

ND Goat Club of FL Newsletter

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Show me the money!!

For the period beginning 6-1-09 and ending 8-1-09

Beginning Balance \$0.00
Income: \$310.00

Dues: \$210.00

9 Individual \$180.00

1 Family \$25.00

1 Junior \$5.00

Donations:

1 Donation \$100.00 GH

Disbursements:

Corporate Filing Fee \$78.75

Ending Balance \$231.25

Respectfully submitted,

- Carol Preiss, Treasurer

Meeting 2 minutes August 8, 2009

Ginger called the meeting to order at 11:26.

Minutes from the June 6th meeting were read. Correction was made to the minutes that a family membership costs \$25 and juniors are \$5. Carol motioned to approve the minutes and Denise seconded it.

Committee Reports

Old Business

Carol stated that are incorporated. We have an EIN number. The cost is \$78.75. The mission statement and by laws are current with the amendments made.

Newsletter

The newsletter will not contain the minutes from the June meeting. We will wait until after August to include the minutes in each newsletter. Minutes will be emailed. The newsletter will include show dates and upcoming shows. Stacy will get templates for the newsletter and email it. The club will promote the goat at fairs and shows by using displays. Carol suggested the Strawberry Festival in Plant City as well as the Alachua County fair to promote the Nigerian Dwarf Goat. Flyers will be distributed and the club will sell soap. Stacy will look into using a hall in Dade City, through Stacy's church, for the club to make fudge to sell at the fairs. Stacy also suggested that we use Vista Print to make club cards. Carol made a motion that the club forms a PR committee for the March 6th show.

Website

The website is costing \$13.94 a month. Ginger is paying for that now as a temporary set up. Sami offered to shop around "Go Daddy". Carol motioned for Sami to take over the website and move the website to a cheaper place. It would be easier to get a new domain. Stacy seconded the motion. The new domain would be Nigerian Dwarf Goat club of Florida we will add classified ads to the website.

Stacy Shirts

Ginger had logo digitized and just today given to her on disc. The shirts will be used to promote the goat and the club. On the website a link to the embroiderer's website will be added so people will be able to choose the type of shirt, bag, etc they want with the logo on it.

Conformation Clinic

ADGA charges an hourly rate plus a farm stop charge. ADGA does not have a program set up right now. Richard Grossman or Bret Gabaordi will be asked to a conformation type clinic. Carol will approach Bret for clinic to be demonstrated on Nigerians and possibly do appraisals.

New Business

FDGA Business

The FDGA Rainbow Springs picnic will be on Sunday August 16th. The new officers and the show committee will be working on complaints. They do realize that Nigerians are more than 50% of their shows. FDGA wants to help Nigerian people. It has been stated to the board that if Nigerians are last in the show line up again. We will not participate. There is no rule about the order of the show line up. We are just asking for mutual respect.

For the shows, Carol will check with Wanda Clark to see if leashes are ok to use. That ADGA had not disqualified them. FDGA will have a 2 day show. 3 rings for does and 3 rings for bucks. They are combining GIG and Rutfest together. Event insurance is \$400 per event. Kathy Autry is looking for event insurance for \$800 to \$900 a year. They are looking at Williston, Brooksville, Carol's farm and Live Oak. Consensus is not to participate in a 2 day show. We prefer 1 day shows. FDGA wants to have a pavilion at its shows. FDGA kept Gilbert's money with his ok that he donated for a third judge for Rutfest.

Judges for our show not to use Paul Kemp, Chuck Peterson, Annette Maze, Jean Lucas. We would like to use Melissa Butler and/or Erin Carter.

Sunshine will not be having a show.

Show

We will query judges. Fees are around \$250 plus expenses. Airfare costs depend on the flight. Show committee will work on a list of judges. For the wether obstacle class- Carol has a trail course, in/out poles, tube and teeter totter.

Goat trophies were found on eBay. Color class will be judged on color clipped or unclipped.

Ginger suggested an advertisement to be placed in our feed stores for the club show. For the show, people will have to bring their own table or tent. Vender tables and club tables the price for a 10x10 area will be \$25 and tables could be spilt or shared.

Ribbon Report- Denise looked into generic place ribbons and put the club name on them, logo or a goat. Denise offered to pay for the ribbons. The ribbons will be first through sixth. Junior bucks Grand or Reserve ribbons need to be added. We will print the results not just the winners.

Programs for the show will have room on it to write in the placings. They will be printed with pre-entries name and owner. Late entries will not be included in the show programs. We will sell ads in the programs. We will also sell programs. The cover of the program will have the club logo on it. It will also include breed history, description of classes and information on the judges. Classes can be sponsored for \$10 a class. Prizes for the raffle table will be donated. The raffle will be the kind that you put your ticket in the corresponding container. Raffle will be after milk out. Wether class and color class will be after or before lunch.

A one day clinic on CAE/Goat Health will be planned.

Those in attendance are Carol, Gilbert, Darlene, Denise, Marci, Ginger, Sami, Stacy and Bev.

Next meeting will be Saturday October 17th.

Gilbert motioned to adjourn at 15:40 and Sami seconded it.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Dillard, Secretary

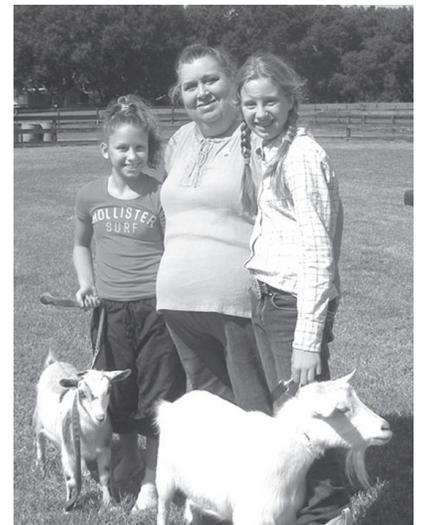
VOICE OF SOUTH MARION,

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I know that many of you probably don't think a lot about goats never mind visiting a Goat farm, well you are not alone, but recently there was a Fall Festival held at the Nigerian Dwarf Goat Farm in Weirsdale and out of curiosity I had to go. It was a picture perfect day and the air was cool and the weather sunny. I must say a perfect way to spend a few hours in the fall especially if you have kids, and I mean the two legged kind, no pun intended. Even if you didn't have any you still could enjoy the four legged kind as there were plenty around. Carol Preiss, the owner of the farm, explained this was her second annual festival she had put on. A lot of 4-H children were on hand with their goats learning about handling and some even showing them off in the "Costume Contest" that was also part of the festivities. In addition that afternoon there was also an obstacle course where the goat owners could demonstrate their handling skills with their goats. Several vendors were also on hand selling the most delicious fudge made from what else but goat's milk. There was also goat's milk soap being sold which is made from the milk as well as other all natural ingredients like oils that make it very good for the skin. Carol also explained to me how good for you too was the goat's milk. "Some babies and people too who cannot tolerate cow's milk

find the goat's milk is more easily digested", says Carol, "It is excellent to raise orphaned babies animals on also." Carol also went on to describe all the other benefits from the goats milk and the other products it is used for. She says it also makes an excellent cheese. Carol like the many other goat farmers in and around Marion County belong to the Florida Dairy Goat Association. The Nigerian dwarf Goat is just one of many species of different goats available to farmers. A Visit To A Goat Farm The Nigerian is a bit smaller than a regular dairy goat but bigger than a pigmy goat. They make excellent pets and are easy and relatively inexpensive to care for. Goats will graze pastures but prefer to eat small bushes and can also be fed with a good dairy ration and mineral supplements. Unlike the consensus that goats will eat just about anything, this is false and goats are quite actually picky eaters. A lot of 4-H children enjoy using these types of goats as part of their 4-H projects because they are so much fun to take care of and to show. Carol currently keeps about 50 goats at her farm. The does, or female goats, must be milked at least once a day and can produce up to about two quarts of milk per day. She says she raises them mostly for the products they produce but admits many have become her own favorite pets as well. Carol has been on this farm for many years and used to raise Paso Fino horses for about seventeen years along with her mom but a car accident several years ago made it difficult for her to work with the

horses. Then one day, as Carol describes, a friend dropped a baby goat in her lap and she instantly fell in love with the little animal. In addition to raising the goats she also is a rescuer for the Great Pyrenees dog, a dog which is typically known to guard and protect goat herds from predators. Currently she has two dogs that she rescued from a shelter after getting a call that they were dropped off there. Carol said they would have been put down if she did not take them. Carol will again be having a show in March of 2010 and encourages visitors to come by. If you would like more information on this farm or just goats in general you may visit her website at www.lacaballerizados.com. Carol Preiss stands with two of her 4-H students and their goats at a recent festival held at her Goat farm in Weirsdale. (Photo by Pam Guenther)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

5TH TO 8TH NORTH FLORIDA FAIR
ADGA Jr-Sr Does Open and Youth

DECEMBER

FDGA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
HOST CAROL JEAN PREISS-LA CABALLERIZA DOS FARM,
WEIRSDALE, FL

JANUARY 2010

15-17 **SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR**

FEBRUARY

4-7 **FLORIDA STATE FAIR**
20TH **PASCO COUNTY FAIR**
25-28TH **CENTRAL FLORIDA FAIR**

MARCH

6TH **MARCH MINI MADNESS ND SHOW**
TWO RING ADGA/AGS ND'S ONLY
20TH **FOREVER GOATS 2 RING ADGA SHOW**
ARCADIA

APRIL

17-18 **FDGA GIG/RUTFEST**
TWO DAY COMBINED DOE AND BUCK SHOW
PASCO Co FAIRGROUNDS, DADE CITY FL

Our Beautiful Goats!

Want to see your four legged friend's smiling face in the Newsletter? Send them to Ginger, for possible inclusion in the next addition.



Current Officers

President- Ginger Parker
Vice President- Gilbert Helgeland
Treasurer- Carol Preiss
Secretary- Beverly Dillard



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL MY FELLOW
GOATERS**

March Mini Madness projected show expense

Sanction Fees

ADGA

SR Does \$40
JR Does \$40
Bucks \$40
Ribbons \$21 \$5 per division plus \$3 for the Champion Challenge

Total per ring \$141

AGS

Bucks \$20
SR Does \$10
JR Does \$10
License \$20

Total per ring \$60

Judging Fees

Brent Deitrich

Fee \$250 plus airfare, 2 night lodging and rental car plus food the day of the show
Airfare RDU to MCO on American Airlines \$250 plus car or Combo at \$329
Microtel in Lady Lake @ \$55 a night for Friday and Saturday nights
Estimate at least \$439 for travel and lodging plus \$250 judging fees

Estimated total for Deitrich \$689

Tamara Taylor

Fee \$200 plus \$25 mileage parking \$18 a day and meals at \$25 a day
Airfare from DFW to MCO on American Air \$234 plus car at \$137 or package \$294
She teaches school, so she can't fly out till later in the afternoon, which makes getting the package price harder because the airline chooses the departure times.
Fee \$200 mileage \$25 parking \$54 meals \$75 plus motel \$55 a night at the Lady Lake Microtel = \$464 + flight \$294

Estimated total for Taylor \$758

Keeping in mind these are just estimated costs based on what I could find on Priceline.com. Both judges said they preferred to make their own arrangements and wanted it to be prepaid.

Sanction Totals: \$402 both rings ADGA/AGS sanction

Judge Total: \$1447

Final: \$1849

NIGERIAN DWARF GOAT CLUB OF FLORIDA, INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Period Beginning August 1, 2009 and Ending October 29, 2009

Account Balance as of 8-1-09		\$ 231.25
INCOME		
Membership:		65.00
Darlene Dollins (Ind. Mem)	\$ 20.00	
Stephenson Family, Henry, Marci		
Hannah, Emily	\$ 25.00	
Nola Reynolds (Ind)	\$ 20.00	
Raffle Income		\$ 202.00
Proceeds from Sale of Pins		\$ 35.00
DONATIONS		
Fall Fest		
March Show		\$ 650.00
Gilbert Helgeland	\$500.00	
High Ridge Feed	10.00	
Rosalind Hamner	50.00	
NU Racing	30.00	
Bill Vandervin	20.00	
Tim Travis	40.00	
Class Sponsorships		60.00
Wm. Firman	25.00	
Alrena Meadows Paso Fino Far	35.00	
EXPENSES		-0-
ENDING BALANCE 10/29/09		\$,1.243.25

* Darlene Dollins donated \$1.00 per soap sold at Fall Fest or \$13.00
This is not included in the income at this time.

*Ginger Parker has also pledged to donate \$500 toward the cost of the show

March Mini Madness Nigerian Dwarf Goat Show
March 6th 2010
Two Rings ADGA & AGS sanctioned
Jr Does, Sr Does and Bucks
Plus two non-sanctioned fun classes, color class and obstacle course
Judges: Brent Dietrich, NC and Tamara Taylor, TX

Sponsored by the Nigerian Dwarf Goat Club of FL, Inc.

Class sponsors, donations, vendors, and volunteers are welcome and encouraged.



Classified Ads

Have something you'd like to sell? Email Ginger at: Hossracergp@cs.com to have it listed here.

SAMPLE

Lonely older disbudded doe with excellent udder attachments seeks younger blue eyed polled buck. Not looking for a serious relationship, just sharing long walks and eating acorns. Moonspotted males whose mothers have excellent medial suspensory ligaments preferred.

**PLEASE NOTE THE CLUB HAS
A NEW WEBSITE:**

www.NDGCF.com

Many Thanks to Sami Ray for doing a great job as our new web mistress



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Membership Application

Annual dues:

Individual: \$20

Farm/Couple/Family: \$25

Children/4-H Members \$5

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Website _____

Herd/Farm Name _____

Make Checks payable to Nigerian Dwarf Goat Club of FL, Inc.

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NDGCF Members in the News



By Jessica Tuggle

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VERO BEACH - Tiny little hooves tip-tapping and the high-pitched bleating of small goats fill the air at Darlene Dollins' Doll Babies Farm in Vero Beach.

The petite size of the miniature goats is in no way an indicator of their love of treats, as all four goats eagerly nibbled at the stem, leaves and petals of a bright yellow sunflower.

As a child, Ms. Dollins drank goat's milk because she was allergic to cow's milk. A couple of years ago, she began researching raising her own dairy goats on her land in Vero Beach.

"Each goat has their own unique little personality and it can really affect you if you let it and I just fell in love with them," Ms. Dollins said while the goats nibbled on the flower.

After she acquired two females, and was enjoying the daily milk, she decided to try to make goat-milk soap. Since then, she has received so much positive feedback she decided to create a small business to sell the soaps.

"I don't want this to get really big, but I do look at it like a profitable hobby," Ms. Dollins said with a smile.

Combining the goat's milk with various oils, lard, lye and fragrances makes a soap that is soothing to the skin and full of healthy vitamins.

"The soap I make is full of vitamins and minerals from the milk that you can absorb into your skin. It's not at all like the commercial soaps that are full of chemicals and leave your skin feeling so dry.

All of those chemicals going into your body, and who knows what happens to them after that, not me," Ms. Dollins said.

Currently, Ms. Dollins has two adult female goats, one that delivered male-female twin kids in the spring, and one that is due in November.

The goats are all Nigerian dwarf goats, and look just like standard dairy goats in miniature. Their coloring is varied with shades of brown, black and white, making for unique coat patterns.

Nigerian dwarf goats are popular dairy goats because of their small size. A female will probably weigh between 55 and 60 pounds, and a male between 70 and 75 pounds, said Ms. Dollins.

The amount of milk they produce per day is also perfect for a smaller group of daily consumers.

Ms. Dollins plans to keep a good size herd of goats, and is excited about the birth of the new kids.

"This is her fourth breeding, though her first with me, and we're hoping she's only carrying twins, but she's already huge," said Ms. Dollins.

Nigerian dwarf goats can deliver up to four kids at one time, she said.

Ms. Dollins describes herself as a person who constantly needs new challenges in her life.

"That's one of the reasons I got into the goats, because I had done drag racing in the past, and I've been doing accounting for so long, and it was a new challenge," she said.

Doll Babies Farm also has a small vegetable garden and flocks of chickens, ducks and geese whose eggs Ms. Dollins sells.

The goats both give and take from the garden, Ms. Dollins said.

"They love to eat the Kentucky wonder pole beans, and collard greens and sunflowers, and then I use their manure to fertilize the garden," she said.

Ms. Dollins sells the soap she makes at the Beachside Farmer's Market on Saturdays.

For more information about products from Doll Babies Farm, visit the Web site at <http://dollbabiesfarm.com> or contact Darlene Dollins at Darlene@expressreel.com.