

Agenda Item C

Proposal:

Youth shows with non-registered, mixed breed or different breed goats will not be allowed at a National Pygmy Goat Association Convention.

Problem: Pygmy Goat clubs have the right to sponsor youth shows, whether sanctioned or unsanctioned, without restriction. However, do they have the right to sponsor such a show at the same location, and within the dates of the National Pygmy Goat Association National Convention giving the impression that that show is part of the national convention? The NPGA registers animals that are purebred to the standard of the association as laid down by the bylaws of that association. Allowing the National Convention host club to hold a show under the umbrella of the NPGA corrupts the national shows as well as sending the message that the NPGA does not hold to the standards that they have set for the breeding, raising, and showing registered Pygmy Goats.

If that host club finds that attendance to the youth show is below sanction numbers, then that show should not be held.

Advantages: Maintains the integrity of the NPGA National Convention.

Disadvantages: Loss of youth entry fees. Youth who show in these shows get no points toward future championships and could believe that they are part of a national show, which they are not.

Financial implication: Loss of youth entry fees.

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