

Northwest Cashmere Association
General membership meeting
Location Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival
October 20, 2023

Members present (6 of 14)

Ron Fiorica - President
Barbara Fiorica
Catherine Lawson
Lily Mayer
Lyn Powell – Vice President Future goat show coordinator
Denita Wallace
Diana Walker - Secretary
Linda Fox – Treasurer (attending a class at the time of the meeting)

Past members attending

Jamie Hudson – Cashmere goat show coordinator

2022 General membership meeting approved

Treasury Report

Beginning Balance – 1/1/2022 ----- \$1596.83
Income 1/1/2023 to 10/13/23 ----- \$ 590.43
Expense 1/1/2023 to 10/13/23 ----- \$ 748.74
Ending Balance as of 10/13/23 ----\$1438.52

Expenses not included in above:

OFFF Youth Showmanship Award --- \$50.00
Judge stipend ----- \$50.00

OFFF will be the 3rd weekend in September 2024 (9/20-22)

Black Sheep Gathering will be June 28-30, 2024

Black Sheep Gathering for 2023 – not good

Total Sales \$350.00

NWCA's Commission \$52.50

BSG booth cost \$245.00

The traffic seemed more than last year however folks were not buying. In talking with other vendors they commented that sales were down.

Oregon State Fair for 2024 will have a Cashmere goat show. Ron suggested we have a board meeting at the same time. Current board agreed.

Ron noticed at OFFF they have a miscellaneous fiber class and suggested folks enter in their cashmere fiber that is not needed for the goat show.

Goat Show at OFFF

Great show, well organized (thanks to Jamie). There were 46 goats entered.

Showmanship awards were given to Abigail Hudson and Sydney Hudson.

In 2024 Lyn Powell will be heading up the goat show with Jamie as the backup/support.

In 2024 need to make sure we have the same classes for does as there are for bucks. Does are missing show champion.

Questions to ask OFFF's board

Lyn/Jamie will ask the OFFF to increase judge compensation to cover 2 nights of motel, instead of just one. We need to define 'Breeder's trio'. Question should they be the same as the rules for the Oregon State Fair. Ask OFFF if the rules for having a goat show and Breeder's trio can be the same as the Oregon State Fair State Fair you need 3 farms and 15 goats to have a show. OFFF's rules are 5 farms and 25 goats.

Out reach – Lyn Powell

We now have a Facebook Page (not group)

Lyn will be happy to post monthly items on the Facebook page. High-lighting different Farms each month or other NWCA members activities.

Fleece competition for 2024 is in our court. Jyane Deardorff is willing to be both the fleece and cashmere goat show judge.

The fleece competition will be the Friday (9/20) before the goat show.

Cost for entry will be \$10.00 and return postage will be required.

Lyn will ask the OFFF if we could use the area that is for the fiber goat show for the fleece competition, or is there another area available.

Nominations and elections of officers.

All current officers are willing to stay on and no one volunteered to change places with the current officers

Denita nominated that we keep all the officers the same. Lilly seconded. All voted yes.

Ways to increase our treasury or outreach.

Jayne Deardorff suggested a fiber art award (award is just a certificate) for a product made with NWCA fiber, entered into OFFF's fiber art show.

Jamie wanted to know what type of non-profit we are and could we set up an account to turn in our recycle pop cans/bottles and the money go to us. This needs to be looked into more.

Note to Jamie, since I don't drink pop so I am not sure if I have this down right.