memo and Webmaster reports.

MEMO REPORT

The board reviewed the report as submitted. The business card advertising campaign will be run again this year. The Memo report was accepted.

WEBMASTER REPORT

Discussion surrounded the issues with updating the membership and herdbook databases. Maggie Leman will seek a proposal to get an estimate on what it will cost to fix. She has found a NPGA member who has agreed to take a look at the issues. Maggie Leman also had an estimate from a company along with its recommendation. The board moved to approve to authorize an expenditure for the webmaster to update the databases.

2016-12

Read/ Hudson

passed 14-0

I move that the Board authorizes the webmaster to spend up to \$4000 to create a database updating application.

Yes: Fonda, Gredin, Hepner, Hubbard, Hudson, Read, Ridley, Rogers, Seiler, Shunney, Sisco, Staley, Shults, Torres No: None Absent: Irving

Lunch break 12:45pm

Back in session 2:41pm

The board reviewed 3 candidates for the position of Youth Committee Chairperson, and Michele Neckerman was appointed as the chair.

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ray Hoyt presented the report. He fielded two inquiries which did not result in complaints. There are 2 formal complaints in progress, and he gave a brief description of each complaint. Both were in current process at the time of the meeting. The Compliance Committee report was accepted.

AFFILIATED CLUBS REPORT

Kathy Griffiths presented the report, and the board moved to accept the report.

SHOW COORDINATOR REPORT

Sue Seiler presented the report. The price of ribbons has increased, but she is opting to stay with the current vendor for the time being as she looks into prices from other vendors. After reporting to the board on issues tracking outdated Master Champion sanctions, the board asked for Sue to write a Memo article to provide clarification for shows to properly utilize unused Master Champion sanctions. The Show Coordinator report was accepted.

REPORT OF AWARDS COORDINATOR REPORT.

The board reviewed the report as submitted, and the board moved to accept the report.

ELECTIONS COORDINATOR REPORT

The board reviewed the report as submitted and moved to accept the report.

MERCHANDISE COORDINATOR REPORT

The report was reviewed and accepted.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

There was extensive discussion regarding issues of exhibitor infractions and ethical violations. The ad hoc chairperson, Jt Struthers, suggested that NPGA waive the compliance complaint filing fee in order to pursue said violations. The president requested that Ray Hoyt write up some proposed language to allow a NPGA official to levy a complaint to be added to Rules and Regulations.

OLD BUSINESS

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

The board reviewed several documents. The NPGA is required to have this as a part of our documents. This is to be reviewed annually.

NEW BUSINESS

2016-13 Rogers/Fonda passed 14-0

I move that the Rules for Official Shows, sections E, F & G be changed as follows:

Section E. CLASSES AND AWARDS **Change from:** 4. Combined junior/senior doe shows and all buck shows shall include both Junior and Senior Division classes. **To:** 4. All doe shows and all bucks shows shall include both Junior and Senior Division classes.

Section F. SELECTION OF CHAMPIONS **Change from :** 1. Combined Jr/Sr Doe Show or Buck Show **To:** 1. Doe Show or Buck Show **Delete:** 2. Junior Doe or Senior Doe Show (sanctioned separately) (08-03) (b) Reserve Grand Champion shall be selected from the goat which stood 2nd to the Grand Champion in its individual class and the 1st place winners of the other classes in the show. (08-03). **Renumber item #3**

Section G. REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIAL WINS FOR DOES/BUCKS **Change from:** 1. In a combined Jr/Sr Doe or Buck Show, if the Senior Champion is named Grand Champion there must be at least 20/10 does/bucks in the show (12/10 for youth shows), 8/5 of these must be in the Senior Division (6/5 for Youth). At least two senior age classes must be judged. The winning goat must be named Senior and Grand Champion or be recording the win by default as Reserve Grand. **To:** 1. In a Doe or a Buck Show, if the Senior Champion is named Grand Champion, there must be at least 20/10 does/bucks in the show (12/10 for youth shows), 8/5 of these must be in the Senior Division (6/5 for Youth). At least two senior age classes must be judged. The winning goat must be named Senior and Grand Champion or be recording the win by default as Reserve Grand. **Change from:** 2. In a combined Jr/Sr Doe or Buck Show, if the Junior Champion is named Grand Champion there must be at least 20/10 does/bucks in the show (12/10 for youth shows), there is no requirement on the number of goats in the Senior Division. The goat earning the win must be named Junior and Grand Champion or be recording the win by default as Reserve Grand. **To:** In a Doe or a Buck Show, if the Junior Champion is named Grand Champion there must be at least 20/10 does/bucks in the show (12/10 for youth shows), there is no requirement on the number of goats in the Senior Division. The goat earning the win must be named Junior and Grand Champion or be recording the win by default as Reserve Grand. **Delete:** 3. In a separately sanctioned Junior Doe Show or Senior Doe Show, there must be at least 20 does in the show (12 for youth shows). At least two age classes must be judged. **Renumber items #4 through #9** Yes: Fonda, Gredin, Hepner, Hubbard, Hudson, Read, Ridley, Rogers, Seiler, Shunney, Sisco, Staley, Shults, Torres No: None Absent: Irving

2016-14 Shults/Gredin failed 0-13-1

I propose that the current registration application be changed to: 1. Only include those acceptable colors which are listed on the application and can be chosen by simply selecting the box that corresponds with the animal's color 2. Add selection boxes for horned/disbudded & doe/buck/wether and 3. Be included on the website as a fillable PDF document that can be completed by typing the form online, printing, and sending to the central office.

Yes: None No: Fonda, Gredin, Hepner, Hubbard, Hudson, Read, Ridley, Rogers, Seiler, Shunney, Sisco, Staley, Torres
Abstain: Shults Absent: Irving

2016-15 Read/Hubbard passed 13-1

I move to create a new Show Rule D.9 : Wethers that record the Best Wether win at a restricted show will earn 1/3 credit toward a full win. If a wether earns 12 restricted Best Wether wins at a restricted show, that animal will no longer be eligible to complete in future restricted shows. Renumber remaining items. Effective January 1, 2017.

Yes: Fonda, Gredin, Hepner, Hubbard, Hudson, Read, Ridley, Rogers, Seiler, Shunney, Sisco, Staley, Shults No: Torres
Absent: Irving

New Business items D and E to be heard on Friday 6/24/16.

There was only one bid for the 2017 Convention. The Board moved to approve the bid for Region 3 in Cottonwood, Arizona.

The board selected Gina Miller of Region 2 as the 2016 Volunteer of the Year.

5:40pm meeting adjourned.

June 24, 2016.

Meeting called to order at 9:08am

Directors present: President Linda Henwood, Vice-President Lynda Gredin, Treasurer Joyce Hubbard, Secretary Sarah Read, Kim Shunney, Jose Torres, Katie Ridley, Jean Sisco, Michelle Fonda, Chad Hudson, Sharon Irving, Crystal Shults, Donna Staley, Cheryl Rogers, Karen Hepner, Susan Seiler. Business Manager Dori Lowell was also present. There were also several members in attendance.

2016-16 Shults/Hepner passed 15-0

I move that the following is added to Rules and Regulations Miscellaneous Procedures (15.F.)

Directors, vacancy replacement directors, officers, and employees of the NPGA are required to complete the Conflict of Interest Policy to be reviewed annually.

Yes: Fonda, Gredin, Hepner, Hubbard, Hudson, Irving, Read, Ridley, Rogers, Seiler, Shunney, Sisco, Staley, Shults, Torres
No: None

New Business Item D

After lengthy discussion, this item will be back on the January 2017 agenda as an old business item. Linda Colville as Judge's Training Chair was asked to work with April Seiler (NPGA Clinician) to bring some data and also further discussion for body conditioning training for both judge candidates and current judges to the January 2017 meeting.

Item E (continued showing of Platinum Wethers)

The board had no appetite for this item.

10:35am Meeting Adjourned