

NDGCF GENERAL MEETING – 4/26/25

Held at Painted Feather Farms – Dade City FL.

Prior to our 12:30 member meeting we had a FAMACHA Training Class taught by Laura Bennett of UF. We had 35 attendees. The class began at 9:00 am and ended 11:30. Ms. Bennett went over how to determine if you should dose your small ruminant animal with parasite medication. She went over the FAMACHA card and we all went outside to demonstrate that we all understood how to check the eyes and match the color to the card.

Attendees: Sami Ray, Cheryl & Max D' La Rotta, Emma Morejon, Mary Moores, Linda & Joe Austin, Joe & Shirley Welch, Vicky Cope, Charlotte and Mallory Vanderfre, Dr. Elisabeth Shrode, and Christy.

Call to order at 12:30pm by Sami Ray, Cheryl D' La Rotta seconded the motion.

Introductions of new members: Christy of Farmer Goats, Dr. Elisabeth Shrode of Hickory Hill (Brooksville) and Charlotte and Mallory Vanderfre.

Minutes from 12/25/2024 meeting were reviewed as well as the Board Meeting minutes. A motion to approve both minutes as written by Mary and seconded by Vicky.

A discussion was started by Sami Ray concerning our next March Madness event possibly in Pasco County. Right now, there is a fire code issue with the building will know more later. Thoughts of combining the Sumter County show with ours is in question – more information is needed. Discussion of the high cost to do the show in Hillsborough (1545.00) and looking for another venue other than Pasco – Polk County Youth Fair where they have a hook-up and non-hook-up camp site. More information is needed.

The Treasurer's report by Cheryl D' La Rotta was reviewed and a motion to approve and seconded by Linda Austin. A motion was made to approve the moving of \$910.00 from Pay Pal top Wells Fargo account for the FAMACHA Training by Vicky and seconded by Linda.

New Business: Our next meeting is on Saturday, June 28th, 2025 time 12.00 PM. We are going to meet at the UF/IFAS Extension Office One-Stop Shop Meeting Room. (exact room TBA). The address is 15029 14th Street, Dade City, FL 33523. Elizabeth Shrode DVM will be speaking to us about Goat Nutrition. If you would like to find out information about Dr Shrode, check out her website at: <https://hickoryhillvet.com/>. As always, we will have a covered dish lunch. There will be electrical to plug in for crock pots, etc.

August meeting the topic is going to be about Hurricane Preparedness. Day TBD. We will be meeting at One-Stop again or the Pasco County Fairgrounds. Laura Bennet from UF/IFAS will be speaking to us that day.

October meeting TBD, December meeting is our Christmas party.

Call to adjourn was made by Mary Moores and seconded by Sami Ray.