

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE 2008 NPGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

New Appointments:

Breed Standard Committee Chair	David Wortham
Publications Committee Chair	Ray Hoyt
Health, Education & Research Committee Chair	Kay Orlando (reappointed)
Compliance Committee Chair	David Johnson (McIntosh, NM)
Webmaster	Terry Heath (Lakebay, WA)

Linear Appraisal - This program is slated for Board action January 2009. The Ad Hoc Committee is to have all issues ready for presentation at that time: appraiser selection, testing, how many; scorecard specifics, measurement taking; policies on data collection and storage; and how members can take advantage of this program should they choose to do so.

Video Education - The first 30-minute video "The Pygmy Goat Breed Standard" is ready for distribution by NPGA Merchandise at \$34.95 each. More are planned.

Breed Standard - The Board did NOT change the Breed Standard. The list of agouti colors on both the Registration Application and the Color Chart was increased by one: grey/brown. Since all body colors are acceptable for agoutis, this represented no change in NPGA's philosophy on agouti body colors.

Shows: Application for Sanction, Schedule of Classes - The statement "NPGA rules to govern and to take precedence over all others" is no longer required on the Schedule of Classes list. Instead, the Application will now include a preprinted statement "NPGA rules shall govern." This change occurred to avoid an apparent conflict with California Fair Rules (state and county fairs) which require compliance.

Show Coordinator - This job was split in half: Show Coordinator and Report of Awards Coordinator. Aaron Esterline will continue to be Show Coordinator and Jeff Smith of Lakebay, WA will be the interim Report of Awards Coordinator. The ROA Coordinator's job vacancy will be advertised in MEMO.

New Publications - The Publications Committee has prepared two new publications both of which are currently in the review process: 1) a revision to the Basic Owner's Manual, and 2) a Convention Guidelines manual.

Chat Group Policy - All chat groups/message boards that use NPGA in their title will be asked to prominently display the following disclaimer: "the statements or opinions expressed by the users of this message board are not necessarily those of the National Pygmy Goat Association."

Master Champions - The show rules for this previously approved optional program were adopted. Local shows opting to participate may do so on/after 8/1/08. Entered PGCH does/bucks will compete against the grand champion(s) of the day at the end of the respective doe/buck shows. At least one PGCH must enter the competition. PGCHs who win this class will get a "leg" towards becoming a Master Champion. If the grand champion of the day wins, no leg is awarded. PGCH bucks must get 4 legs under at least 3 different judges, and PGCH does must get 3 legs under at least 2 different judges to achieve Master Champion status.

\$2000 Appropriation to Convention Hosts - This gifting of \$2000 was not approved. Prospective hosts may request a "seed money" loan from NPGA which must be repaid upon completion of the event.

Fee Reduction for Separately-sanctioned Jr and Sr Doe Shows - This proposal was not approved.

Lengthening JTC Member Terms - This proposal was not approved.

Increasing Board Member's Stipend - This item was continued to January 2009 at the request of the proposer.

NPGA Presidents May Not Chair Standing Committees - The Rules and Regulations were amended to not allow a sitting president to concurrently chair a standing committee. Since standing committee chairs report to the Vice President, this rule change was needed to preserve the chain of command.

Notification of Director Election Results - The Rules and Regulations were amended to require that as soon as the President notifies the contenders for regional director of the election results, s/he will notify members of the Board, the MEMO Editor and Webmaster.

Showing Bucklings Registered as Wethers - This agenda item proposed to change the Show Rules to deal with what is already being done in Region 2 in "Prospect Wether" classes. Region 2's handling of this situation was shared with the Board; no rule changes were necessary.

Volunteer of the Year - Vice President Maggie Leman was the sole nominee for Volunteer of the Year, and was therefore selected.

2009 Convention - The 2009 Convention, due to be held in Region 3, was awarded to the Miniature Goat Club (NPGA Affiliated Club), for June 11-16, 2009, in Cottonwood, AZ.

January 2009 Board Meeting - The next meeting of the Board will be January 17-18, 2009, most likely in San Antonio, TX. Director Terry Atkins will make the arrangements.

Ray Hoyt
Region 2 Director

NOTE

The 2008 JE resulted in the following new judges:

Regular

Denise Fraser	La Mesa, CA
Tammi Josephson	Cottonwood, CA
Rebecca Mumpower	Chamberino, NM
JT Struthers	Standish, CA

Provisional

Hannah Atkins	Lewistown, PA
Kelly Estes	Tucson, AZ
Renee Furst	Corrales, NM

The Judge Listing on the NPGA website has already been updated with these new judges!