

EMERALD DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION MEETING

April 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Hillendahl at 3:40 PM.

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

Treasurer's Report:

The new balances from the bank had not yet been received in the mail.

OLD BUSINESS

Checking Account Access by Phone Online: President Hillendahl reported to the members that she has not set up the Square Reader to come from her phone to the bank since she will be unavailable during Bohemia Mining Days. The Square Reader allows any debit or credit card transaction to go directly by phone to the bank for deposit. The Treasurer will receive the information regarding the transactions from the bank directly. We will wait to set-up the Square Reader operation until later.

Update Goat Note Cards: President Hillendahl told the members that she has received the envelopes for the note cards in the mail.

Bohemia Mining Days Planning: Elaine Wigget informed the members that Bohemia Mining Days would not allow goat cart rides at the event. Shirley Gardner also mentioned that we would need to have insurance if this could be offered at any future event.

EDGA Website: Pamela Dean reported on her son, Greg's progress on setting up the EDGA website. Unfortunately, the computer she brought would not boot up so it had to be a verbal report.

The website index includes the following items:

Home Page

Includes when we started, introduces the club, gives resumes, accomplishments, shows, etc. (Has not been completed at this stage.) New idea is a slide show accompanying the narrative to keep the readers attention.

Event Calendar

The calendar will show the years events by the month, both forward and backward. What news do we want to post every month? We eventually will need someone to update the calendar monthly.

Membership

What are the benefits of club membership? There is an online membership application. Do we want to use PayPal or something else? PayPal charges a fee? Do we want to accept checks? Do we want to increase member charges for membership if there is a fee?

Education

Lots of work to be done for this item. Make up Table of Contents, Need Sections for each Chapter and all must be scanned in pdf format.

Classified Ads

Has a disclaimer. Members only allowed to post ads. Might bring more traffic to the site.

Advice Board

Open to everybody. Once someone asks a question, that question goes out to all members by e-mail. Six responses to each question are allowed. Gets people onto the site.

Goat Gallery

Every member has the option to post goat and farm pictures with descriptions accompanying the pictures. The computer randomly picks the "Goat of the Month". Love to see all the new baby pictures!

Goat of the Month

A playful thing. Purely random.

Business Listings

Feed stores, Hay suppliers, Vets, On-line stores. A way to generate revenue after the site is up and working. Members wanted to delay this feature until later.

Member Listings

The member listings are the size of a business card. Each member will edit his/her information to be shown on the business card. Lane mentioned an option for e-mail or facebook listings.

Agenda/Minutes for 16/17

All indexed in pdf format.

Contacts

Who do we want listed as contacts?

Other Ideas:

Local 4H Tab

Make it simple to register your goat.

Resources

Show results: who are the winners.

Check out NWODGA site for their ideas

We have to get the site up for members to access, review and comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Soap Making Class: Members signed up to bring ingredients and other needed items to the class next month. Shirley handed out the four-page recipe and procedure to each member to review before the class.

Reading of the Minutes: Since the Secretary sends out the Minutes of the previous meeting by e-mail, Shirley thought it would be a good idea for each member to review the minutes before the meeting. That way we could save time by not reading the minutes of the previous meeting . Only approval or corrections are required. Everybody thought this was a good idea and approved this new method unanimously.

President Hillendahl adjourned the meeting at 4:13 PM.