

It's February and **Love** is in the Air!

It's beginning to feel like spring! But in that schizophrenic kind of way where the weather can't make up its mind to be sunny or rainy. I half-expect it could even turn around and snow. I certainly don't envy the poor folks whose job it is to deliver some kind of weather prediction on the news each morning.

I know lots of you are kidding now or soon will be, and that means the waiting and counting down of days is upon us. Do you and your family have a pool going to see whose guess was closest? What traditions do you have to make the time pass? I'd love to see a discussion on Facebook.

Speaking of the internet, I just read a heart-warming story about an organization called "[Hand in Paw](#)" that recently added pygmy goats to their program of therapy animals. The two goats are named Flanders and Clarine and they are being trained as certified therapy animals so they can interact with people who have special emotional, educational and physical needs. That's a pretty important job for some sweet little pygmies!

In the mean-time, we've got some goat-therapy of our own to attend to. **Another Bloomin' Goat Show** is just around the corner. Let Robin know if you're available to help, and we'll make this a great show!

As always, I'd like to challenge each of you to come up with ways we can make this club the best - whether it's reaching out to attract new members, or how to keep things moving along in the best way, I'd love to have your input.

See you at the next meeting in Lynden!



Upcoming Meetings

February 20th

Host: Mike & Gwen Johnston
Lynden: 6pm/7pm
(NOTE: this is the 3rd Saturday!)

March 12th

Host: Dori & Dan Lowell
Snohomish: 6pm/7pm
(NOTE: back to 2nd Saturday)

April 9th

Host: Rick & Cheri Simmons
Arlington: 6pm/7pm

January Meeting Minutes

EPGA Minutes

January 16, 2016

Staci McStotts House

Members Attending: Amy, Haley & Roger Burt, Julie Davis, Brandi Morgan,

John Ireton, Debbie Bond, Dori Lowell, Colleen Wade, Rick & Cheri Simmons, Nancy & Kristi Shurvinton, Cheryl Jonker, Staci McStotts and Ted Smith

Guests: Trevor Stewart

Meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM

By President John Ireton

Introduction of new Officers for 2016

President: John Ireton, Vice-President: Julie Davis, Secretary: Debbie Bond,

Treasurer: Collen Wade, Website: BowLynne McEwen, and News Letter: John Ireton

Treasure Report: Colleen handed out report of activity and answered questions

EPGA Dues are due now.

Minutes: Debbie, Nov. 14 minutes were discussed and Colleen moved to accept the minutes as written, Stacie seconded. Nov. 14 minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Futurity: Amy reported low entries and deadline is Jan. 31

High Point: Robin was unable to attend and give report, Colleen moved to table High Point Challenge until 2017. Brandi seconded, motion passed.

January Meeting Minutes (continued)

- March Show: Robin Chair, Sign-up sheet was passed around. Robin called in and asked about giving a prize to a person who helps clean up after the show, there was no "appetite" at this time.
- June Show: Amy, everything is going fine.
- Youth Show: Colleen, Brittany will also Judge Youth Show, as of now scheduled to start at 6:00 PM, will work on classes.
- Oct Show: No report, No Chair
- Remote voting: Dori passed around a proposed change to the by laws and its pros and cons.
Dori moves to not go forward on this proposal, Nancy seconded, motion passed.
- By Laws: Rewrite updated and are on EPGA website
- New Business:
- NPGA Board Meeting: Dori gave a short report. Check NPGA Minutes on line.
- News Letter Survey: John
- Julie moved to adjourn the meeting, Cheryl seconded, motion passed
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM
- Debbie Bond
Secretary

Agenda for February 20th EPGA Meeting

1. Call to order,
 - a. Welcome/Introductions
2. Officer/Volunteer reports
 - a. Treasurer - Wade
 - b. Secretary - Bond
 - c. Vice President - Davis
 - d. Website - McEwen
 - e. Newsletter - Ireton
3. Old Business
 - a. Futurity - Burt
 - b. March Show - Swanner
 - c. June Show - Burt
 - d. Bylaw Edits - Lowell/Ireton
4. New Business
 - a. How to have successful shows
 - b. Fundraisers
 - c. Club logo - Ireton
5. Adjourn

If you have corrections or amendments for the agenda, please send them to John.
If you are on the agenda and unable to attend, please email a written report.

2016 Officers and Volunteers

President: John Ireton

Vice-President: Julie Davis

Secretary: Debbie Bond

Treasurer: Colleen Wade

Volunteers

Website: Bow Lynne McEwen

Newsletter: John Ireton

Newsletter Survey 2016

You Want OUR
Opinion??

YES! We do!

It takes less than 3
minutes and gives us useful
feedback about what you
want to see in the
newsletter



Take the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GFMFVSG>

NPGA Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

NPGA Membership Name: _____ NPGA Member #: _____

Phone #: _____ Birthdate: _____

Name of College: _____

College Address: _____

College Year: _____ GPA: _____

Name of High School: _____

Requirements for Application

- Applicant must be a current regular, youth, or part of a family membership of the National Pygmy Goat Association.
- Applicant must be a senior in high school due to graduate this year **OR** be a full time student attending an accredited college, university or trade school.
- Applicant must be enrolled to attend an accredited college, university or trade school for the next semester.
- Only one NPGA Scholarship will be awarded per individual per year.
- Applicant must include a short biography and picture to be published in the MEMO.

Scholarship application form and other required materials should be sent to:

Michele Neckermann
1119 Mt. Pleasant Road
Quarryville, PA 17566

Application for Scholarship and other materials must be received no later than June 1, 2016

Winners will be notified in writing at the earliest time possible after July 1, 2016

All applicants will receive a letter informing them of the results.

Please follow these directions carefully.

On 8 ½ x 11 paper, type or print the following information. Limit answers to each inquiry to a maximum of ten most significant items. Put your name and NPGA number on the upper left corner of all sheets. Do not bind or place your materials in a folder. Do not use the names of herds, animals, people or places in your answers or story. Confine narrative answers to the essay. Do not send any materials other than those specified. Use the format below:

1. List the goals of your pygmy goat project. Indicate the level of goal achievement and knowledge gained to date. (Number of years, size of herd, etc.)
2. List all pygmy goat related awards, demonstrations, public service, and group related activities. (4-H, FFA, etc.)
3. List leadership experiences designed to aid others involved with pygmy goats.
4. List activities and community service experiences and the awards received **NOT** related to pygmy goats.
5. Compose a double spaced essay about how you got involved with pygmy goats. Discuss how and why you chose pygmy goats, the progress you have made, what you have learned, and your plans for the future. Limit your essay to 6 pages. Please check your spelling, grammar, and punctuation, because these elements make your essay readable.
6. Compose and include a short biography and photograph to be published in the MEMO. Failure to include in the application will disqualify the applicant. This portion will not be judged for content. You may include your photograph or email your jpeg file to Janice Klenke at janiceklenke@gmail.com. Photographs via email must be received by application deadline date. Your biography is a condensed version of your essay. **In this biography only, you may include names of herds, animals, people or places in your story.** By submitting your biography and photograph, you are giving permission for this information to be published in the MEMO for the purpose of announcing an award recipient or for the purpose of an exclusive article.

REGION ONE SHOWS - 2016

❖ **March 26: EPGA's Another Bloomin' Goat Show, Monroe WA**

❖ April 15-17: CPGA's Spring Fair, Puyallup WA

❖ May 13: Spring Show(ers) Youth Show, Boise ID

❖ May 14-15: Spring Show(ers), Boise ID

❖ May 27-29: High Desert Memorial Classic, Hermiston OR

❖ June 3-5: CPGA's Dollars For Scholars, Longview WA

❖ June 11-12: June Jubilee, Boise ID

❖ **June 24: EPGA Spring Youth Show, Monroe WA**

❖ **June 25-26: EPGA's Red White Hulla Blue, Monroe WA**

❖ July 8-10: WPGC Marion County Fair, Salem OR

❖ July 8: Wasatch Open Youth Show, Logan UT

❖ July 9-10: Wasatch Open, Logan UT

❖ August: Clark County Fair, Ridgefield WA

❖ August 15: Backyard Buck Show, Boise ID

❖ August 19: SWWA Fair, Chehalis WA

❖ August 20 & 21: CPGA Does the Fair, Chehalis WA

❖ August 31-Sept 5: Evergreen State Fair, Monroe WA

❖ September 17-18: Harvest Happenings, Boise ID

❖ September 23-25: Western Washington State Fair, Puyallup WA

❖ September 24-25: CPGA Does the Western WA Fair, Puyallup WA

❖ October 8-10: CPGA's Oktoberfest, Longview WA

❖ **October 22-23: EPGA's Frostbite Classic, Monroe, WA**

❖ December 3-4: Dasher Dancer Prancer & Pygmies, Bremerton, WA

