



New Mexico Pygmy Goat Club

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2008

Pat Kaufmann called the meeting to order at 3:08 PM. Members in attendance were Pat Kaufmann, Nola Robertson, Cliff and Kim Murdock, Jaime Nemitz, Lori Ellison, and Renee Furst.

Kim read the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were accepted with corrections.

Treasurers Report: Nola provided a Treasure's Report. The current for the club is \$2934.40 with \$500 deposit at the NM State Fair and \$475 in the futurity for a total of \$1959.40.

Committee Reports:

- **Show Chairs**
 - November Show – Cliff and Kim Murdock
 - Thank you to Nola Robertson and Jason Blotsky for taking care of the food and raffle table.
 - Thanks to Jaime Nemitz and Lori Ellison for providing the backdrop for photographs and being ring stewards.
 - March 2009 show - Pat Kaufmann
 - Judges are JT Struthers and Jennifer Josephson
 - Exploring the possibility of a youth show in conjunction with this show
 - Fairgrounds reserved. Need to decide if one or two day show
 - July 2009 show - Nola Robertson
 - Judges are Jason Overman and Denise Frasier
 - One day show
 - Fairgrounds reserved
- **Holiday Party**
 - Will be held at Pat's daycare on December 14, 2008 at 1:00 PM Details and flyer will follow.
 - Year end awards will be done
 - Election of officers for 2009 will be done
 - There will be a gift exchange - \$10 minimum

Old Business:

- Lodging for judges at shows: Members present discussed having judges stay with club members. Pros: Saves money. Cons: Appearances - causes questions from exhibitors about favoritism, etc. Members present decided to continue the practice of having judges stay at hotels.
- Show Classes: Currently, the classes are divided into three age groups for yearling bucks and does. In the past several shows, we have only had one or two animals in each of these classes. It was discussed that the show chair has the ability to divide classes if number of entries is large but cannot combine classes if entries are less. Kim motioned to combine yearling classes for does and bucks on the class sheet and allow the show chair

- to divide the class if needed. Renee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Junior Doe Grand Champion: We have had the Jr Doe Grand Champion in shows for all of 2008. There have been mixed responses from members in favor of and against this. Nola provided the information that having this sanction costs the club an additional \$55 in sanction fees per show or \$110 for our double shows. Renee motioned that the decision to hold a Junior Grand Champion at shows be at the discretion of the show chair. Cliff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - The question has been raised that if an exhibitor wants to "opt out" of the line up so their doe does not win the Junior Grand, what happens in that class in the line up? Renee provided the information that the second place doe in that class would move up and compete and the third place would move to the second place, etc.
 - Master Champion Challenge: We will have this class at the March show. Exhibitors who wish to show their Permanent Grand Champions must bring the papers to prove their status. These papers will be checked at check in by the show chair and verified by the judge. This class will be done after each show for bucks and does.
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New Business:

- Pat Kaufmann talked with members present about ideas for 2009. Pat stated that if she is elected President for 2009, she would like to develop committees for club activities. Some possibilities include Youth Committee, Show Committee, and Publications.
- Cliff suggested that the club contact the State Fair personnel and inquire about their staff cleaning pens. In other clubs, the club charges a small fee for using pens at shows then pays the facility for cleaning freeing the exhibitors from this chore. The club also makes a small amount of money to help with show expenses. Pat will talk with her contact at the fairgrounds about this.
- Meetings for 2009. Members present discussed that attendance is very small at meetings and a small portion of the membership makes all decisions for the general membership. All members present agreed that increased attendance is desired and beneficial to the club. It was discussed that education be offered at meetings. Currently, meetings are held at Shoney's on Menaul on Sunday afternoons at 3 PM. Meeting dates for 2009 are:
 - March 8, 2009
 - June 7, 2009
 - July 5, 2009
 - August 2, 2009
 - October 4, 2009
 - November 8, 2009
 - December 13, 2009 (Holiday Party)

Motion was made by Cliff to adjourn the meeting. Renee seconded the motion. Pat adjourned the meeting at 4:57 PM.