

## EMERALD DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION MEETING

March 4, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Hillendahl at 2:55 PM.

The Minutes for February 4, 2017 were read, and approved with corrections.

### Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance in Money Market Account: \$2,175.32

Ending Balance in Money Market Account: \$2,175.48

Balance in Free Checking Account: \$225.83

We need to pay the bill for our non-profit corporation registration to the Secretary of State. The members unanimously approved that we pay the bill

### OLD BUSINESS

**Checking Account Co-Signer:** Lane Hillendahl is now approved as the co-signer for the EDGA checking account. Shirley says we must have a co-signer because money has been stolen from EDGA in the past.

**Checking Account Access by Phone.** Lane has now procured "SQUARE" which attaches to the phone to connect to EDGA's checking account. There is no monthly fee. She asked if we would also want this access for on-line use. Everyone thought it was a good idea. Lane will look into it and set it up to go through her phone.

**EDGA Website:** Lezlee Craven now has the event calendar set up on our website. We also have our events on a Facebook page. She says they are changing the look of the website and are adding three blocks to the design of the site. She's asking about a plug-in to the site for sale of goats. One Facebook page to look at is called "Around the Grove" with events in Cottage Grove. Maybe members should look at it for ideas.

## **Fundraisers:**

**Notecards:** Lane has ordered the envelopes for EDGA's goat note cards. The plan is to sell the cards to raise money for the Association.

**Calendar:** Laura Lounsbury has been working on the calendar. She is thinking of adding an extra page for breeders and advertisers to place their business cards for a fee of \$10.00. She thinks this will pay for the cost to print the calendar. Everyone thought this was a good idea.

She asked the group if the calendar and the information provided in the calendar should be specific only to dairy goats. Everyone thought that it should be for dairy goats. The main focus of the calendar is to give a count-down for kidding dates for your pregnant does. We may want to give a list of tattoo information for dairy goats plus other information useful to goat owners. We will continue the calendar discussion and what should be included next month.

**Our Homework, Additional Fundraisers:** Elaine Wigget brought up the idea of a booth at the Bohemia Mining Days. It will be held in Cottage Grove on July 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. She says we could have a 10x20 non-profit booth set back in the trees and shade. We would have to make a reservation by June.

There is a Bohemia Mining Days Parade that runs through Main Street and has an entry fee. There is also a parade in Cresswell on Saturday that is almost two miles long. None of the members expressed an interest in participating in either parade.

We would have to man the booth for four days: 4-10 PM on Thursday, 10AM-10PM on Friday and Saturday, and 10AM -5:30PM on Sunday. We need 2 people at a time in at least 2 hour shifts to work the booth. We think we have the people to staff the booth.

To set up, we'd need a table, chairs, a canopy, lights and extension cord. We'd like to have a goat petting zoo and maybe goat cart rides.

We think it might be a good way to promote EDGA and raise some money for next year's goat show. We'd need to have business cards made and maybe tee shirts. We could have our goat note cards, tee shirts, goat soup and hand liquid for sale.

We decided to set aside the May meeting for making soap, which takes 4 to 6 weeks to cure.

**President Hillendahl adjourned the meeting at 4:06 PM.**