

Maryland Dairy Goat Association

Meeting Minutes November 9, 2024

Location: Rosie Cheeks Distillery

Attendees: Larisa Sult, Luke Sult, Sienna Rosebush, Cherie Fresquez, Josh Ogden, Grace Ogden, Mason Ogden, lillian Ogden, Denise Zigler, Jason Peckham, Carissa Schneider, Anne Clagett, Leeann Sanders, Jane Bailey, Allison Bullock, Laurel Gill, Austin Doppel, Bethany Doppel, Magdalene Green, Alice Orzechawski, Shannon Sims

Call to Order: 12:35pm

Old Business

Treasury Report: The treasury report was passed out to those in attendance and briefly discussed. The total income for 2024 was \$27,797.77. The total expenses for 2024 were \$28,617.74. The MDGA total assets are \$29,591.10 which includes a loss from 2024 of \$819.97. Anne Clagett moved to accept the report. Larisa Sult seconded and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

The Show committee report was presented by Larisa Sult-Chair, 2025 locations are set for May 31st, June 28th and June 29th at Montgomery County fairgrounds and September 13th at Howard County Fairgrounds. We were informed October 11th that Howard County fair grounds had given our standing date away for the June show. We were able to secure Montgomery County fairgrounds for the show in 2025.

The Education Committee report was presented by Larisa Sult who took over as chair in October of this year after no progress had been made towards MDGA sponsored educational events.

The Fundraising committee report was presented by Larisa Sult, Jane Bailey took over as chair in October of this year after a very inactive committee, 2710 was raised in 2024 between raffles and sponsors. We ended up with no volunteers for the raffle table at the June show so very few tickets were sold for doe kids and table items.

The Judges Committee report was presented by Larisa Sult- co chair with Laurel Gill, we have secured most of our judges for 2025 and will continue to work on this.

Elections:

- President - Ashley Clement-Clark
- Vice President - Jane Bailey
- Director - Shannon Sims
- Director - Casey bloomfield

New Business

- **Youth Committee** - Co Chairs - Leeann Sanders and Alison bullock Members - Anne Clagett, Heather Valentine, Collin Johnson, Austin Doppel, Jana Hutchison, Beth Francis, Sarah Campbel, ex-officio Larisa Sult.
- **Special awards** - Jane Bailey proposed a special award for the best yearling milker at one of the 2025 shows.
- **MDGA membership renewal** - A motion was passed to implement an early renewal of memberships before January 31st Family 20, Individual 15 and Youth 5 any membership dues paid on or after Feb 1 will be Family 30, Individual 20 and youth 5.
- **2025 Event Planning** - Sign up sheets were passed out to fill show volunteer positions and to join committees.
- **Future shows** - We discussed use of other venues for future shows. All members are encouraged to find other venues, get prices, details and contact info for them and MDGA's show committee will bring that info to the BOD. The only stipulation is that there needs to be a group willing to do the groundwork before and after the show.
- Denise Zigler shared that she is now the open superintendent of the Maryland State Fair.

Next Meeting - Saturday February 8th, 2025 2-4 pm by Zoom

Meeting Adjourned : 2:01 pm

Taco's, dip and sides were provided by MDGA as a thank you for all of the members that were able to attend. Youth enjoyed outside play during the business meeting and making S'mores after lunch.

Respectfully Submitted by Larisa Sult