

THE VOICE OF AGS



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Notes from the Editor

It is sizzling hot here in Texas and we are dealing with above normal temperatures and record drought. Friends in the Northeast say it has been cool and wet this Summer. Want to trade for a few days? The AGS Nationals has come and gone for another year and the 2010 host group is already hard at work making plans for next year's Nationals. This will be a special event as it coincides with the 75th Anniversary of the founding of AGS. A new and larger history display is in the works for the event. If you are a long time member and have old photos, articles or AGS publications, I would love to have that material to add to the display. The office is dealing with more work than ever and the staff look forward to the new office management software that will allow more than one user to access the registry system at the same time. The new software will also allow for online registrations - a much anticipated service. Thank you to all AGS members for supporting your registry. We realize you have choices and appreciate you putting your trust in AGS.



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Pygmy Registrations

The AGS Board has approved the Breeds and Registrations Committee proposal to temporarily accept NPGA registered Pygmy goats for re registration into the AGS Pygmy herd books.

In order to register an NPGA Pygmy based on NPGA papers, you will need to send a completed AGS application along with a photocopy of the animal's NPGA registration papers. DO NOT send the original NPGA papers.

Registration fees will be the standard registration fees found on the work order form which are based on age and sex of the animal.

This is a one time opportunity for AGS Pygmy breeders to bring in outside stock. The deadline for re registrations is **December 31, 2009**. After this date you will not be able to re register an NPGA animal with AGS.

AGS Membership Dues

AGS Membership Dues run from Jan 1 to Dec 31. Early renewals (Oct 1-Dec 31).

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| Individual----- | \$20 (\$15) |
| Junior----- | \$10 (\$5) |
| Senior----- | \$15 (\$10) |
| Family----- | \$30 (\$25) |
| Life----- | \$200 |

2010 AGS National Show and Convention

The 2009 National Show and Convention is over and we would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make it a success. Plans are already underway for the 2010 Convention and National Show to be held in Sedalia, Missouri. The host group for this event is the Boon Companions Dairy Goat Club. Please contact the local club or Gretchen Sims if you would like to assist in any way. Volunteers are greatly appreciated. The event will be held June 8-12, 2010, at the Missouri State Fairgrounds. More information will be provided as it becomes available. We look forward to seeing everyone in Missouri next summer for the 75th Anniversary of AGS.

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Voice Deadlines:

Spring—January 31 Summer— April 30

Fall— July 31 Winter— October 31

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Director Election Results

Here are the results of the AGS Director Elections. Congratulations to all winning candidates and to a special thank you to all who were willing to run for the positions available.

Newly Elected Directors

Lynn A. Hoats, District 1

Kay C James, District 2

Kay Holloway, District 5

Outgoing Directors

Bonnie Chandler

Lora Kniffin

Cheryl K Smith

D1

Lynn Hoats 25

Cindy St. Pierre 22

Bonnie Chandler 10

Bob Morris 1

D2

Kay James 37

Kaycee Chester 4

D3

Gayle Nelson 41 (former DAL)

D4

Lora Mae Fugate 53 (former D2 Director)

Tim Flickinger 1

D5

Sierra Shores 20

Kay Holloway 20**

one vote for a non member

DAL

Tim Flickinger 187 (former D4 Director)

Linda Worley 12

Lora Mae Fugate 6

four other members received one vote each

Thank you for participating in your society.

** won in runoff election (Holloway 21 – Shores 20)

Committee Volunteers Needed

It is that time again to ask members to volunteer to serve on committees. Many members have asked for a more detailed description of exactly what the committee does and what skills or talents would be helpful. There are some changes for this year and several committees already have specific tasks (charges) that the board has assigned. Not all committees have openings at this time however there are plenty of areas where your special skills or talents may be just what we are looking for. Here are some of the committees that do have openings:

Members Survey - special

This special committee will be working on a multi page and/or online survey to be sent out to the membership concerning current services and what direction they would like AGS to take in the future. If you have experience working with surveys or polls your assistance would be most greatly appreciated. It is not a required that you have these skills but, it would be helpful.

Youth

We really need active members on this committee. Now that the wether sanction issue has been finalized the committee will need to focus on other activities and ideas.

Public Relations/Products

This is the new home for the AGS website. The committee is also responsible for products, brochures, and with AGS advertising more it will now be responsible for not only developing an Ad campaign but also finding the right media fit for that advertising. If you have experience in the advertising industry, especially in print media, your services would be most appreciated.

National Show Committee

This committee is being restructured to focus on major tasks such as writing a new set of guidelines for hosting the event, fundraising, publicity, future sites and more. There will be openings on this committee for sure.

Other committees that may have openings include:

Awards

AI/Embryo Transfer

Breeds and Registrations

Budget

Bylaws

Data Management

Historian

Judges

Show Rules

Scholarship

If you would like to serve on any of these committees please send an e-mail to wkowalik@earthlink.net and let me know which committee you would like to serve on. You can also just send an e-mail to the office if you would prefer. If you want to serve on a committee but aren't quite sure which one, maybe I can help.

Other committees may already be full or may be limited to directors in accordance with the Bylaws. The committees which are currently full are:

Classification

Complaint/Arbitration

DHI

Election/Nomination

Public Awareness Committee - new

Tattooing Your Goats

AGS accepts tattoos and/or microchips as forms of identification; however, you MUST assign and list your tattoo sequence (both right and left ears) on the registration papers. Recording the tattoo sequence allows future owners the ability to tattoo the animal should they choose to do so. Keep in mind that not all members have a chip reader.

When tattooing your goats' ears your registered herd tattoos should go in the right ear. This same registered herd tattoo will be used for all goats born on your property. The animal specific tattoo for each animal should go in the left ear. This tattoo will be different for every animal you tattoo. This tattoo consists of a letter for the year the animal was born followed by a sequential number for that particular animal. In 2009 the year letter is Z so the first kid born in 2009 would be Z1, second kid Z2; eighth kid would be Z8 and so on through the year. While standing behind your animal your left will be the animal's left and your right will be the animal's right. If you are facing the animal it would be opposite. The specific letter is assigned for each year an animal is born.

The year letter basically follows the alphabet. The letters I, O, Q, and U are not used.
2004-T 2005-V 2006-W 2007-X 2008-Y **2009-Z** 2010-A 2011-B 2012-C 2013-D

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2009 AGS Convention News

2009 AGS Board Meeting, June 16, 2009, Sandia Courtyard Convention Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Present: : Directors John Pfeiler, Lora Mae Fugate, Tim Flickinger, William Kowalik, Jeanette Walker, Gayle Nelson; Amy Kowalik – Office Manager.

Absent: Directors: Joanne Karohl, Sunni Florence-Milligan, Janet Shlanta, Kay Hollaway, Kay James, Lynn Hoats

Welcome. The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am.

Appointment of meeting secretary. Amy will serve as meeting secretary.

Announcements – no announcements

Seating of New Directors. Jeanette moved, Lora Mae seconded and unanimous vote to seat new directors.

Quorum. A quorum was not present. William informed the board members in attendance that the remaining board members would have to ratify any actions taken.

Minutes of 2008 meeting. John moved, Lora Mae seconded to accept the 2008 minutes as read, all in favor

The office manager presented her report including current financial status, registration and membership data, 2008 profit and loss, monthly financial reports for January through June 2009 and Inventory.

John asked for further explanation of the miscellaneous category for income. Amy stated it was smaller items that did not fit into the other categories. John asked that in future reports an explanation of items in that category be included.

Tim stated that a few members from his district had asked why the office manager travel expenses for 2008 were so high and why we didn't just fly the office manager to California as it would have probably been more cost effective. Amy and William explained that the amount stated is the cost of hauling all the donations; youth activity items; computer and paper-work for office; materials for directors meeting; computer, projector and materials for judges training; rosettes for all shows; t-shirts for show; AGS merchandise and History of AGS display; banners for AGS as well as sponsors. William noted that there were 26 boxes delivered to California last year, it was a three day trip, and that diesel ran as high as \$5.64 a gallon in parts of California. It was also noted that the expenses for this year would be much lower as distance traveled would be less and diesel prices are much lower. Amy stated that although many members think this is a vacation for her, the board knows that is not the case and that she works very long hours before, after and during convention. Amy also noted that the only additional compensation she receives during the week is per diem of \$25 per day and the basic host hotel paid. William noted that the cost of travel included is the actual cost of fuel and not federal travel rate. John asked if the expenses could be further broken down even if just a note to the side of the total. Amy stated that the office would try to break down the expenses further for this category. **President's Note:** The Board has since been provided with information showing that having the office manager fly to California and shipping all the materials to and from California would have cost AGS an additional \$1200+ in 2008. The category will be broken down differently in the future to differentiate actual travel expenses from the expenses of getting materials to and from Nationals.

Jeanette moved, Lora Mae seconded to accept the office managers report as read with note for further category expansion for 2010. All in favor

The board went into executive session.

Awards committee – to accept the committee recommendation to award Lincoln awards for top 3 to Harrell, Petersen, Petersen for Nigerian, award top to Anderson, Anderson, Brouillet for Nubian. Walker, Nelson, Flickinger, Pfeiler yea; Kowalik nay; Fugate abstain (note Director Fugate later changed her vote to yea)

AI/ET committee – no report

Breeds & Registration committee- Tim read the committee report that requested further directives from the board. A lengthy discussion ensued about the pros and cons of including Americans as part of AGS. William noted that AGS included Americans and grades after the merger with IDGRA in 1937 until 1944 according to meeting minutes from the period. Lora Mae stated that in that same document it stated that AGS was founded as purebred only. It raised the question of how AGS dealt with the issue at the time. William shared the information received from a non-profit tax lawyer concerning this issue noting the same information had previously been shared with the committee. William shared his thoughts on future income should we loose the large Nigerian membership base we now have. Tim stated that we should work to keep our members by providing more and better services. Tim and John asked about the office accepting copies of ADGA American records sent in by members for inclusion in potential herd books. William stated that it was obvious this issue was not going to get past the board members present and asked why we couldn't just let the members decide or at least

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seek member input via the member survey.

Jeannette moved, Gayle seconded that we do not accept Americans into the AGS herd books. All in Favor

Jeannette moved, Gayle seconded that we include as part of the upcoming members survey a section to see if members want AGS to look into the financial aspect/possibility of opening a sister registry owned by AGS for the purpose of registering Americans. Walker, Kowalik, Nelson in favor; Flickinger, Pfeiler, Fugate opposed

No further action required by the committee at this time.

The board broke for lunch at 12:06 and reconvened at 12:46

Budget Committee- the budget was previously approved, no activity to report

Classification committee- no report received. William reported that Alice Hall had just recently notified the office that she wished to be placed on the inactive list of judges. William further expressed concern that most of the classifications performed by Alice were done in association with shows she was judging and that it is probable that she will not perform as many classifications in the future since she will not be judging shows. Discussion ensued about the need for additional classifiers. The item was added to new business for further discussion.

Complaint & Arbitration – no activity, no report.

Bylaws – no activity, no action required.

DHI – Gayle read the committee report that included a recommendation that AGS does not accept reciprocal testing. She noted that the DRPCs did not recognize this form of testing as official. John moved, Jeannette seconded to accept the committee recommendation: "Reciprocal testing is not recognized in the AGS DHIR program. (Reciprocal testing is: two herds with the owners testing only each other on a continuing basis during the test year.) All in favor except Tim.

Election/Nomination – no action required (Note: election results can be found in this issue of the *VOICE*.)

Historian – Gayle noted that she is still working to recover old information. A discussion ensued about historic herd names. The committee will look into developing criteria for such a list.

Judges committee – Tim presented the proposed guidelines for judging wethers. John Pfeiler moved, Lora Mae seconded that we accept recommendation for "youth wether guidelines". This would complete the process to allow wether sanctions. All in favor except Gail.

Products & Public Relations – The committee thanked William for all his hard work helping with the website. A new order of t-shirts and decals has been received and is now available. New colors have been added for both. Gayle moved, John seconded the committee recommendation to commission Esther Clair to provide AGS with a set of 8x10 color portraits for each breed, with approval by the breeds and registration, judges, and PRP committees at a cost of \$495. This was the best quote received from the three animal artists submitting quotes. The portraits would be used for the website, judges manual, and breeds brochure to replace the current black and white drawings in the Judges Training Manual. All in favor

Publications – no activity no report

Scholarship – Lora Mae moved, John seconded that we accept the committee recommendation to award the John Howland scholarship to Bonnie Mills and the AGS Education Scholarship to Aletha M Moody. All in favor

Youth Committee- report was read, no action required.

Data Management – Amy presented the committee report that included a recommendation that AGS purchase new office management software from Centric. The funds for this purchase having previously being approved with the 2009 budget. Discussion ensued about the current software and the need for new software. The board was provided with a multi page proposal from Centric. William stated this was the same company recommended by former President Helgesen several years ago that AGS simply could not afford at the time. William further noted that this software is necessary for AGS to accept online registrations from the new website. Lora Mae moved, Tim seconded that we accept the proposal from the committee to purchase new office management software from Centric at a cost of \$4995 with training option number 1. The funds were already approved in the current budget. All in favor

Old Business

Postal ballots – Gayle moved, Tim seconded that we approve postal ballots as written. All in favor

New Business –

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The Office Manager informed the board about issues involving reserve funds currently invested in CDs through CapitalOne. Due to numerous issues with the bank, the Treasurer, Secretary, President and Office Manager recommend withdrawing the funds and reinvesting with State Farm Bank where our other CD is currently held. William noted that a complaint had been filed with the Better Business Bureau on behalf of AGS concerning the issues with CapitalOne. Update: we received word from the BBB that CapitalOne has agreed to return our full principle balance along with the interest earned. The funds will be moved to State Farm Bank upon receipt of those funds from CapitalOne.

Teleconferencing – more information on this issue must be presented before the board before more can discussion can ensue. The entire board will discuss issue on the board discussion list.

Website – the new website was viewed and features discussed. All in attendance felt it was a big improvement and would be more member friendly.

Other new business

Reciprocal testing – issue was addressed in DHI committee report.

DHI Records – discussion on the need for a system of checks and balances within the DHI program to assure the accuracy of records as is done with all other aspects of AGS operations. Several options were discussed by the board, one of which was to purchase the DHI/USDA interface module available from Centric that would work with the just approved Office Management Software. The cost was discussed and it was noted that the DM Committee felt we should hold off on the purchase of the module until the next fiscal year as AGS was already expending a great deal of money on both the new website and the office software. It was at this time that Gayle Nelson presented AGS with the funds to purchase the DHI/USDA interface module from Centric. Her very generous donation was presented to AGS in honor of her late husband Doug Nelson. This will allow AGS to receive milk records directly from the DRPCs and calculate the score for star and AR records. Gail Patcher will still be our DHI coordinator and all questions regarding DHI should be directed to her.

3:10 members Lora Kniffin and Heather Allen have joined the meeting

We had the current host group come in and talk about the issues with the National show committee and their non-responsiveness. It was discussed about creating a National Show Checklist in which the host group/office will be presenting to the board within a month.

The board was presented with two proposals for future Nationals. After discussion on related issues and potential proposal from New Jersey, the board moved forward with the proposals in hand.

John moved, Jeannette seconded that AGS award the 2010 AGS Nationals to the Boones Companion group to host the AGS National Show and Convention, June 8-12th, 2010 in Sedalia, MO. Flickinger, Pfeiler, Kowalik, Walker in favor; Fugate and Nelson opposed with the note that they were voting against because the motion did not include additional wording about the new Nationals guidelines being in place.

John moved, Tim seconded that AGS award the 2011 AGS Nationals to the Indiana groups for the 2011 National Show in Goshen, Indiana, subject to fairground availability and the clubs acceptance of National Show guidelines. All in favor

The board discussed the need for more classifiers and the guidelines for doing so. After further discussion, Gayle moved, Jeannette seconded that we invite John Pfeiler and Melinda Butler to train to become Classifiers for AGS. A short list of alternatives was also proposed should either John or Melinda either choose not to become a classifier or pass the training. All in favor.

William presented a proposal for a new committee that would track issues that could affect AGS members. It was pointed out that creation of committees was the prerogative of the President, however, William felt it was best to seek board approval considering the nature of the committee. After much discussion Gayle moved, Lora Mae seconded that AGS create a new Public Awareness Committee that would keep the members informed on state or national issues that concern the dairy goat industry. Nelson, Fugate, Kowalik, Walker in favor. Pfeiler, Flickinger abstain

Members Hand Book – the increasing cost of publishing both the handbook and the roster was discussed. Lora Mae moved, Gayle seconded that the office check into reducing the print size, or other different avenues of printing the AGS membership handbook at a reduced cost to AGS. All in favor

Election of Officers

To elect by acclamation William Kowalik as President. William and Tim abstain all others in favor

John Pfeiler nominated as Vice President. Gayle and Tim abstain all others in favor.

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Gayle Nelson nominated as Secretary. All in favor

Tim Flickinger and Lora Mae Fugate nominated for Treasurer. All in favor

Lora Mae moved, Jeannette seconded that we table the elections & adjourn the meeting until 7:30am on Wednesday at which time we will reconvene in the Emerald Meeting room. All in favor

Meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm until Wednesday morning

Meeting was reconvened at 8:05 am Wednesday morning

Amy and William shared the votes of directors who were not present with the exception of votes from Directors Hollaway and Hoats who had not yet responded at the time.

The following slate of officers was elected: William Kowalik – President, John Pfeiler – Vice President, Gayle Nelson – Secretary, Tim Flickinger - Treasurer

The board ratified all items and all motions carried.

Lora Mae moved, Gayle seconded that we adjourn the meeting until the General Membership Meeting on Friday. All in favor.

The general membership meeting was held at the host hotel on Friday, June 19, 2009. A wonderful meal of New Mexico cuisine was enjoyed by all. A copy of the minutes was provided to all in attendance. The office manager presented a live presentation of the new AGS website. Member questions and comments focused on the new look, functionality, and future features of the website. The membership meeting was called to a close followed by the door prize drawing which has become a big hit since first being implemented three years ago. We look forward to seeing everyone in Missouri next year for the 75th Anniversary of AGS.

AGS Awards Scholarships

The AGS Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee and award the following scholarships: The **AGS Scholarship** was awarded to **Aletha M Moody** of Mayville, Michigan. The **John Howland Scholarship** was awarded to **Bonnie Mills** of Capac, Michigan. Congratulations to these fine students. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please see your members handbook, the AGS website, or contact the office for more information.

Office Communication Notes

Please note that if you call the office and the phone just continues to ring it means we are on the phone with another member or customer. We usually try to switch over and just get a call back number, however, there are times when we get multiple calls during the time we are on the phone with someone else in which case we do not switch over as it would not be fair to the person already on the line. So, if you call and don't get a live person or the machine, please call back or send us an e-mail and we will respond as soon as possible.

If you call the office during the day and receive the answering machine, it does not necessarily mean that no one is in the office. There are many times when there are just too many other tasks that must be handled and we are simply unable to take your call. AGS has one paid employee and a full time volunteer. We don't have 8-10 employees so tasks have to be prioritized. Your call is important to us so please leave a message including your name and a number where you can be reached. Seems like this would go without saying but you might be surprised how many people will leave long messages without ever stating their name or phone number.

AGS Introduces New Website

The all new AGS Website was launched during convention this year. Please take some time to visit and explore the new site. This is a basic rundown of what you will find on the website. The Members only section is NOT functioning yet as we must have the new office management software in place before this section can be made available to the membership. We are currently working with the software company and hope to have the OMS in operation later this Fall. If you find a glitch or error on the site, please contact the office via e-mail with the nature of the problem and the page on which it is located. Once the new members section is launched later this year, you will need login information to access. More information will be provided at the time of launch. Information will also be made available in upcoming issues of the VOICE. We hope this is just the beginning of what AGS can and will offer our members in the way of online services.

Bold underlined text below are the top navigation bar drop down menus. The items listed below them in **bold** are the clickable pages or files under that heading. Next to each item is a brief description of what you get when you click each link.

MEMBERSHIP

AGS news – this is information moved from main page every three months to archive.

Join AGS – from brochure and an actual online membership application

History – Brief history of AGS

Bylaws – AGS Bylaws

Rules & Regulations – AGS Rules and Regulations from hand book

Directors and Officers – current list of directors and officers with contact info

Committees – current list of committees, committee membership

Membership Benefits – benefits of being an AGS member

Types of Membership – listing of membership types and costs

Breeds Registered – pictures of each breed along with breed description (pics coming soon)

Fair Trade Policy – AGS Recommended Fair Trade Policy

Districts – map and listing along with listing of current directors

Complaints and Arbitration – AGS Complaints and Arbitration policies

REGISTRATION

Purebred – statement about purebred goats, from old site

Re-registration Policy – how to re-register an ADGA or CGS animal with AGS

Classification – from hand book with list of current classifiers

Fees and Services – listing of all current fees and services

Forms and Brochures – pdf and/or word doc files of every form and brochure

Americans and Grades – statement that AGS does not register

ONLINE

Join AGS – from the brochure of the same name, also online membership , same as under Membership heading

Online Registrations – this will link to the member's only section which has true online animal registration

Herd Name Registration – listing of current herd names, online herd name application form to fill out and submit, (Will eventually want a searchable database of herd names, but that will come as a separate phase)

Member Website Listing – member opt in listing of farm websites

Shop AGS Merchandise – actual pictures and shopping cart for all AGS merchandise

FAQ – expanded version of FAQ from Handbook

SHOW RING

Events - updated listing of upcoming shows (or events)

National Show – for now it will just link to agsnationals.com, later that site will be integrated into this new site

Show Results – updated listing of AGS show results

How to hold a show – article written by Joanne Karohl

How to organize a show – article written by Gail Pletcher

Show Sanction information – explanation on how show sanctions work, costs involved, how to fill out the forms

Judges Directory – current listing of AGS judges with contact information

Show Rules – current show rules

Showing – section from hand book

Exhibitors Code of Ethics – Exhibitors code of ethics

Show Win Form – explains what it is and how to fill it out

Champions Gallery – pretty much the same as the old Master Champions gallery (ongoing process)

MILK PAIL

DHI Rules & Procedures

Milk Production Awards

Advanced Registry

Lincoln Dairy Herd

EDUCATION

Breed Standards – AGS Breed Standards – drawings to be added when available

Gestation Calculator – Gestation calculator for both standard breeds and miniature breeds

Judges Training and pre-TC – information from hand book and judges training manual

Dairy Goat anatomy – illustration on parts of the dairy goat

Tattooing - everything you could want to know about tattooing

Showmanship – information about showmanship

Classification – same page as found under the “Registration” heading

Publications – listing of AGS publications, possibly including a pdf of most current *Voice (newsletter)*

Public Awareness Committee – this is where the new committee will keep members updated

ND Suggested colors and patterns – for now this will be the same as the hard to find page from the old site.

In the future we could expand this to include pictures with colors and patterns for all breeds

Scorecard & faulting – AGS scorecard and faulting

Scholarships – scholarship information and forms

Polled genetics – brief overview of polled genetics

National Show – for now this would just link to agsnationals.com

That takes care of the top navigation bar and drop down menus. The side menu which is all we had on the old site has been replaced with the following:

Members only sign on – this will be the link that allows members to access the member restricted section of the website. Real working online registration application, online members roster, herd name listing, archived issues of the *Voice*, eventually a searchable database, archives of old AGS publications such as the yearbook, and other items that will be added over time. ****PLEASE NOTE – this section is not yet available. We must first have the new office management software in place to accept online goat registrations. This process may take a few months.**

Join Now – online membership application, duplicate of the other “Join Now” page with form to fill out and submit.

Forms and Fees – listing of fees and services, pdf and word files of AGS forms, this is the same page as found under the “Registration” heading.

Show Results – easy link to that page of website, same page listed under “Show Ring” heading.

Events – easy link to that page of website, same page listed under “Show Ring” heading

VOICE of AGS – easy link to current PDF issue of the *Voice*

News – at the bottom of the home page of the website is a section called “Current AGS News” which can be updated literally on a daily basis from the office. This will allow the office to post turnaround times, office closures, and important news from the board. Every three months this information will be moved to the “News” page that is linked here.

NAIS Position Statement – AGS position on National Animal Identification)

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Website cont.

[Fair Trade Policy](#) – easy link to the recommended fair trade policy

[Shop AGS Merchandise](#) – quick link to the AGS merchandise page also found under the “online” heading

[Payment Center](#) – coming soon

2009 AGS National Show Results

NIGERIAN DWARF (88)

National Champion Junior Doe Lost Valley JUM Shannon Bred by Audrey & Amy Kowalik, Owned by Virginia Harris

Reserve National Champion Junior Doe Prairie Wood Vegas Time Bred by Lora Kniffin, Owned by Emily Karcher

National Champion Buck ARMCH Lost Valley Tae-Bo +*S E Bred and owned by Audrey & Amy Kowalik

Reserve National Champion Buck Flying Goat Jazzy Blues Bred by Kathyann Crawford, Owned by Lora Kniffin

National Champion Senior Doe ARMCH Hill Country's KW Bridges Burn 2*D Bred by William Kowalik, Owned by Audrey/Amy Kowalik

Reserve National Champion Senior Doe ARMCH Lost Valley KW Nala 4*D Bred and Owned by Audrey & Amy Kowalik

Best Udder ARMCH Lost Valley Lacey 2*D Bred and Owned by Audrey & Amy Kowalik

NUBIAN (11)

National Champion Junior Doe Rio Bonito DesertNewMoon owned by Whitney Thomas

Reserve National Champion Junior Doe Mesa-De-Oro BB Beans bred and owned by Mr & Mrs Phillip Jones

National Champion Senior Doe Mesa-De-Oro Pinon bred and owned by Mr & Mrs Phillip Jones

Reserve National Champion Senior Doe Painted Dunes Wild Daisy owned by Whitney Thomas

PYGMY (7)

National Champion Junior Doe Corrales Kids Daisy owned and bred by Renee Furst

Reserve National Champion Junior Doe Corrales Kids Trinity owned and bred by Renee Furst

National Champion Buck Corrales Kids Commander Cody owned and bred by Renee Furst

Reserve National Champion Buck Corrales Kids Rebel owned and bred by Renee Furst

National Champion Senior Doe Corrales Kids Dina-Mite owned and bred by Renee Furst

Reserve National Champion Senior Doe Corrales Kids Antiquities bred and owned by Renee Furst

2009 AGS National Youth Show

NIGERIAN SENIOR DOE

Grand Champion Senior and Best Udder Prairie Wood Memo *D owned by Hana Allen

Reserve Grand Champion Prairie Wood Rose *D owned by Joseph Allen

NIGERIAN JUNIOR DOE

Grand Champion Lost Valley JUM Kai owned by Emily Allen

Reserve Grand Champion Prairie Wood Azalea owned by Charles Chavez

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Upcoming Shows

Racine County Fair Breeders Show

August 1, 2009
Union Grove, WI
Nigerian Dwarf
Judge: Ashley Velduizen
contact: Greg Brackett diddyupgoat@mia.net

Run for the Roses 2009

August 8-9, 2009
Jamul, CA
Nigerian Dwarf, Pygmy
Judge: Rusty Repp
contact: Donna Elkins provpgs@aol.com (619)884-6659

5 Acre Farm ND Goat Shows

August 9, 2009
Grafton, MA
Nigerian Dwarf
Judge: Todd Biddle
contact: Cindy St Pierre fiveacrefarm1@hotmail.com (508)839-9194

Final Fling ND Goat Show

August 22, 2009
Lambertville, NJ
Nigerian Dwarf
Judges: John Pfeiler, Todd Biddle
contact: Teri Stanton psgoats@comcast.net (908)638-8580

Antelope Valley Fair

Lancaster, CA
August 28, 2009
Nigerian Dwarf
Judge: Marie Layman
contact: Becky McRoberts entryoffice@avfair.com

Expo NM Club Show

September 19, 2009
Albuquerque, NM
Nigerian Dwarf
Judge: Rusty Repp
contact: Lora Kniffin prariewood@aol.com (505)281-8179

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