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# Fresh Forage

Summer Conference & Board Issue

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# Our Purpose

The purpose of the Florida Dairy Goat Association is to promote the Dairy Goat and it's products in a positive and productive manner through a cooperative and educational statewide club

#### Dairy goats are the ideal family dairy animal!

They are small, alert, intelligent, and easily handled. Kept on even the smallest of properties, goats return the cost of their feed in economically produced, delicious, and nutritious milk. Loving and very social animals, goats quickly learn their names will readily answer when called, and thrive on love, attention, and good care.

Save the Date!			
First Up: November	Then: December	And Don't Forget February	
North Florida Fair Dairy Goat Show	Holidays	Osceola County Fair Dairy Goat Show	

# Letter from the President of Fresh Forage

Hello FDGA Members,

First off I want to give a big "Thank You" to our outgoing officers, thanking them for all the years they have contributed to the FDGA and all their hard work they put in over the years. So, thank you both JoAnn Jackson and Kathy Autry.

I want to thank all the members who voted me in as your President. This a new position for me but I will work hard in every area so we can see FDGA become focused on teaching and helping all members in areas they are in need of as well as putting on the Goats in Gatorland/Rutfest.

We want to welcome our newest Officer Beth Kennelley, she will be stepping in and taking the role of two positions secretary and treasurer. So let's give her a big hello.

Your officers are as follows: President Judy Rummel Vice President: Mary Ann Skanley Secretary/Treasurer: Beth Kennelley

Directors: Vícky Chisolm, Tammy Hughes, Nícole Holland, Samí Ray Downs

We have had a great start to the beginning of our 2018-2019 fiscal year. Our Annual Conference was held again this year in Kissimmee at the KVLS Pavilion. We had a good turn and lots of great teachers. Nick Cindric taught AI classes and Deedra Earl taught all about what is needed to get started on DHI. This great start also included a lot of new ideas, which are in the beginning process due to a really good first Board of Directors meeting held June 21, 2018. We had our first face-to-face meeting, which went very well.

So stay turn to the FDGA calendar. We are in hopes that we will be able to hold 4 workshops/general meetings during this fiscal year 2018-2019. So please if anyone is wanting to host please contact me. We want to try and distribute the meetings/workshops throughout the state so every member has an opportunity to attend at least one if not more.

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2018-2019 it is time, Your 2017-1018 expired July 30th. Remember you will need to send in a membership form to Beth Kennelley to make your membership valid. We have had a few members pay on Paypal but have not receive memberships forms. Also please if paying by Paypal, please use your name on note area of Paypal. We do not know your farm names and need you to provide that information.

So with this said I am looking forwarded to any ideas and anyone willing to host a workshop please let me know. Feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns.

> Will talk to soon, Judy Rummel FDGA President 2018-2019

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# FDGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# 2018 – 2019 Committee Members

Budget/Finance Chair:

Media/Newsletter Chair:

Show Chair:

Your Name Could Be Here!

**Constitution and Bylaws Chair:** 

**DHI Chair:** 

**Conference Chair:** 

Volunteers are being accepted now for our Committees! Your name could be here too! Have a talent? A great interest in something listed here? Then please let us know and we will be happy to sign you up and let you join in the fun. Contact any Board Member and let them know which area you would like to work in.

Submit Articles for The Fresh Forage & Items of Interest to Vicky Chisholm via her email: <u>vickyjc@embarqmail.com</u> or by mail to: 1201 Absher Lane, Saint Cloud, Florida 34771

# FDGA Board Meeting Minutes for June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018

#### June 30, 2018

#### Minutes for FDGA Annual Membership Meeting

Annual FDGA Membership meeting held in conjunction with the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual FDGA Conference (June 30, 2018) held at the KVLS Arena – 1911 Kissimmee Valley Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34744

#### 2017 Officers/Directors in Attendance:

Vice-President: JoAnn Jackson Secretary: Judy Rummel Directors: Vicky Chisholm, Tammy Hughes, Deedra Earl, Sami Ray 2017 Officers/Directors Absent:

President: MaryAnn Skalany Treasurer: Kathy Autry Directors: Nicole Holland Meeting called to order by Vice-President JoAnn Jackson at 8:31 AM

Conference and Meeting welcome address by President JoAnn Jackson.

Introduction of Conference speakers:

- 1. DHI training and tester certification by Deedra Earl. Deedra Earl takes the floor and gives brief explanation of DHI program and tester certification. Additional comments promoting DHI offered by Elizabeth Kennelley. End DHI introduction 8:42 AM.
- Introduction of Caprigia Buck Collection representative Brandon. Brandon takes the floor at 8:44 AM and gives brief explanation of services and costs for buck collections. Possible collections in Florida during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December 2018. Cost of 30 straw minimum collection is \$185. Contact <u>Caprigiagenetics@gmail.com</u>. End 8:50 AM.

JoAnn Jackson resumes the floor and announces that milk scale calibration services are available to all members. Scales need to be dropped off and picked up from the shelf outside the conference room.

JoAnn announces that FDGA membership forms are available at the registration table for new and renewing members. Reminds attendees that memberships run from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> each year.

JoAnn introduces third guest speaker – Nick Cindric, FDGA member

3. Nick will be teaching a hands-on Artificial Insemination (AI) clinic as well as a dairy goat conformation clinic. Brief introduction to importance of AI and use of conformation in dairy goat selection.



# FDGA Board Meeting Minutes for June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 Cont.

8:54 AM – Secretary Judy Rummel presents results of the ballot count for the election of the 2018 election of Officers and Directors.

#### **Election Results**

Director slot 1: Tammy Hughes re-elected

Director slot 2: Nicole Holland re-elected

Secretary / Treasurer (combined office): Elizabeth Kennelley Vice-President: MaryAnn Skalany President: Judy Rummel

Out-going Vice-President JoAnn Jackson calls for any additional old business. No additional old business brought to the table. Old business closed at 8:56 AM. Per by-laws, in-coming President Judy Rummel takes the floor and transition of officers is completed.

President Judy Rummel opens new business at 8:58AM. Brief welcome address by President Judy Rummel. New business brought to the floor by President Rummel for consideration:

- 4. Venues for holding goat shows during 2018/2019.
- 5. Revive in-person club meetings on a more regular basis to include an educational presentation at each meeting.
- 6. Announce that new Officers and Directors will meet at noon for a brief discussion and transition of reports and files.

Judy calls for any additional new business. No additional new business brought to the floor. President Rummel closes new business motions that the 2018 FDGA Annual Membership Meeting be adjourned. FDGA Annual Membership Meeting adjourned at 9:05AM.

These minutes were prepared by:

Elizabeth Kennelley, FDGA Secretary / Treasurer

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These minutes were approved by Judy Rummel, FDGA President on July 1, 2018

# FDGA Board Meeting Minutes for June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 Cont.

June 30, 2018

#### Minutes for FDGA BOD Meeting

FDGA BOD/Officers Meeting held in conjunction with the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual FDGA Conference (June 30, 2018) following election of new officers. Held at the KVLS Arena – 1911 Kissimmee Valley Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34744

2017 Officers/Directors in Attendance: Vice-President: JoAnn Jackson Secretary: Judy Rummel Treasurer: Kathy Autry Directors: Vicky Chisholm, Tammy Hughes, Deedra Earl, Sami Ray 2017 Officers/Directors Absent:

**President:** MaryAnn Skalany **Directors:** Nicole Holland

2018 Officers/Directors in Attendance: President: Judy Rummel Secretary / Treasurer: Elizabeth Kennelley Directors: Vicky Chisholm, Tammy Hughes, Deedra Earl, Sami Ray 2018 Officers/Directors Absent:

Vice-President: MaryAnn Skalany Directors: Nicole Holland Meeting called to order by President Judy Rummel at 12:11 PM First order of business – Change-over of Treasurer

Discussed the submittal of the Corporate Annual Report. Kathy Autry indicated that she had already filed the Corporate Annual Report for 2018.

Discussed FDGA non-profit status. Kathy Autry indicated that she was unaware of the current status. Elizabeth Kennelley indicated that she would follow-up on the current status and report to the Board at the next meeting.

Discussed FDGA tax-exempt status. Kathy Autry indicated that she was unaware of the current status. Elizabeth Kennelley indicated that she would follow-up on the current status and report to the Board at the next meeting.

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Judy Rummel proposed the possibility of changing banking firms due to problems in dealing with Wells Fargo. To be discussed further once the change-over in the account has been completed.



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Elizabeth Kennelley requested the FDGA checkbook, debit cards, and log-ins for bank account and PayPal account from Kathy Autry. Out-going Vice-President Joanne Jackson surrendered her debit card at that time. The card was creased and given to Elizabeth Kennelley for return to the bank.

Judy Rummel reiterated the request that Kathy Autry provide the FDGA checkbook, debit cards, and log-ins for bank account and PayPal account. Kathy Autry passed the checkbook and debit card to Elizabeth Kennelley and indicated that there were 1) checks missing / lost and 2) a set of checks still in her possession that were at her home. Elizabeth Kennelley provided writing material to Kathy Autry and requested that she write down the information and passwords for the Wells Fargo bank account and the FDGA PayPal account. The information was provided and Elizabeth Kennelley successfully logged into the Wells Fargo and PayPal accounts. Passwords and log-in information was changed on both accounts and that information was provided to President Judy Rummel.

Judy Rummel requested that Kathy Autry turn over all receipts for FDGA FY 2017/2018 business so that the financial audit required by the FDGA By-Laws could be completed by July 31, 2018. Kathy Autry indicated that she did not have any receipts with her, that some receipts (Jeremy Bethel) are not available, and that a financial audit had not been completed for FY 2016/2017. Elizabeth Kennelley requested that Kathy Autry mail all of the receipts currently in her possession along with the missing checks to her as soon as possible in order to complete financial audits for both fiscal years before the July 31 deadline.

#### Second order of business - Website Updates

Sami Ray indicated that she would update the website and would like to discuss the possibility of changing the web-builder being used (currently WebPress). The suggestion was made that at least one other officer/director should have access to make changes to the website in the event that Sami was unavailable to do so. Tabled for further discussion at a future date.

#### Third order of business - First BOD/Officers Meeting

President Judy Rummel announced that she would like the first BOD meeting to be a face-to-face meeting. Judy indicated that she would send out an email with the time and place for the first BOD/Officers meeting.

No further business.

#### Meeting adjourned at 12:29 PM.

These minutes were prepared by: Elizabeth Kennelley, FDGA Secretary / Treasurer

These minutes were approved by Judy Rummel, FDGA President on July 25, 2108

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# Conference Finance Report – Vicky Chisholm

Type of Expense	Amount
Food and Baked Items	\$795.00
T-Shirts for Attendees	\$408.00
Decorations, Demo Supplies & Paper Goods and Goody Bags	\$273.00
KVLS Rental Fee	\$600.00
Total	\$2,076.00

Total amount received from registrations, t-shirt sales, and raffle tickets = \$2,309.00

There were 75 attendees.

Respectfully Submitted, Vicky Chisholm,





#### **Treasurer's Report**

August 1, 2018

Current FDGA Budget as of August 1, 2018: \$11,556.86

Outstanding Invoices:

\$60.00 - Yearly fee for web-hosting

\$64.00 – T-shirt screen printing

\$44.72 – Office supplies (printer ink)

Current Paid Memberships: 43

Please welcome FDGA new members:

- 7. Kristen & Hanna DiFranco (Gainesville, FL)
- 8. Heidi Mattson (St Cloud, FL)
- 9. Mary Moores (Riverview, FL)
- 10. Kristy Muir (Lakeland, FL)
- 11. Rebecca & Bonnie Price (Gainesville, FL)
- 12. Kelly & Alessandra Quintana (Gainesville, FL)
- 13. Courtney, Samantha, and Ben Quirie (Archer, FL)
- 14. Evelyn Sanchez (Orlando, FL)
- 15. Tiny Forest Hermitage, Inc (Ft White, FL)

If any FDGA member has questions concerning the current budget, expenses, or income, please feel free to contact me at

devonshiregoats@bellsouth.net or (352) 494-5852.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Kennelley FDGA Secretary/Treasurer

The balance in the FDGA checking account as of July 20, 2018 was \$10,941.86. A deposit of \$435 for membership and conference fees is pending as of July 26, 2018.

# 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Dairy Goat Production Conference

#### Thank you to our Speaker Guests:

#### AI Class By Nick Cindric

Thank you to our own Nick Cindric who was our main speaker and teacher for the day. He had the most fantastic idea of actually inseminating goats at our conference to give our attendees the best visual demonstration possible. This was a great hit and we are now anxiously waiting to hear the results. As soon as we hear, we will let you know how many of the goats are now pregnant as a result of our Conference demonstrations. He also shared dairy goat conformation information with us. So much knowledge was shared through this excellent class. We were limited by time but could have gone on for days with all the information he brought to share with us. Thank you so much to him for sharing his time, experience and letting us see first hand how things are done.



#### DHI Class and Test by Dedra Earl

Dedra Earl's DHI Class and test were a huge success as well. We can't thank you enough Dedra for the time and effort you put into helping us with that. So many participated and enjoyed all that you shared with them.

Lastly, thank you to all of the attendees to the 40<sup>th</sup> Conference. We served 75 lunches! Thank you to everyone who brought a raffle item, purchased a t-shirt, and participated in the day with us. Everyone enjoyed the whole day. We already started brainstorming ideas for next year. Let us know if you have one you would like to share.





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# Conference Photo Album















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### 4-H Kidz Corner



# The Week of a Life Time By Mattie Weber

Nationals the week of many words and yet no words at all. Let me tell you about my week and it starts off with the first day. Saturday, a rush getting through vet check, getting the goats settled in, checking in (goats & youth events), Judging and Management, and finely getting to hang out with my friends. But the thing is even with all the running about there is still time to have fun. Now let's move on to day two. Sunday, showmanship doe is ready, and I have everything that I am bring for the fitting contest



ready, and I have everything that I am bring for the fitting contest ready to rock and roll. Now just waiting for Jr. and Int2. Showmanship to get done in order to go in and can you can feel the nerves are high. But what keeps the nerves at bay is the easy-going attitudes of the judges. If it was not for the judges, we might not be level headed an off to do what it is we need to do. When I finally went in for showmanship I told myself that it was not about winning it was about having fun and doing my best. As showmanship proceeds my nerves are at all time high after making the cut in to the top twenty.

Know this is where it gets harder



because nobody knows where this is going to go. When they finale placed us, and I was up front I was excited. I was not prepared to get first, but I was happy none the less. Now let's proceed with the fitting contest. The fitting contest was one of the things that me and my team was looking forward to besides hanging out with each other. We had a plan on who brought what and who was starting where when it started. When we got our doe for the fitting contest it together what we need to do and how fast we need to do it. Through out the contest we contently switched places and keep the air between us lit and easy. When we were

waiting for the placings was heart wrenching with not knowing what the four judges are looking for. When they started the placings and they were placing more and more in the next ring we nobody was placed in our ring. But when they announced that we were first place we were blown away with it all. We were all excited about winning but I am pretty shore the others were more excited about finely winning chars. When Jr. Nigerian finally came around I was tired, but I was not giving up. I had intel Sr. Yearlings to relax and watch and see what the judges are looking for in the Jr



## 4-H Kidz Corner Continued:

Finally, time has come at 12:30 in the morning as we take our Jr. in the ring we are working it all the will dealing with does who do not want to corporate. After what seems like 45 minutes they cut the class to the top 20 but it does not stop there. After severely more minutes they started placing them with my doe in first I was so excited I was beyond words. When the finale lines up were brought in they keep looking at my doe as well as two others does I was nerves. When the judge started talking about each doe and what she was saving about my doe I had a feeling that I was at least getting reserve. When she said my doe was Grand Champion was head over heels with excitement. Know it might seem that my words are all over the place, but when you so many things back to back it all starts to blur together.





#### Nigerian Dwarf Goat Club of Florida Youth Essay Contest

The Nigerian Dwarf Goat Club of Florida (NDGCF) held a Youth Essay Contest this spring. Tanya Cook was the chair person. The rules were - the essays must have been written by a youth. It was open to all 4H or FFA members that were raising and exhibiting a diary goat of any breed. Maximum 500 words. Typed or hand written. The topic was to tell about their dairy goat and how the prize money would benefit the author and their goat project. There were three divisions -Junior - 8 through 10 years old, Intermediate - 11 through 13 years old and Senior - 14 through 17 years old. The winner of each division won \$300. Out of the 150 forms given out, there was a total of 25 entries. A group of 6 club members read the essays and scored each one. All the essays were really great! The club definitely plans to have another Essay Contest in 2019! Watch the website! www.ndgcf.net

The three winners were: Senior Division - Alyssa Behringer, 14 years old from Durant H.S. FFA, Valrico, FL



Junior Division -Emma Rae Ware, 9 years old, from Goats R Us, Alva FL





Intermediate Division -Michaela Melchiorne, 12 years old, from Altoona 4H club, Altoona, FL



Submitted by Sami Ray, NDGCF President

# Cook's Corner

# Favorites from this Book:

#### VANILLA FUDGE

3 C	sugar	1/2 C	butter or margarine
1/2 C	light corn syrup	1 tsp	vanilla extract
1½ C	goat milk	1/2 C	chopped nuts optional

Combine sugar, corn syrup, and milk in a large saucepan. Cook over medium high heat until mixture comes to a boil. Reduce heat and boil gently until it reaches the soft ball stage. Stir often to keep it from sticking. When ready remove from heat. Add vanilla, butter, and nuts if desired. Beat by hand until thick. Pour into buttered 8 x 8 inch pan. Cool and cut.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- To tell if your fudge has reached the soft ball stage without a candy thermometer, place a small amount into a glass of cold water.
- When it forms a soft ball that is pliable and can be held between your fingers, the mixture is ready to remove from heat and beat. When testing the fudge, be sure to use a fresh glass of cold water each time you test. The water must be cold!
- Cook your fudge slowly and gently. Cooking too fast will cause it to stick and possibly burn.
- Use a large heavy pan, about 3 times bigger than the amount of fudge, it needs a lot of room to cook, otherwise it will boil over.
- If fudge is too soft, it has not cooked long enough. Too hard, it has been over cooked. A bad batch can be reclaimed.
- Break up the fudge into a clean pan. Gradually add 1-2 cups goat milk. Cook slowly, stirring gently to dissolve the fudge pieces into the milk. Use only enough milk to dissolve the fudge, too much milk will take longer to cook down. Gently cook, stirring often until reclaimed fudge reaches the soft ball stage. Pour into a buttered 8 x 8 inch pan. Cool and cut.
- Hand beating the fudge to the right consistency is important. When testing the fudge in the cold water, it will seem thin even though it tests right. Don't worry! This is normal.
- The fudge will thicken up as you are beating it. The longer the fudge is beaten, the smoother the texture and creamier the taste.



Submitted by: Vicky Chisholm

If you have a recipe you want to share, we will be more than happy to put it in an issue.

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> In-Hock Farms T & M Schweiger (Mary Ellen) Saint Cloud, Florida 321 624 0545 Has Lamanchas for sale!!!





Kangal x Anatolian LGD Prospect Pups 12 weeks old raised with goats and chickens Ft, White, FL \$750 Marcia Pimentel dragonfly.marcia@gmail.com

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Then, don't forget to let us know when you find the item you were selling or looking for so that we can



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# Florida dairy goat association membership quilt

# Don't Forget:

Let us know when your events are and what you want to see in the next issue. Write an article for an issue and get free business card advertising for the issue that it is printed in.

\*Please note the Newsletter is a Member Benefit. Please do not share with non-members, instead please welcome them to join!

All submissions for the next issue are due no later than September 15<sup>st</sup>!!!

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