

Minnesota Dairy Goat Association

# Gopher Goat Gossip

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## President's Letter

Dear Members,

Welcome to 2018. Do you ever get stuck in a rut or stuck because you are just too comfortable? I do. At work, at home, in my breeding program, you name it. But I am renewed by the new year, new Board of Directors, and new beginnings. I'm excited!

First of all, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Melissa Czeck, and I am the new president of the Minnesota Dairy Goat Association. I live in Holdingford with my husband, Tom and our children Cassie, Katie, Quinn, and TJ. Our farm consists of Red Angus cattle, horses, dairy goats, pigs, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. I raise Saanens under the herd name Century Farm, while Katie has Lamanchas and Quinn, Nigerians. I have 6 years of serving on the Board of Directors many years ago and look forward to working with the Association again.

I would like to thank the leaving board members, Keith Allen, Brian McCann, and Bonnie Augustine for their years of service. Also, a big thank you to Linda Arhndt for her years working as the futurity organizer. We all have busy lives and appreciate how you have donated your time and talents to this organization. With those leaving, we welcome Morgan Allen, Mary Thompson, Diana Rico, David Foley, and Laura Kieser to the Board.

Having been on the Board last year, as board member I struggled with what the Association is able to provide versus what the Constitution states the purpose is. "The purpose of this Corporation shall be to promote and develop every phase of the dairy goat industry including but not limited to breeding programs, the proper public recognition of products related to dairy goats, aiding goat showing at fairs, and aiding 4-H programs relating to dairy goats. In addition, we foster relationships with industry, governmental agencies, and higher education."

The conclusion I have come to is that the success of our association cannot be solely the responsibility of our Board of Directors. As a membership you have the right (and perhaps even obligation) to have your ideas known and to help any way you can.

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Congratulations to Melissa Czeck and Garrett Moore, our new President and Vice-President! Please also welcome Morgan Allen, David Foley, and Mary Thompson to the board as directors and Laura Kieser as our new Treasurer.



## **On the Cover:**

MDGA is excited to be hosting the 2018 ADGA Annual Convention October 16-21 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Bloomington/Minneapolis South. Please watch the newsletter and Facebook page for volunteer opportunities!

## ***State Show Making A Comeback!***

As it has been over 20 years since the last time MDGA held the state show, I am excited to announce the comeback of the MDGA State Show! The "Best of the Midwest" MDGA 1st annual Spring show is being held May 26th -27th at the Lyon county fairgrounds in Marshall, MN.

The fairgrounds will be open Friday night with the youth show starting at 9 a.m. At noon we will have youth showmanship contests, followed by the junior doe show starting at 2. This will be a 3-ring show, where the animals stay put and the judges rotate through the rings. Following the junior doe show we will have a meal that will be available along with a raffle/silent auction.

On Saturday night we will also be having the MDGA spring general membership meeting! Sunday morning kicks off at 8 a.m. with the 3-ring senior doe show - Alpine Breeders, great news! *We are hosting the District IV Alpine Specialty show in ring 1!* We are excited to announce that Tessa Maggiulli will be judging in ring 1, Joseph Larson in ring 2, and Lee Bergfield in ring 3!

Get ready to attend because what better way to spend Memorial Day weekend than showing goats, and having fun with some of your goat friends! Find more updates for the show on Facebook by searching for @MDGastateshow. The show committee is working hard on making this a premier event in our area. We can't wait to see you in Marshall!

*Submitted by: Garrett Moore, Show Chairman*

### *(President's Letter cont'd...)*

There are many opportunities for you to help our association achieve success. Members can (and are encouraged to) participate in committees or help with any MDGA function.

Finally getting back to the excitement and new beginnings... In this issue we are highlighting some MDGA sponsored events or happenings that will benefit MDGA members:

4-H Dairy Goat judges training May 12

MDGA sponsored State Show May 26-27

MDGA sponsored Youth Show (in conjunction with the State Show) May 26

Mn Goat Ladies sponsored ADGA Judges Pre-Training Conference July 7

MDGA will host the ADGA National Convention in Bloomington Oct 16-21

(Every one of these events are looking for volunteers)

Good Things are Happening! - Melissa

## Letter from the Editor

Hello! My name is Diana Rico and this is my first issue of the GGG. I am a director for the MDGA as of last year when I was appointed to fill a vacant seat which I will hold until the end of the year this year.

A little about me: I have been in goats my whole life, between my grandma's (Diane Nelson) Fanciful Nubians (and Sables!) and my own Emerald City LaManchas (with an Alpine here or there) which I started in 2015 with my mom Cynthia Rico. I recently underwent judge's training at the ADGA Convention in Atlanta, and though I (just barely) failed my test I intend to practice my oral reasons a ton this year and try again when the convention is right here in Minnesota this Fall!

I am very excited to be editing the GGG, I remember reading it as a child - Grandma used to keep old issues in the drawer next to the computer and I would go through them to see if there were any new ones for me to read since the last time. My goal for this year is to create a regular publishing schedule of every other month. For this year that means Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, and Dec - around the middle of each month.

I would love to hear from the membership! Please send me your cute/funny goat pictures, goat related recipes (soap, cheese, meat, etc.), or if you run a goat show let me know show dates, entry dates, and results. Did your (human) kid show their first goat? Send me a picture! Did you attend a cool goat and/or dairy related seminar/event/etc? Let me know and you can either write an article or I'll interview you! Basically, if it is even tangentially goat related I encourage you to send it to me so I can get it in the GGG.

You can reach me at [rdiana91@gmail.com](mailto:rdiana91@gmail.com), or on Facebook through messenger. (That's me on the right!)

-Diana Rico



## Reminder!

Due to a change in Futurity Coordinator, the deadline to enroll 2017 animals in futurity has been extended to **February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018!**

Please send entries to  
Melissa Czeck at  
[czeckfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:czeckfarm@yahoo.com)

It's that time of year again! Whether you have already begun your kidding season or are about to start, it's a good idea to check that your kits are fully stocked. Below is a sample list of items to keep on hand, items in bold are what I keep in my own kit - what do you keep in yours?

- **Plenty of towels**
- **OB lube**
- Sterile gloves
- Nolvasan (to clean items/dip navels) + shotglass \*I use Iodine for navels
- **Dental floss and scissors** (to tie off and cut or trim navels)
- **Simple cord/Kid puller** (to pull kids if stuck)
- Clean container for kids (like a tote or laundry basket)
- **Blow dryer**
- ID bands/collars (to identify similar looking kids)
- **Molasses or YMCP** (mix with hot water to offer after kidding)
- Colostrum replacer
- **Pop bottles + nipples** \*I dam raise but still find it useful to keep these on hand to bottle train in case I need to supplement\*
- Tube feeder and large syringes in case kid won't suck
- Heating pad (for premature kids - must be kept directly on a heating pad if you are going to save them)
- Lutalyse (to induce labor)
- Oxytocin (to encourage pushing)
- **Banamine** (for pain and swelling relief)
- Polyflex or **Penicillin** (to treat uterine infection)
- Doprem (for premature kids to help with breathing)
- **Needles & syringes**

\*If you are unsure of medications, please consult a vet or knowledgeable mentor for dosages and/or appropriate uses



## “Get Your Goat” Art Contest and Flashlight Sale to be held at October ADGA Annual Convention in Bloomington, MN.

By Mary Thompson

Calling all budding and accomplished artists! Please consider entering one of your original works in the annual “Get Your Goat” Art Contest, which will be held in conjunction with this year’s Annual ADGA Convention in Bloomington, MN, in October.

While final rules are not yet completed, there will be categories for both youth and adult and accepted in virtually all media, such as paint & sketch work, sculpture, fiber and textiles and jewelry. There will be monetary awards in each division, as well as monetary awards for best-in-show and runner-up.

The artwork does become the property of the Minnesota Dairy Goat Association and will be auctioned off at the Flashlight Sale on Thursday, October, 2018, following the Wine and Products Reception, with proceeds going to the MDGA as a fundraiser.

Artwork must be goat-themed. This is a fun competition and historically some excellent artwork has been displayed and sold. There will be a people’s choice award of a rosette also given. So, start designing and creating now! You may enter more than one item per category, although individuals are only eligible to win one financial award per category. An entry will not be considered for monetary award in cases where less than 4 entries are received for competition (if an entry is not deemed suitable for competition),

Watch for finalized contest rules on the ADGA website as well as the ADGA 2018 Annual Convention Face Book page.

If you have any questions, please email Mary Thompson at [mlthompson@acegroup.cc](mailto:mlthompson@acegroup.cc)

## 2018 MDGA Outstanding Youth Winner!

Congrats to Kaitlyn Czeck, our 2018 MDGA Outstanding Youth! Below are some words from Kaitlyn.

*Hi, my name is Kaitlyn Czeck and I am 16 years old and live in Holdingford, MN. I’ve grown up showing goats and, have recently started my own La Mancha herd. I’m an active member in 4-H and love showing at the County and State Fair.*

*I would like to encourage the MDGA youth to be more active in the Association by attending more events such as the Youth Show on May 26 in Marshall, Minnesota. Please e-mail me at [kaitlyn.czeck@gmail.com](mailto:kaitlyn.czeck@gmail.com) if you have any questions or ideas for the MDGA youth.*



## Pre-Training Conference scheduled this summer for July 7th in Houston, MN.

By Mary Thompson

The Minnesota Goat Ladies are sponsoring an official ADGA pre-training conference (Pre-TC) this summer. It is an all day event (approximately 8:00 AM to 4:00 or 4:30 PM) on July 7th. A morning lecture and discussion will be held at the Valley High Golf Club's Turn Bar and Grille Clubhouse located at 9203 Mound Prairie Drive, just off State Highway 16.

If you are considering taking an official ADGA Judges Training Conference, it is required to first take a Pre-TC. This fall there will be such an official training conference held in conjunction with the ADGA Annual Convention in Bloomington, MN in October. Although you can take a Pre-TC at the Convention, this is a unique opportunity to take it prior to the convention and get in the usually necessary and helpful practice prior to the actual training conference.

The cost for this will be \$50 which includes morning coffee and rolls and a lunch held at the golf course.

In the afternoon there will be substantial hands-on animal work with opportunities to practice giving verbal reasons on live animals at the Kitchen/Dronen farm and the Thompson farm, just one mile from the golf course.

Instructor for this will be Jennifer Lohman-Peterson. Assisting will be Emily Thompson, Anna Thompson Hajdik, and Doug Thompson, who will provide feedback to participants as they give practice reasons.

While this is prerequisite for all who want to take the official training conference, it is also useful and of interest to any who want to get a better understanding of the ADGA scorecard, evaluating good dairy type and what is required to become an official ADGA judge.

For more information contact Marjorie Kitchen at [Goatgifts@gmail.com](mailto:Goatgifts@gmail.com) or Anna Thompson Hajdik at [anna.thompson.hajdik@gmail.com](mailto:anna.thompson.hajdik@gmail.com) If you are planning on attending, please contact Anna to put your name on the list.

For those coming a long distance there is a nice motel located in Houston, called Loken's Saw Mill Inn at 507-896-7050 and a variety of others available in nearby La Crosse, WI.

## *Save the Date!*

**It was just announced that this year the entry date for Dairy Goats for the Minnesota State Fair is July 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

**Make your plan now for getting your entries in early! Space fills up quickly (as in, the same day usually)! For more information go to [mnstatefair.org/competition/livestock.html](http://mnstatefair.org/competition/livestock.html)**



*Old Mountain Farm Brainstorm*

## Have you Herd?

If you hadn't, here's some results from the 2017 Spotlight Sale. Our very own Karyl Dronen (of Goat Ladies and the BodyShops herd) attended the Spotlight Sale at the 2017 ADGA Convention and came home with a beautiful new Nigerian Dwarf buckling!

The Spotlight Sale always highlights some very high-quality animals and it is exciting to have one come home with one of our members! Congratulations Karyl, we look forward to seeing what this buck produces for you.



## Grilled Goat Chops with Garlic, Oregano and Lemon

Yield

Serves 4 to 6

Time

15 minutes; 2 hours for marinating prep, 10 minutes cooking, 2 hours 25 minutes total

*Cook to Cook:* Just as with lamb, the smaller the goat chops, the younger the animal and the more delicate the flavor. Buy where goat is prized, direct from farmers at farmer's markets, at halal markets, or from Mexican and Latin American butchers.

### Ingredients

- 6 large garlic cloves
- 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons good tasting extra virgin olive oil
- Shredded zest of 2 large lemons
- Juice of 1 large lemon (about 6 tablespoons)
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 4 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon each salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 8 to 9 1-inch thick small rib or loin goat chops (lamb could be used as well)

### Procedure

1. Allow 1-1/2 to 2 hours for marinating the meat. In a food processor or blender combine the garlic, onion, 1/2 cup olive oil, the lemon zest, lemon juice, wine, oregano, salt, and pepper. Process to just short of a puree. You want some small bits of rind, onion, and garlic. Pour the marinade into a heavy plastic bag or bowl, toss with the chops and refrigerate 1-1/2 to 2 hours.

2. To cook, drain the chops but do not wipe off the marinade. Heat the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil in a 12-inch straight-sided sauté pan over medium high heat. Arrange the chops in the skillet so they barely touch. Use 2 pans if necessary. Brown quickly on both sides. Then turn down the heat to medium-low and cook another 2 minutes a side, or until the chops are barely firm when pressed with your finger. They should be blushed with pink inside. Serve the chops hot.

## Breeds

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# MDGA Board Meeting Minutes January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

*Submitted by: Larry Marquette*

MDGA Board Meeting

01/07/2018

In attendance: Casey Prochniak, Melissa Czeck, Garrett Moore, Mary Thompson, David Foley, Larry Marquette

Not in attendance: Sara Koehn-Walberg, Morgan Allen, Diana Rico,

Meeting called to Order by Casey P at 11:11 pm

1. Secretary's Report: The secretary minutes were approved as read. Melissa 1<sup>st</sup>, Garret 2<sup>nd</sup>
2. Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasures report.
3. Committee Report
  - a. Show Committee: Brian McCann, Garret Moore
    - The State show is set to take place Saturday May 26 and Sunday Mat 27 at the Lyon County Fair Grounds in Marshall, MN
      - 3 judges have been lined up and, 2 confirmed with paperwork and the 3<sup>rd</sup> is in the mail. Two of the judges will be flying in to MSP on Friday and need hotel accommodations and rental car.
      - The facility is not yet fully confirmed as they are waiting on insurance and payment pending the treasure audit. But the facility is being held until then.
      - There will be a youth show on Saturday morning.
      - It will be an Alpine Specialty Show in one of the rings.
      - Housing will take place in the horse barn with 48, 10' x 10' stalls, and a 10' alley to hold tack. Additional housing will be in the hog barn, 30 stalls at 5' x 5'. The cattle barn does not have pens but is available. The Mora goat show group may bring panels and individuals may bring panels, with no cost for penning. The actual price of stalling is not yet determined.
      - Pen cleaning by local FFA or 4H may be available for a small fee.
      - A milk collection site is set up by Garrett
      - There is still a need for youth show judges. Conversation shifted towards making the youth show a sanctioned show with one of the hired judges judging the show, as they will be present. This can still happen if there would be interest by youth to do so and if it would not discourage kids from showing. Garrett will explore the option and interest.
      - There will be no meat goat show.
      - A motion was made by Mary to provide a discount of \$10 to MDGA members with more than \$50 in entry fees. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry. Motion Passed.
      - There is a need for prizes for the show Grand Champion winners from each ring. Larry, Mary and Melissa will complete the needed prizes for the remaining rings.
      - There will be a catered dinner Saturday Night and a food stand operated by the local FFA and/or 4H during other times.
      - Help will be needed at show secretaries (need not be ADGA members) and ring stewards.

- Other are shows happening this summer include The Little Falls Show, Minnesota State Fair, Quad Cities Show, Rice Co Fair, Dakota Co. Fair, Olmstead Co. Fair, and Washington co. Fair.
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- b. Publicity Committee:
  - i. Work is being made towards the display at the state fair.
  - ii. At the Annual conference the AI talk and Showmanship talk were the most highly rated.
  - iii. There will be no Annual MDGA conference in 2018 due to the National Convention being held in MN
  - iv. Articles are needed for the GGG. Larry will supply a youth 4H/FFA article, Garrett will create a State Show Article, A Presidents Article will be written by Melissa, The National Convention Committee will create something. All articles are to be sent to Diana Rico by the End of January with a GGG ready hopefully sometime in February.
- c. Youth Committee: (Larry and David)
  - i. There are 4 candidates for the MDGA Outstanding Youth. Evaluation of applications will take place and a winner announced soon.
  - ii. There is a 4H Dairy Goat Clinic in Houston County at the Houston Community Center from 9 am to 4 pm on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Care of the Kid, Goat Nutrition, and Parasites are the topics. All are welcome to attend.
- d. By-Laws and Policies:
  - i. No Report
  - ii. A new Chair is needed (need not be board member)
- e. Development: (Keith, Melissa)
  - i. The New MLBA Liaison is Melissa Czeck.
- f. 2018 National Conference (Keith, Casey, Morgan, Adam, Karyl, Marj, Laura, Sara, Dan)
  - i. Mary Thomson is the Art coordinator,
  - ii. More volunteers are needed, watch the Facebook page for more details.
  - iii. A Pre TC clinic will take place July 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 430 pm. There is a \$50 fee and all are welcome to learn more about evaluating goats.
- g. Historian
  - i. No report – A new Chair is needed for this position
- 4. Old Business
  - a. Audit
    - i. An internal Audit of the books will take place as Laura Keiser takes over as Treasurer.
  - b. 4-H
    - i. There are changes within 4H leadership which might result in changes in the Dairy goat show and judges training.

- ii. A list of potential judges recommended by the MDGA for 4H shows will be compiled. All interested individuals can contact Larry Marquette.
  - c. The new Futurity organizer will be Melissa Czech.
- 5. New Business
  - a. Election of Officers
    - i. Melissa Czeck – President
    - ii. Garrett Moore – Vice President
    - iii. Larry Marquette – Secretary
  - b. Online MDGA Store
    - i. Do an inventory of all items then use items at shows and conferences as door prizes.
  - c. Sponsoring for National Show
    - i. Mary moved to make a \$500 donation to the SWODGA for the national show. Garrett seconded the motion. Motion Passed. This will allow the MDGA to set up a table at the show to publicize the National Convention in Minnesota.
  - d. Welcome to new board members: Mary Thompson, Morgan Allen and David Foley.
  - e. MN State Fair Awards
    - i. Change in the premium book from the MDGA DHIA committee to MDGA committee.

Mary Moved to Adjourn the meeting, Larry Second.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm

Respectfully submitted by Larry Marquette