

Bitterroot Daily Goat Association November 16, 2016 Agenda

Present at the meeting:

BJ Banister, Heidi Etter, Judy Banks, Katie Banister, Bridget Alfred, Lorelei Hallock,
Kathy Agostino, Ann Summerton, Vanessa Peirce, Brianna Pierce, Julie Schram,
Rebecca Krebs, Angela Krebs, and Christine Nutt

1. **Leadership:** Chairperson: Christine Nutt
Co-Chairperson: Aleta Norton
Secretary: Angela Krebs taking notes and Christine Nutt will type up minutes with a secretary for the sanctioned show will be chosen at a later time (due to election obligations).
Treasurer: Eric Etter volunteered to be treasurer

2. **Yearly Dues:** Yearly Dues will need to be submitted by the end of November. Our fiscal year will start in November 2016.
Fees are as followed:
Individual \$25.00. There was a discuss as to whether the \$25.00 fee would be for Husband/Wife membership and it was agreed that this fee would be at this time but could change with the next fiscal year.
Youth Fee \$5.00 per child would be for children up to 18 years old or graduated.

3. **By-Laws:** Reviewed and accepted. By-Law will be kept in a notebook and brought to each meeting. Anyone wishing to review them needs to contact Christine Nutt and a copy will be sent to them for closer review.

4. **501c Status:** Application was mailed to the MT State Department of Revenue on 10/19/2016. The By-Laws have been accepted by the MT Department of Revenue on 11/15/16, giving the BDGA Non Profit Status. It was stressed that this does not make BDGA a "Tax Deductible" organization, that it simple means we are exempt from filing taxes as long as our revenue is under \$3000. Also, if at a later date, we choose to become a tax deductible organization, it can be filed with the IRS with a \$400 fee.

5. **Bank Account:** Christine Nutt applied for and received an Employee Identification Number (EIN) through the IRS for the purpose of opening a checking account on 11/15/16. BJ Banister made the motion that Eric Etter and Christine Nutt will be signers on the bank account. Heidi Etter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion on the account. Vote passed by all present. Eric Etter will be notified to coordinate with Christine Nutt to open our bank account Farmers State Bank or bank of his choice.

6. **ADGA Sanction cost and Breed sanctioned:** The group reviewed the spread sheet of breeds submitted to possibly sanction our show. There was a discussion on the decision of what breeds to sanction and BJ Banister made the motion to sanction the following breed classes for Jr/Sr Does: Nigerian Dwarf, LaMancha, Nubian and AOP (Any Other Purebred). Motion was seconded by Ann Summerton. Discussion was held and the vote passed by all present. Bucks to sanction: Heidi Etter made the motion for Nigerian Dwarf and AOP which was seconded by Katie Banister. A discussion was held on if other bucks could be

sanctioned and it was agreed to stay with Nigerian and AOP. Motion voted and passed by all present.

Sanction show fees reviewed from the ADGA Show Application:

\$40 apply for the show (if submitted early) Stressed this cost will be per Jr/Sr and Buck show so a total of \$120.00

Ribbons for each breed class are \$7 per ribbon sets per sanctioned class.

Ribbon cost for Jr/Sr does will be \$28.00 and Buck ribbons will be \$14.00.

\$4 Best In Show Ribbon

\$ ___ ribbon cost for any speciality classes (Dairy Herd, Dam and Produce, etc) will have to be purchased privately as they are not covered by ADGA. A discussion was held on what other "Specialty Classes to have and it was agreed to only have "Best Udder" and "Best Buck and Beard" Class". Heidi Etter is to get prices for extra ribbons.

\$150- 250 judge fee plus gas mileage, Judge fee was noted to increase to \$200-\$300 for Judge fee and gas mileage. Christine Nutt will start making contact for judges at this time as the number of certified judges has decreased and they are booking up fast. Heidi Etter suggested to email or call.

\$150-250 Fairground rental (depending on amenities they have to provide) Camper/RV site lease for \$15. (No dumping waste/gray water allowed) Can be paid at the time of the show per the person using the site. Prices may change pending the Ravalli County Fair new fiscal year. These are the prices as of 2016. Christine Nutt will contact the Ravalli County Fair grounds and discuss contact for the use of the Goat Barn. Heidi Etter reported that space for goats maybe being kept in the goat barn due to renovations to the stalls on the North end. She also stated that if goat were kept over night, a security guard needed to be hired to watch the barn at night.

{See breakdown of totals below}

7. **Fund Raising events and donation request letter:** The follow suggestions were offered:
 1. Silent Auction at the ADGA Show. Start asking the community businesses for donations.
 2. Goat Quilt Auction Crafted by Lorelei Hallock. Quilt should be ready by January. She will send pictures as it progresses. Lorelei Hallock will help with formatting raffle tickets.
 3. Best Buck Beard Competition
 4. Kiss the Buck
 5. Cheese and Soap making Classes
 6. Birthing Class by vet at Cowpokes or Vets Office for ultra sounding a goat. BJ Banister is to make arrangements with the vet.
 7. Email Christine Nutt for additional fundraising ideas.

Donation letter: Letter reviewed by everyone present. Angela Krebs made the motion to add the statement "Donations Are Not Tax Deductible" and motion was seconded by Katie Banister . Voted and passed by all present. Kathy Agostino made the motion to at a \$25.00 donation the the Show Sponsor List. Motion seconded by Julie Schram. Discussion held on what to call the new donation slot and Lorelei Hallock suggested "Udder Support". All agreed and voted and passed the motion. Christine Nutt will make the changes as needed and print letters.

8. **Facebook:** Christine Nutt is page Admin for the BDGA FB Page. It is up and several people have joined. Mostly from Northwest area. She has declined a few people based on location. The site was set it up for USA only but have had someone from a foreign country request that she denied. She has allowed people to post pictures and the link to the farm but trying

to keep "For Sale" post off at this time to keep it open to update on the development of the club and information about BDGA. Everyone agreed with keeping "For Sale" information limited to links to personal websites.

9. **Webpage:** Christine Nutt has been setting up the BDGA webpage and it is a work in progress as we develop our organization and show plans. Christine would like to post links to paid members of BDGA and to people that make show donations. A motion was made by Katie Banister to allow Christine Nutt to post paid members on the BDGA website, IF members allowed. Motion was seconded by Lorelei Hallock. After a discussion and vote, motion did not pass. It was agreed that the membership application will be amended to have the members mark "YES or NO" if they wish their information to be posted on the website. All agreed to the membership application changes. Website is also not searchable through Google, so Christine Nutt will continue making changes to the website and contact tech support through Weebly to assist with formatting.
10. **Ravalli County Fairgrounds:** It is open for June 24th. They have tentatively booked BDGA for that date but want to know more by the 21st of November and talk about contact. So this maybe the first expense for BDGA. Christine Nutt will contact the Ravalli County Fair Grounds about the contract for the June 24th show.
11. **Next meeting:** December 16, 2016 at 6:30 PM for a Meet and Mingle for BDGA Members at the home of Christine Nutt. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.
12. Any other business? No other new business at this time.
13. Close. Meeting adjourned

Summary of expected expenses to date:

Jr/Sr and Buck Show Sanction (\$40/sanction)	\$120.00
Ribbon cost for Jr/Sr does (\$7/set)	\$28.00
Buck ribbons (\$4/set)	\$14.00.
Best In Show Ribbon Jr/Sr/Buck	\$12.00
Best Udder	{Heidi Etter to get prices}
Best Beard and Buck	{Heidi Etter to get prices}
Kiss the Buck	(We need to come up with a prize for this!)
Judge fee (pay at time of the show)	\$250-300/paid at show
Gas mileage .50(528 miles/ Miles City, MT)	\$263.50}Paid at show
Hotel f(or 2 nights)	\$120 Super 8
Meal day of show	
Fairground Rental	\$200/shavings provided/2 bleacher/intercom (Barn fee subject to change with over night animals)

Total income at this time:

Membership dues:	\$215.00
Sponsor Donations:	