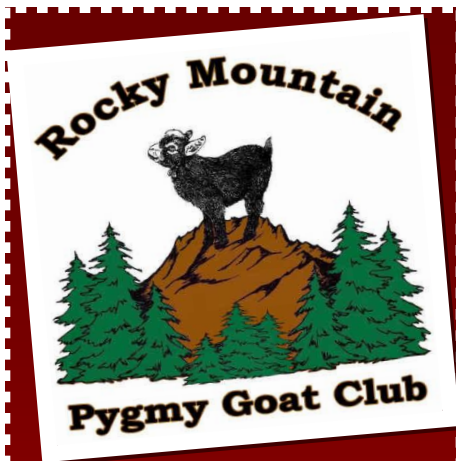


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Happy Mothers Day,

May all you wonderful mothers have a great day.

The Bloom'n goat show was a big success. Thanks, not only to those that participated in being there with donations in hand, but a special thanks to Teasha Lee and Sharon Johnson for working so hard to make this show work. It was kind of a miserable windy, cold weekend, but just being there with friends was well worth the trip. Congratulations to the McEwens and the Dowdy's for finishing animals. Kudo's to all the other champions.

The new COC will be finished being put together and submitted for final approval by the club officers by the end of this week. After approval it will be placed in the club by-laws. We have been working long and hard on the Code of Conduct and I feel that it will be a positive addition to the club. I have received a lot of positive comments for the COC.

We are working hard on completing the bid package for Nationals. Be prepared for a lot of hard work if we get the bid. The action list will start coming together more and more after the June 2010 bid. There will be times when it seems like people are stepping on each others toes, and doing assignments that were to be handled by others. We just have to remember the end out come that we are trying to achieve, and that we are doing this together. Sometimes, items in other categories just come in to place while handling certain action items. We will keep updating the action list as much as we can. I ask that you do not despair, keep up your chins and lets keep going strong.

I would like to say welcome to our new club members, Marnee and Bill Cordova, Jodi Harmon, Tammy MacDonald, Grant and Kristy Herzog and kids. Make them feel welcome, help them in any way they need, answer their questions. The membership of this club has a lot of years of experience in goats and it is our responsibility to help teach others the same. We have a lot to offer. We will be having our next meeting in Baker City, Or. the last weekend in May. Lets all show our support for this show like we did the TWF Bloom'n goat show. Don't forget your homework assignment and go out and get some donations.

President

Scott Colwell



May 1, 2010 Minutes

May 1, 2010

Bloomin' Goat Show, Filer Idaho

Members present: Scott & Karen Colwell, David & Bow Lynne McEwen, Jin & Diana Dowdy, Mike & Angie Murphy, Teasha Lee, Sharon Johnson, Jody Harmon, Shawn & Denise Drake, Shawna Breeding, Bill & Marna Cordova

Other attendees present: Christopher McEwen, Cassie Harmon, Cheyenne Karger

President Scott Colwell called the meeting to order around 7:00pm.

Angie Murphy read the minutes from the February 20, 2010 meeting. Mike made a motion to except the minutes, Sharon seconded.

Treasure's Report: Jim reported that the bank balance as of the show was \$ A special thank you went out to Teasha Lee for bringing in \$800 in cash donations. The total donation for Joyce Malmstrom is \$50. Raffle for Saturday brought in \$276 and the auction brought in \$399. Jim would like to keep things separated so the club can see what is working and what is not.

Another big thank you went out to Teasha Lee and Sharon Johnson for a great show.

Their will be a club meeting May 29th at the Elkhorn Memorial Show in Baker City Oregon.

Old Business:

Action List:

Host Hotel: Angie went over information about the local hotels. She visited Holiday Inn, Red Lion, Double-Tree, SpringHill Suites, and the Hampton Inn. Angie found out that Holiday Inn and Double Tree would charge us for unfilled blocked rooms. After a lot of discussion, it was decided to go with the Springhill Suites. Marna Cordova made a motion to except SpringHill Suites as the host hotel, Sharon Johnson seconded it.

Banquet: Diana suggested that we use the Western Town at the Fairgrounds. We would have to change the date for Nationals because of a prior booking. Diana would check with the Fairgrounds about the dates.

Cater: Diana will gather some information on meal prices for the banquet and bring it to the meeting in May.

National Bid Proposal: Some club members have found out that a Washington club is also putting together a bid for the convention. We need to make our clubs bid stand out.

HOMEWORK: Scott again thanked Teasha Lee for all the donations that she brought in. Scott would also like every club member to bring in at least one donation. The donations are what is going to help keep the money in the budget for the National Convention.

New Business:

COC: Scott handed out the COC that David has worked on. Scott gave every member time to read the COC. Scott asked that the club have a vote to put this COC into the bylaws of the club. Everyone unanimously voted to allow this. Club members and Non club members will not need to sign this. The COC will be sent out with the entries. By signing your entry

National Logo/Theme: Scott asked if there were any suggestions for the national logo. Teasha Lee had a suggestion that we use the club's logo and call it Rocky Mountain Roundup. Ashley Cecil had a couple of ideas that were passed around. Scott to a vote and it was decided to use the club logo. It was also decided to use Rocky Mountain Roundup has the theme. Sharon Johnson will come up with a picture and make these changes.

Power Point program: Tiffany Cecil has volunteered to help put together the package on the computer. Angie will check with her to make sure that it is still okay.

Bulletin Board: Dan Cecil is making changes to the bulletin board. Angie will check with him to see how those changes were coming.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Next meeting is May 29th at the Elkhorn Memorial Day show in Baker City, Oregon.

Meeting and Show Schedule:

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DATE PLACE SUBJECT

Feb 20 Cecil's Business

May 1 Bloom'n Goat Show Business, Expo

May 29 Elkhorn Memorial Day Show Business

June 26 Heart of the West Business

Aug 21 Back Yard Buck Show Business, Expo

Oct. 23 Colwell's Business, Expo

Dec. 4 TBD Christmas Party

Note: Additional meetings will be scheduled for 2011 National Bid

2010 Show Schedule:

Bloom'n Goat Show May 1-2 D. Frasier/J. Josephson

Elk Horn Memorial Day Classic May 29-30 Erin McCarthy/Sharon Perry

Heart of the West June 26-27 T.Josephson/L.Colville

West Idaho Expo Aug 21 Rebecca Mumpower

Back Yard Buck Show Aug 21 Rebecca Mumpower

Harvest Happenings Sept 11-12 J.Hubbard/D.Elkins

Kennewick Klassic Sept 25-26 TBD (trying to get changed to Jul 25 & 26)



Happy Mothers Day

Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs . . . since the payment is pure love.
~Mildred B. Vermon

It kills you to see them grow up. I guess it would kill you quicker if they didn't.
~Barbara Kingsolver, Animal

No love is stronger than a mothers love.
~Author Unknown

Congratulations

Champion PGCH Ash-Ana Acres Silver Lace



Sire: PGCH Ash-Ana Acres Totally Sensational
Ash-Ana Acres Tomahawk
Dam: PGCH Ash-Ana Acres Silver Lace
(2007 National Champion)

Tears

Sire: PGCH Desert Suns Majestic Illusion
Ash-Ana Acres Obsidian II
Dam: Ash-Ana Acres Onyx

Congratulations

David and Bow Lynne McEwen



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Nutrition overshadows all other facets of management because it directly affects health, production and reproduction. If your animals perform to your satisfaction, you probably have a handle on nutrition; if not, a diet change may be in order.

In addition to an efficient digestive system designed to extract nutrients from every shred of forage, its propensity for selecting the most palatable, nutritious forage enables the goat to succeed in environments where other species fail. In the wild, the goat gains weight in the spring and summer, breeds in the fall when forage quality declines, and over-winters on poor forage and fat reserves. When it is time to give birth in the spring, body condition is at a low ebb, but nutrient values in forage are high.

Nutritional needs vary according to growth and production status. Kids, weanlings, yearlings, pregnant does, lactating does, and bucks each have different needs. Animals prioritize the use of nutrients in the following descending order: 1) maintenance, 2) growth, 3) pregnancy, 4) milk production, and 5) reproduction, and they lose these abilities in the reverse order when the diet is inadequate. Fertility and milk production are diminished in overweight does.

Production demands on pygmies are few. Pets don't have to work for their keep like dairy breeds, although constant productivity is in the pygmy nature, owing to their tropical origin. Pygmy owners are under no pressure to learn to feed appropriately for economic (milk or meat) reasons. If the critters seem to thrive with a manger stuffed with alfalfa and a pan full of grain, the owner may finally realize that the goats aren't performing very well when kidding problems and/or metabolic diseases during late gestation and early lactation develop, or when wethers and bucks on unbalanced diets develop urinary calculi.

Ruminants can not digest food by themselves. Many different kinds of bacteria and protozoa populate the rumen, and it is their job to process forage into nutrients the animal can digest and absorb throughout the digestive tract. After a 20-minute lifespan, rumen microbes are also digested. Essentially, we feed the microbes who change the food into a usable form.

Water

Water is a frequently overlooked dietary component. Goats need free access to fresh water at all times. Over 60% of the soft tissues are water, and when body water loss approaches 20% the animal dies. Milk contains 87% water, so the needs of lactating does are great.

Some factors affecting water intake are moisture content of the forage, lactation, environmental temperature, and salt and mineral consumption. You can encourage animals to drink more by giving warm water in cold weather, cool water in hot weather, changing the water frequently, and giving free access to salt. Plenty of water also helps keep the boys' plumbing flushed out

Forage

Most pygmy goats are penned in relatively small areas with little or no access to pasture and are fed hay each day. Free choice quality hay provides energy, protein, fiber, minerals and vitamins. These essential nutrients change slightly in proportion to each other for goats at various ages and stages of production. Furnish good hay even if pasture and browse are available.

Unless it is well-managed, young, growing pasture contains too much moisture and too little protein and energy to meet the animals' needs. Managed pasture should be limed, fertilized, clipped routinely to keep the plants growing, and irrigated if you want to extend the grazing season. Overgrown pasture and late summer browse are too fibrous to have much food value.

There are two basic kinds hay. Legumes (alfalfa, clover and pea) are generally higher in protein and minerals than grasses. Grasses have more fiber. Goats find a combination of legume/grass hay very palatable.

Hay quality is determined by the plant variety, its bloom stage at harvest, leafiness, green color, sweet odor and softness. These factors are affected by growing conditions, harvesting methods, curing and storage. You pay more for higher protein hay, so feed the best you can afford, and make your goats clean it up before adding more.

Leaves contain most of the plant protein and energy, and animals always eat them first. When given too much hay, they often refuse to eat the fibrous stems, and fiber is essential for good rumen function. Obesity and heat stress are one of the first signs of protein/energy/fiber imbalance. To balance them, make your goats finish the hay before you refill the manger.

Grain

Growing kids, does in late gestation, nursing does, and working bucks need grain. The rest of the herd can get along fine without it. WHAT? Why, that's sacrilege! The poor darlings want it! They love it! Sure, they do. (And you like hot fudge sundaes, too, don't you? But could you handle them as a regular diet?) Aside from growing and working animals who need it, grain has been the secret ingredient in the "show goat".

Unfortunately, "blending" usually means fat deposits. Dairy goat breeders who know how to maximize milk production don't put fat on yearlings because they know that fat cells in the udder diminish milk production. (Maybe this is an underlying reason why so many pygmy kids need to be bottle-supplemented - their dams' milking potential was permanently damaged through poor feeding practice when they were young).

You can feed according to need by adopting one of the feeding strategies found later in this article.

Minerals and Vitamins

Calcium and phosphorus are called major minerals because ruminants need them in the greatest amounts. Trace minerals are needed in small amounts and include sodium, magnesium, potassium, sulfur, iron, iodine, copper, molybdenum, zinc, manganese, cobalt, fluorine and selenium. With the exception of selenium deficiency in some areas of the country, most forages contain enough micro-minerals to satisfy the goats' requirements.

Minerals are interrelated and depend on one or more of the other minerals for proper utilization. Excesses of one

or more can inhibit others. Your veterinarian and county extension service can suggest balancing supplements if your area has either a surplus or a shortage of specific minerals.

In general, loose trace mineral salt is provided free choice. Some people also supplement with free choice loose minerals, sodium bicarbonate and kelp meal. All of these contain sodium which is the limiting factor in consumption. Loose minerals can balance calcium or phosphorus in your hay. There are some rather expensive goat minerals available, but cattle and sheep minerals usually work just fine for pygmy goats. When in doubt, ask your veterinarian for a recommendations for supplements.

Goats usually get enough vitamins if they have a balanced diet. Vitamins A, D and E are stored in the body. Poor quality hay, and that which has been stored for very long, is low in these vitamins. Commercial concentrate mixes usually contain these, but a good diet and and exposure to sunlight is usually all the goat needs to fulfill its A, D and E requirements. Vitamins C and K are synthesized in the body and deficiencies are rare.

B vitamins are synthesized by rumen microbes and are not usually given supplementally. When rumen function is depressed during illness or indigestion, B vitamins may stimulate the appetite and can be given in addition to a probiotic. (Probiotic products like Probios™ and Fast Track™ repopulate the rumen bacteria). Thiamine deficiency, as in the disease polioencephalomalacia, is treated with high levels of injectable thiamine.

Feeding Strategies

Pygmy goats are often fed inappropriately due to the ease of feeding the whole herd at once, limited time for chores, or space constraints. However, their ability to breed all year often results in differing needs staggered throughout the year. There are a variety of ways to meet the needs of individual herd members.

The goats can be fed separately on stanchions or in stalls. Our does and kids live together in loose housing, and I feed grain individually on stanchions in the milk parlor. Kids are gently stanchion-trained at about a month old. It takes about twenty minutes to feed twenty goats this way, and they eagerly anticipate their stanchion time. This method makes competition a thing of the past, and hoof trimming and other individual routine management is easy at mealtime because they aren't afraid of the stanchions.

Another feeding method involves housing groups with similar needs together. Pregnant does, lactating does, weaning kids, yearlings, young bucks and adult bucks can each be fed according to their needs. Aggression within these groups during meals can be easily monitored.

Kids can be fed in a separate area, called a creep feeder, where they can escape feeding competition. Weaning should not begin before ten weeks old at which time kids are nutritionally self-reliant. Hay or good pasture provides bulk to develop the rumen and should be the main component in the growing kid's diet with grain fed sparingly. (My doelings start at one teaspoon of grain at two weeks old and gradually build up to one-fourth cup by three months old. They don't receive over one-fourth cup per day until they freshen.)

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