

National Pygmy Goat Association

Vital Statistics through December 1, 2008

Core Transactions

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	12/1/08
New Memb	595	527	555	497	479	477	489	457	515	537	504	494	423	412
Bucks	1198	1146	1180	1044	1105	1045	955	1023	1033	953	998	841	779	722
Does	3185	2903	2912	2731	3010	2810	2528	2713	2735	2591	2585	2550	2315	2259
Wethers	359	372	398	448	529	584	640	731	753	753	780	873	842	825
Transfers	3220	3005	2882	2673	3065	2746	2748	2860	2901	3021	3225	3310	2836	2533
Herd Names	372	309	268	259	280	244	249	269	263	253	241	225	212	186

Historical Totals – Registrations

Bucks Registered 23,764
 Does Registered 64,211
 Wethers 10,599

Total Registered Animals: 98,139

Difference in number sequence total and total registered is attributed to skipped numbers over the years. (435 total)

Total Year End Membership in NPGA

12/95	12/96	12/97	12/98	12/99	12/00	12/01	12/02	12/03	12/04	12/05	12/06	12/07	12/1/08
1963	1905	1943	1921	1834	1856	1879	1848	1980	1968	1916	1827	1694	1646

Business Manager Report

As of December 1, 2008

Dori Lowell

NPGA Central Office

General:

The office continues to run smoothly. No significant problems have been encountered since the June meeting.

NPGA Coordinators:

As of the writing of this report, no reports have been received from the Show Coordinator, Election Co Coordinator, or Affiliated Clubs Coordinator..

New ribbons have been ordered for 2009, with a color change in the wether ribbons. Aaron has changed ribbon manufacturer this year. It appears that there will be a significant savings in the cost and shipping of the ribbons.

Membership and Processing

The drop off in membership continues. We seem to continue to get a reasonable number of new members, but again the drop seems to come from the current members not renewing. I will bring reports for each director to the January meeting listing those members from their region who have not renewed in the last two quarters.

Master Champion recording

I have been in contact with Donna Kohler with regards to updating our NPGA registry program to include a MCH in the database and print this on registration certificates. At this time the work has not yet been completed. I expect that shortly after the first of the year to have the new designation in place on the registry.

We still need to have work done on the show coordinator side to include a database to record and keep track of the MC wins. This has not yet been completed.

Business Manager Contract

As of this date, I have never received a SIGNED copy of my 2008/2009 contract. This is not the first time this has happened. I was also not advised of the actual pay rate for 2008/2009 until August. At that time the rate I was advised was LESS than what I was currently making. I was not happy with that and immediately contacted the President. There was a typo error on the copy of the contract I was supplied with that caused the discrepancy, and was promptly addressed, and I was advised of the proper amount. It would seem that to avoid these type of errors, I would like to have a copy of the PROPOSED contract supplied to me PRIOR to the board approval. This way if there is something that is wrong, or I feel something needs to be addressed, it can be taken care of before the end of the meeting.

RUSH Processing

I would like to address the issue of RUSH processing in the business office. It has become more and more common for members to request RUSH processing of paperwork at the LAST MINUTE. In many cases paperwork is received on Wednesday, and the member needs it in their hands the following day to leave for a show on Friday. This last summer I was making a trip to the UPS or Post Office almost daily to either pick up or ship rush processing. Rush fees are paid to NPGA but NPGA does not incur ANY costs for rush processing. The members are paying for the UPS or whatever carrier used fees. However, I DO incur costs for this. When Gas was over \$4.00 per gallon, and I drive a truck approximately 20 miles round trip to make these pickups and drop offs, it was indeed costing me money to do this. Sometimes I have to pick up at the post office because someone didn't sign the release and the carrier won't leave the package. I must then come home, process the paperwork, then get back to the UPS before cut off at 3:30 pm. UPS will not pick up same day as I call. I don't mind the occasional trip but when I have to make two trips per day then the costs do add up.

I am not sure how to deal with this. I suppose we can say no processing will be shipped next day, but I know this will not be received well!

Policies and Procedures

I am continuing to work on this project when I have time. I expect to have some of the policies available for review at the board meeting. I would suggest that once all the policies are written that the board approve them all at one time. Then set a time frame to periodically review and reapprove them, possibly every other year. Most policies will not change and should not require review every year. The actual procedures are just the means of accomplishing the policy, mostly these will deal with the day to day processes such as which keys to hit to make a task happen. Once the procedures are approved, they shouldn't need to be reviewed again unless some significant change in our processing is made.

Certification Report

January 1, 2008 through December 1, 2008

Committee members and their rotation by region:

1. Karen Crawford	12/1/2010	5. Lynda Gredin	Vacant
2. Linda Henwood	10/1/2009	6. Carol Hepner	9/1/2009
3. Debbie Hosley	11/1/2009	7. Renee Furst	6/1/2010
4. Marybeth Guenther	6/1/2010	8. Kathy Granger	11/1/2009

General

I still have an opening in region 5, Please let me know if you have someone who may be interested in the position. I try to maintain members who are not already active on other committees or are judges, but sometimes I need to go with who is willing to do it.

Certification Division:

No animals have been reviewed this period.

Progeny Division:

I have received 3 applications for progeny testing in 2008. Our total number of progeny applicants is now 215 since 1990. I have 12 applicants which would be considered active but have not completed the process.