

## EMERALD DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 5, 2017

The Library was closed due to a gas leak so an informal meeting was held at the El Tapatio Restaurant. President Hillendahl was absent so Treasurer Shirley Gardner called the meeting to order at 2:28 PM.

The Minutes July 1, 2017 were not discussed.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Goat's Milk Soap:** Johanna received the business cards. She included the cards in the wrapped soap. Pamela will store the soap for the club.

**Goat Poster:** Laura's goat poster was displayed at the Lane County Fair. The Club's cards were also available.

**Field Day on November 4<sup>th</sup>:** Becky reported on information about venues for the field day.

Irving Grange costs \$300.

Central near Fern Ridge (Perkins Peninsula) costs \$100 for the Main Room and \$50 for the Kitchen.

Cresswell Grange is downtown. They charge \$10 per hour for the Downstairs. The cost for the Upstairs with chairs and stage is \$100 per day.

Goshen has no set rate. Just want to recoup the cost of the electric bill.

Santa Clara is \$75 for 3 hours in either the Dining Hall or Main Room. \$150 Building-wide.

Mohawk Grange we have no hall rental fee, but they have a flea market there in our time frame.

Shirley Gardner told us that Linda B. at Western Oregon Expo (WOE) won't charge us to use the indoor hall and two barns (30 pens). People would have to dress warmly because there is no heating. We can have goats at the Field Day.

The group unanimously approved the use of WOE. So Shirley will set it up for November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Laura asked the group what we wanted the speakers to talk about.

Her options were the following:

Chris Strickland (ex-judge) : Conformation and Famacha

Meg Hicks: Livestock Guardian Dogs (LGD)

Kristen Sullivan : goat's milk and simple pulse milking

Sherry Reina: 40 years of goat ownership

Cary Hayward (surgeon): pregnant goat care

John Beazup and an Asian woman: cheese without a kitchen, goat milk caramel and microwave cheese.

The group wanted goat basics and how to care for goats. And, after much discussion, the group picked the following speakers for the Fair:

Chris Strickland

Kristen Sullivan

Sherry Reina

Everyone thought it was a good idea to ask 4H Leaders what they want to hear about so they will be interested in coming to the Field Day.

What to charge? The group decided \$5 for the cost of the Field Day

Other money-raising activities at the field day?

Raffle tickets for soap, calendars, cheese baskets, gift certificates. The group needs to think of what they want to donate.

Sell our calendars and soap.

Shirley will make our goat cards.

Advertising the Field Day. We're looking at radio ads and Craig's List, plus Facebook.

**Calendars:** The group was unable to look at the calendars because they were in the library which was unavailable.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**New 4-H Leader:** Shirley says she was approached by a lady at the Fair looking for a 4-H start up in Cottage Grove. She wants a leader for the group who really knows goats. Shirley is working on this.

**Petting Zoo:** Laura is putting on a petting zoo at the Green Acres Home Depot on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Laura needed help at the table and Johanna will help out starting a 8:00 AM. We will have a display board, a brochure about our group and a brochure about our field day. Becky will make a flyer/invite.

**Future Venture:** A Club Recipe Book!

**Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.**