

## March of the Pygmies!

Welcome to March. Several things happen this month: we move our clocks forward on Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>. The first official day of spring is March 20<sup>th</sup>, and Easter is March 27<sup>th</sup> this year. Did you know Easter is determined by when the next full moon after the equinox? It could be as late as April 25<sup>th</sup>, or as early as March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Though that won't happen for another 269 years!

But the big red circle on my calendar for this month is our upcoming **Another Bloomin' Goat Show** on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Robin has been busy getting everything organized (or in her own words, "delegating"). We're hoping to make this show a huge success. Please remember that we do our own cleanup afterward, so plan to stay around and help with that!

Being 'almost spring' means it's kidding season for many of you. I'm loving all the birth announcements on our Facebook page, and each little story is an adventure. The expectation is a big part of that story and then the proud photos of moms and babies. Thank you all for sharing, and please continue to do so!

I have included some information regarding the proposed fixes to our By-Laws. Bear in mind, this is just housekeeping. I found that several things in the document don't line up with how we actually run our club, so this is to put those straight. We'll have a vote at the NEXT meeting in April to approve the edits (there's not enough time left before the March meeting to provide sufficient warning)

See you at the upcoming meeting at Dori's. Looking forward to seeing all of you!



### Upcoming Meetings

#### **March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Host: Dori & Dan Lowell  
Snohomish: 6pm/7pm

#### **April 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

# February Meeting Minutes

## EPGA Minutes

February 20, 2016

Gwen Johnston's House

**Members Attending:** Gwen Johnston, Amy Dunlap, Robin & Paul Swanner,  
John Ireton, Brandi Morgan, Dori Lowell, Stacie McStotts, Joe & Debbie Bond

The EPGA Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

By President John Ireton

Treasure Report - Colleen Wade – Absent, No Report

Secretary - Debbie Bond

January minutes were approved as read

Stacie moved to approve minutes, Paul seconded

V.P. Report – Julie Davis – Absent, No Report

Website – BowLynne McEwen – Bow has updated the website

Newsletter – John sent out a survey – check the website

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# February Meeting Minutes (continued)

## Old Business:

Futurity – No Report

March Show - Robin coming together, NPGA Ribbons will be sent to her.

Insurance needs to be taken care of

Sign – up sheet – updated

Club Ribbons for Showmanship only.

June Show – No Report

Oct Show – Stacie, Judges JT Struthers and Mike Puttman

By Laws changes were discussed and will be printed in March Newsletter and will be voted on at April meeting

New Business – John wanted input on how to have successful shows and maybe Thinking about a new logo, bring your ideas and voice your opinions

Stacie moved to adjourn the meeting, Paul seconded

Meeting adjourned 8:18 PM

# Agenda for March 12<sup>th</sup> 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. March Show - Swanner
  - b. June Show - Burt
  - c. Bylaw Cleanup / Edits
4. New Business
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**

# EPGA By-Law Cleanup

The Members attending the February 2016 EPGA meeting are proposing minor cleanup in the wording of a few sections in the Evergreen Pygmy Goat Association By Laws. The goal is to bring the document into line with how the club actually operates, rather than to change or revise any procedures. There will be a vote on whether to approve these edits at the April meeting:

## **Article III - Memberships, Section 5**

Current wording: “Annual dues shall be payable at the December meeting of each year. The amount of the dues for each type of membership shall be agreed upon at the November meeting with a floor vote of the present at that meeting. Dues for new members joining after July 1st shall be reduced by half.”

Suggested rewrite: “Annual dues shall be payable at the December meeting of each year. A change in the amount of the dues for each type of membership may be agreed upon at the November meeting with a floor vote of those present at that meeting.”

Reason: Makes the floor vote in November optional. Strikes the option for half-priced dues.

## **Article III - Memberships, Section 6**

Current wording: “Any member who misrepresents him or herself as a duly elected officer in the E.P.G.A. and/or engages in suspected willful fraudulent sales shall be investigated by a committee appointed by the president.”

Suggested rewrite: “Any member who misrepresents him or herself as a duly elected officer in the E.P.G.A. and/or engages in suspected willful fraudulent activity shall be investigated by a committee appointed by the president...”

Reason: “Fraudulent sales” seems needlessly specific. Replacing with “fraudulent activity”.

## **Article IV - Officers, Section 5**

Current wording: “...The Secretary shall also keep an up to date record of membership addresses.”

Suggested rewrite: (strike completely)

Reason: The membership roster is actually a Treasurer responsibility. Moving to Section 6.

## **Article IV - Officers, Section 6**

Current wording: “The Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received and pay all bills authorized by the E.P.G.A. The Treasurer shall also provide the president and the Newsletter Editor with a monthly report of all financial transactions for publication in the newsletter...”

Suggested rewrite: “The Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received and pay all bills authorized by the E.P.G.A. The Treasurer shall also provide the president with a monthly report of all financial transactions for publication in the newsletter. The Treasurer shall also keep an up to date record of membership addresses.”

Reason: Financial transactions are not published in the newsletter. Also inserted responsibility for roster.

## **Article VI - Meetings, Section 2**

Current wording: “A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of at least six memberships in good standing. No meeting shall be valid without two duly elected officers present or represented”

Suggested rewrite: “A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of at least six memberships in good standing. No meeting shall be valid without two duly elected officers present”

Reason: The wording “or represented” has no meaning.

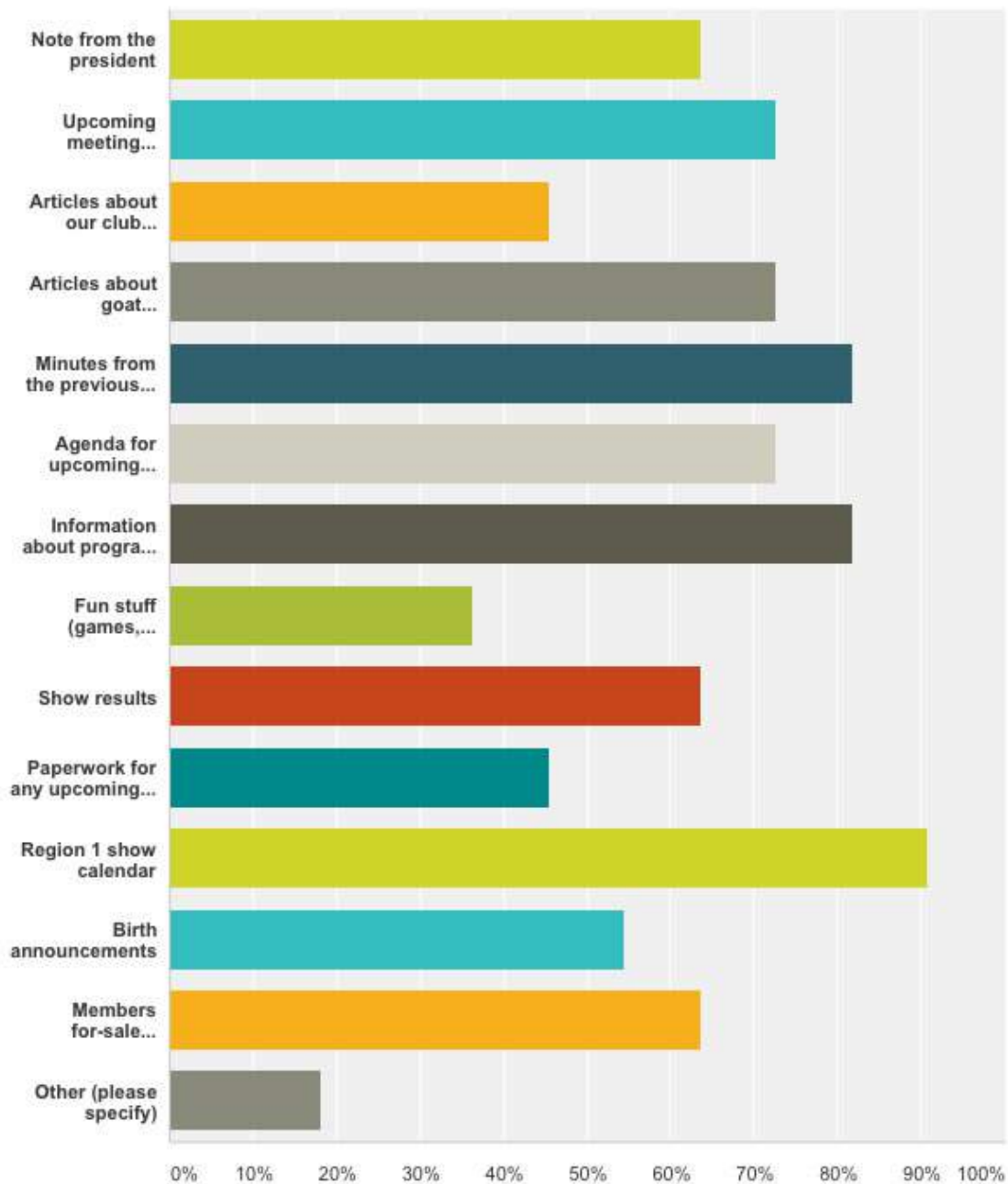
The current bylaw document is available in our Facebook group’s files area and on our EvergreenPygmyGoatAssociation website under “Member Info”

# Newsletter Survey Results

I got a lot of great feedback from you all regarding the Newsletter. I love all your input, especially those who chose to fill in answers when that was an option. I want this Newsletter be useful for you! Let me know if you have thoughts and I will incorporate your ideas! Here was one of the more colorful summaries of your responses:

## What kind of content do you like to see in the newsletter?

Answered: 11 Skipped: 1



# 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 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

