

National Pygmy Goat Association

Vital Statistics through December 15, 2011

Core Transactions

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
New Memb	497	479	477	489	457	515	537	504	494	423	412	356	311	308
Bucks	1044	1105	1045	955	1023	1033	953	998	841	779	722	706	680	615
Does	2731	3010	2810	2528	2713	2735	2591	2585	2550	2315	2259	2049	1759	1738
Wethers	448	529	584	640	731	753	753	780	873	842	825	682	673	603
Transfers	2673	3065	2746	2748	2860	2901	3021	3225	3310	2836	2533	2645	2234	2088
Herd Names	259	280	244	249	269	263	253	241	225	212	186	180	121	138

Historical Totals – Registrations

Bucks Registered	25,776
Does Registered	69,785
Wethers	12,565

Total Registered Animals: 108,126

Difference in number sequence total and total registered is attributed to skipped numbers over the years.

Total Year End Membership in NPGA

12/98	12/99	12/00	12/01	12/02	12/03	12/04	12/05	12/06	12/07	12/08	12/09	12/10	12/11
1921	1834	1856	1879	1848	1980	1968	1916	1827	1694	1646	1486	1380*	

*Due to computer failure and the reinput of all data for 2+ months,
I do not have yearend figures as of this time.
Will have information by year end.*

Business Manager Report

As of December 15, 2011

NPGA Central Office

General:

Again I was forced to cash in another CD in the amount of \$11,775.15 to assure that we have funds to pay travel expenses for the January Board Meeting. This is the second year in a row I have had to do this. At this time we still have 3 CD's which come due in 2012.

NPGA Coordinators:

There are no issues with the coordinators. At this time I have only received the report for the Election Coordinator.

Equipment update:

I have again experienced a major computer failure. On December 11th the Hard Drive on the NPGA computer failed. I was able to have the computer repaired with a new hard drive installed for a reasonable cost of \$330. The problem is the backup external hard drive was NOT backing up the NPGA data. It only was backing up one file within the program which did not relate to anything. I don't know why this was happening, all my documents were backed up as I would have expected. I do make a CD back up at the end of the month. The latest CD read once (when I checked to make sure the data was there), but now will not read on any computer. I made a mistake and didn't backup the end of October. So the last backup I have is September. I will now need to go back and reinput all the transactions since that backup. On one hand the fact that we are so slow and people are not registering as usual, will be a benefit in this case. I expect I should have everything back in the computer by the end of the year.

I am going to look into additional software that may fix the problem of the external hard drive not backing my entire program up daily.

Online Herd book issues

I am currently unable to upload data to the online herd book. I have contacted Aaron Esterline about this problem and have been advised that something changed on his server that does not allow uploads from outside. The only way that the data may be updated is to mail a CD to Aaron who then has to manually upload it himself. Since he has been outside the country for an extended period this was not possible.

I hope that this may be fixed soon as it is very inconvenient to post this way. If someone wants access to the herd book but has not paid dues, I will have to mail a CD with all data to Aaron to have this happen. If they pay early in the month it could take an entire month for the person to have access.

Registration problem

A possible forgery of a breeding memo was reported to me in Early October. I will discuss the details of this issue at the board meeting in January.

Vendors

The printer I have been using for 10+ years retired and sold his business. The new business owner continued to process all my orders for Report of Awards, Registration Certificates, and membership cards. Unfortunately the new owner closed the store in Snohomish and now works out of a store in North Seattle. This is quite some distance from me and not convenient. I researched changing printers but there are no others close. The problem with the current printer is now all orders are being shipped to me. This could increase costs. The alternative is to find another printer and start from scratch with having all our forms redesigned. This could be expensive too. At this time I am going to continue to use the same printer and have orders shipped to me, as this is the least costly.

My longtime bank has also recently been sold. I just got my first statement from the new bank who is charging significantly more for monthly fees than the old bank. I will be talking with them soon to see if there is any way to reduce these monthly fees (if they have a discount for Non profits). If not I may need to change banks.

Membership Roster

We need to decide if a CD format will be offered again this year or to go back to the hardbound type roster. I am willing to process the information again as I did last year.

Membership and Processing

We received 308 new members in 2011 which is only a decline of 3 members from last year.

A report of all non renewed members by region will be distributed to each director at the board meeting.

Internet Access

At last a bit of GOOD News! Unexpectedly my phone provider has offered high speed internet access to my area. When Verizon owned our phone service we were told we would not have high speed internet in my location, but Frontier bought out Verizon and almost immediately upgraded our area! This is not the fastest service, but is MUCH better than the dial up I previously had. The monthly cost is approximately \$50. I can now actually upload and download photos.

Certification Report

January 1, 2011 through December 15, 2011

Committee Members and rotation

1. Joyce Hubbard	12/1/2013	5. Lynda Gredin	6/1/2014
2. Tammi Josephson	6/1/2014	6. Cara Johnson	12/1/2013
3. Kelly Estes	12/1/2013	7. Vacant	
4. Karen Butler	6/1/2013	8. Debbie McGhee	6/1/2014

General

I have one opening on the committee in Region 7. Please advise me if you know someone who would be willing to serve.

Certification Division:

No animals were reviewed this period.

Progeny Division:

There was two new progeny applicants received in 2011. I continue to receive calls for information on this program, but no new applicants. We have 12 active applicants awaiting completion of the progeny process.