

WESTERN NEBRASKA SHEEP AND GOAT ASSOCIATION
CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2010

The Western Nebraska Sheep and Goat Association (WNSGA) met on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 7 p.m. at the Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Scottsbluff, NE. The meeting was called to order by President Sheila Eastman. Members and visitors were welcomed by President Eastman.

The minutes from the November 12, 2009, meeting were read by Vicki Greathouse-Stone, Secretary/Reporter. The minutes were approved as read.

Patty Pittman gave the Treasurer's report with \$1,798.09 in the account. Bills were presented to be paid, which Micheal Rudy made a motion to approve and Hazen Stone seconded it. Patty also encouraged old members to renew their memberships and new members to join WNSGA.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion ensued concerning the following topics for the Club Lamb and Kid Sale on April 24:

- a. Viewing = 11 a.m.-noon, Auction = 1-2 p.m., Veterinarian = 1:30-2:30 p.m., and Junior Leader Building open for concessions = 11 a.m.-end of sale.
- b. Prizes will be obtained by Hazen Stone, Micheal Rudy, and Patty Pittman. Auctioneer will be booked by Phil Mitchell. Sheila Eastman will book the veterinarian and provide the scales. Ivan Rush will provide the paint and numbers. Micheal Rudy will take care of the sound system, as well as booking the concessions. Patty Pittman will check into insurance issues. Pictures will be taken by Nancie Riesen and Vicki Greathouse-Stone.
- c. Advertising = Extension Service will send out flyers with FFA classified ads, plus 4-H, but "All Buyers Welcome"; radio announcements/ interviews; ads from WNSGA website to be distributed; and contact Sandra Hansen concerning article in Star-Herald two weeks before sale. Sheila Eastman also suggested contacting the "Fence Post", "Midwest Messenger", and "High Plains Journal". Ivan Rush suggested local newspapers and Howard Hale's radio program "Ag Market" plus that on-line website.
- d. Virgil Hagel made the motion to have a maximum budget of \$550 for advertising. Tom Tarr seconded the motion.
- e. Breeding and 4-H stock to be sold at this year's sale need to be born in 2010; all animals must have scrapies tags, and not docking tails too short. (WNSGA does not condone tails docked too short.)

2. Sheila Eastman contacted "Pipestone Veterinarian Supplies" to do a link from our website with their website. They said, "Yes".

3. Micheal Rudy and Ivan Rush discussed the “Catch-a-Lamb/Kid Program” with the following information:

- a. Children in 4-H, ages 8-14, will be eligible for the scramble this summer (2010), which will be in the Show Arena or before the Rubber Check Race at the Scotts Bluff County Fair.
- b. Priorities given to children who haven’t had these animals before plus who have facilities on their farm/ranch to house the animals.
- c. Winners will each receive their two animals in 2011.
- d. Children must keep record books.
- e. Letters must be written to sponsors every month until the first county fair. After that, letters must be written every other month.
- f. Committee meeting after the first county fair of the sponsors of the animals to check progress.
- g. Need sponsors for sires.
- h. A \$25 Savings Bond will be given after the first county fair for each of the following: Best Record Book, Best Rate of Gain, and Best Communication with Sponsor.
- i. Ownership of animals will then be given to 4-H children.
- j. Death of animals will have to be replaced by sponsor, if they want to do this.
- k. WNSGA honorary membership to the winning 4-H children.
- l. Virgil Hagel made the motion to approve the “Catch-a-Lamb/Kid Program” plus to contact Sandra Hansen of the Star-Herald for ads. Hazen Stone seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Micheal Rudy made the following presentation concerning “Lambing and Kidding”. Micheal stated that even if he just talked about ewes, lambs, and rams, the information also pertains to nannies, kids, and billies. You need to keep records for the ewes and lambs. Cull ewes from year-to-year to avoid problems. Condition ewes by flushing with grain before breeding. He also stated that rams need to be in good shape by having hooves and belly hair trimmed and grained daily before breeding season. Preparation before babies come should include the following: barn and pens ready, insulate barn if needed, heat lamps, Nutri Drench, buckets, etc.

Micheal stated that after lambs are born, the ewe should get water but no feed until baby gets up and sucks. The lambs need to have their navels cut and allow to bleed and dry before spraying with iodine. Band lambs 24 hours after birth or before going to market (this will depend on if you keep them or if you are going to sell them.) Also, rams can be left natural for commercial sale.

Use CDT (Clostridium Perfringens type C & D Tetanus Toxoid for overeat and Tetanus vaccination) when lambs are a month old and 60-90 days after that. Ewes should be wormed 3-4 times a year.

2. Sheila Eastman discussed the website, which is www.WNSGA.com. She stated that Pam Perry had created and done the upkeep of our website through “Web Vision Studio”. Sheila informed the members that Pam only charged \$100 for all her

work, along with a \$10 domain fee. Sheila also stated that as a member of WNSGA, you have the following privileges/information on the website:

- a. The \$10 membership fee will cover having your name in the membership list.
- b. If you, as a member, pay \$30, you can also have ads on the advertisement page, plus (a) above.
- c. For \$50, you can have your own page to advertise your animals/products that are on your farm/ranch, plus (a) and (b) above.
- d. Meeting information will be listed.
- e. Minutes of the meetings will be posted.
- f. Information about the Club Lamb/Kid Sale and/or sheep and goat expos will also be posted.
- g. Sheep and goat information/articles will be included.

Sheila suggested that there should be a member profile page with photos and for non-members, they could run a free 3-month ad one-time on the advertisement page. These last two suggestions will be further discussed at the next meeting.

3. Patty Pittman informed everyone who had children involved in 4-H that there have been weight changes for lambs and goats at the 2010 Scotts Bluff County Fair. Please check the class your child has animals in for that information.

4. Phil Mitchell is creating a new WNSGA logo.

5. Janelle Anderson stated that she had information concerning goats to be exported to the Philippines. Sheila Eastman stated that Janelle needed to contact Pam Perry to put this on the WNSGA website.

6. It was suggested by Micheal Rudy to invite former members back to WNSGA. He asked if there was a list of these former members. Vicki Greathouse-Stone stated that she had at least two lists and would email them to the officers so that contact could be made with the former members.

There was no other old or new business discussed.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 7 p.m. at the Blue Stem Room of the University of Nebraska Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Scottsbluff, NE. Hazen Stone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Micheal Rudy seconded it.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May, 13, 2010, at 7 p.m. at the Blue Stem Room of the University of Nebraska Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Scottsbluff, NE. Vicki Greathouse-Stone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Clinton Riesen seconded it.

Vicki Greathouse-Stone
Secretary/Reporter