



The Bleat



EVENTS

January 26: SVMGA Annual Meeting and Elections - Halifax County, VA at the Halifax County Agricultural Center. 7 PM.

February 18: SVMGA Meat Goat Consignment Sale - Halifax County at the Halifax Ag Center. 8:30 AM - 11 AM.

February 23: SVMGA Meeting - Halifax County, VA at the Halifax County Ag Center. 7 PM.

March 22: SVMGA Meeting - Halifax County, VA at the Halifax County Ag Center. 7 PM

April 26: SVMGA Meeting - Halifax County, VA at the Halifax County Ag Center. 7 PM

May 24: SVMGA Meeting - Halifax County, VA at the Halifax County Ag Center. 7 PM

June 28: SVMGA Meeting - Halifax County, VA at the Halifax County Ag Center. 7 PM.

July 26: SVMGA Meeting - Halifax County, VA at the Halifax County Ag Center. 7 PM.

August 23: SVMGA Meeting - Halifax County, VA at the Halifax County Ag Center. 7 PM.

Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President, Greg Wade. Membership had gathered earlier for a pot-luck dinner.

A motion was made to accept the September meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. The motion was seconded, voted on and carried.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Committee Reports:

Programs Committee – The membership had a pot-luck dinner for this meeting. It was a great success. There will be a farm tour on Oct. 29th, 10 AM – 2 PM at Country Charm Farm, weather permitting.

Marketing Committee – Bill Crews appreciated the committee's

hard work in preparing for the sale, and the membership authorizing the budget for advertising. We did obtain new members. The sale went smooth and was a huge success. There were 363 heads sold. The next sale will be in February. The committee will also look setting dates for the rest of 2012.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee – Greg has asked Debbie Duffer, Gail Kingman and Bonnie Brown to be on the nominating committee and present a slate of officers at the January 2012 general meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time
The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully,
Leslie Keck
Secretary



Treasurer's Report

Balance September 22, 2011	\$1,500.75
Receipts:	
Sales Fees-May Sale	\$43.00
Sales Fees-October Sale	\$363.00
Member Dues	<u>\$140.00</u>
TOTAL	\$546.00
Disbursements:	
Aug & Sept Newsletters	\$25.21
Zip ties for Oct Sale	\$22.11
Halifax Co Ag Director	
½ Oct Sales Fees	<u>\$181.50</u>
TOTAL	\$228.82
Balance October 27, 2011	\$1,817.93

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRODUCER INFO

Producers need to let Leah know what they have available, breed of goats/sheep, do they specialize in something, do they have breeding stock, do they sell to public, contact info? Web site? Leah would like to keep a list of info. It is up to producers to get it to her if they want to be considered when potential buyers contact Leah. Leah can be contacted at 434-476-3066.

EMAILS

Sometimes, we will send out announcements via email to members. If you would like to be included, please make sure Gail Kingman has your email address so you can be included. The emails sent out are for SVMGA matters only.

Need the Spin Doctor? Contact Leah Brown at the Ag Center to reserve it. 434-476-3066.



Getting ready for our October meeting pot-luck.

DUES

Don't forget your membership renewal dues. Only \$10! If you are sure if you paid, contact Gail Kingman.

CLASSIFIEDS INFORMATION

With many new members, I wanted to let you know how to list your ad in the classifieds. Classifieds are for members only!

The best way is to go to www.SVMGA.org on the "Classified" page and list your ad in the comment section on that page. Read the current ads so you have an idea of how to do a listing. Your ad will be posted within 24 hours. The newer ads are posted at the top. You can include ONE photo with your on-line ad. You can email the photo to Alan Keck at AKeck@pure.net along with the text of your ad. Alan is also listed as the webmaster on the SVMGA website in case you forget the email address.

There is no time limit for the ad listing. It is your responsibility to contact the webmaster to remove your ad. You can remove your ad the same way you listed it, by putting a comment on the Classified page.

The Classifieds posted in the newsletter are copied from the website. No photo will be placed in the newsletter.



363 heads of goat and sheep were sold our October 22, 2011 sale.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: Live Stock Guard Dogs. Great Pyrenees puppies born on Thanksgiving day, all shots and wormed. Three females and 3 males. Rasied with goats. Contact James at 434-221-5684 or jlbarbour@embarqmail.com

For Sale: Fancy Nubian/Boer cross bucklings. Excellent heavy bloodlines include Tarzan T66 and Kri Malan Bootie. Available February 2012. For pictures contact shadyacresfarm@embarqmail.com or call Patty Gulick @ 434-574-2745.

Young Boer Goat Buck For Sale: Not typical color due to his mother having Alpine in her lineage. Buck is a mocha color. Very stocky, just over a year old, good breeder, and easy to handle. \$150. Contact Denise at Hudson Heritage Farms (434) 753-9327.

Magic Goats For Sale: OK, they're not really magic, but they're so cute they could be. These Nigerian bucklings are \$75 each and will be weaned by mid December. They can also be banded if the buyer wishes. Contact Denise Hudson at 434-753-9327.

Donkey For Sale: Miniature donkey gelding, 9 yrs old, has been with goats for 5 years and an excellent guard. \$275. Call David Troyer, 434-454-6234.

For Sale: Nice kiko bucklings for sale. Call Don Maddox at 434-946-7344.

For Sale: Mixed meadow grass hay – 1st cutting – some fields have a lot of yellow clover (also called hop or field clover). My goats and horses love it! These hay fields were fertilized last fall and this spring. Square bales – \$3.50 out of the barn (about 100 bales available now) or \$3.00 out of the field (the next time we bale). Round bales – 4x4 approx 600lb bales (and a few 3x4) – \$30. – over 50 available now. Discount for higher quantities. Located in Red House, VA , 23963 Delivery available within a reasonable distance or if I am already going that direction. I also can bring to the monthly meeting. Angela Whitley 434-248-6288.

For Sale: Orchardgrass square-bale hay for sale, \$3.50 per bale. Call 434-542-5462 or 434-401-3589. Discount on large quantity - you pick up.

For Sale: High percentage Boer doelings and bred does. Contact David Troyer, Halifax, VA. 434-454-6234.

Boer Buck for Sale: Two year old registered fullblood buck. Big bodied wide chest. Asking \$300.00 call 434-221-5684 for more information.

For Sale: Young Boer Does For Sale: Born March 2010, (7)off-springs of(2)registered 100% Bucks. Excellent structure in appearance and with long bodies. approx, 60-70lbs. Good for just starting out, asking \$200.00/ea. Discount for two or more. Henderson-Bates farms, Larry Bates, 703 409 8173, Buffalo Junction, Va.

Livestock Guardians For Sale: New litter of Pyrenees X Karackachan pups ready for Thanksgiving. Born and raised in the goat lot. Acclimated to goats, sheep and horses. Contact John D. Smith at Caprine Genetics for more information. E-mail: jstrider01@netscape.com Cell: 804-731-8512.

Nice buckling for sale: \$200 – born early March. Buck 100 percent (EGGS line one generation removed) and doe is 75 percent or more. Discount for members. He is a nice buckling. Would be good for someone starting out. E mail for pictures. magnoliafarm@dishmail.net

Kiko Goats for Sale: AKGA registered, yearling and older, Kiko bucks for sale. A few does available, also. Great Pyrenees X Anatolian guard dogs, ready to go to work today. (Wormed and shots), Caprine Genetics, John D. Smith, 804 731 8512, Petersburg, Va.

SOUTHERN VIRGINIA MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

The Southern Virginia Meat Goat Association (SVMGA) was established to improve the economic viability of the meat goat industry in Southside Virginia through the development of cooperative marketing strategies, consumer and producer education and overall herd improvement.

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Meetings

The fourth Thursday of each month at the Halifax County Agricultural Marketing Center.

JANUARY ELECTIONS

The SVMGA nominating committee has met and will propose the following slate of officers for 2012 at the January meeting:

President: Denise Hudson

1st Vice President: Greg Wade

2nd Vice President: Fontaine Talley

Secretary: Leslie Keck

Treasurer: Gail Kingman

At Large Board Member: Dave Snyder

The nominating committee recommends adding an "At Large" member to the board this year, as allowed by the SVMGA by-laws, to provide an opportunity for newer members to become more active in the leadership of the organization.

In accordance with the by-laws, additional nominations for all of the above offices will be accepted from the floor prior to the voting at the meeting.


Qualified nominees must be members in good standing of SVMGA, and must have consented in advance to being nominated and be willing to serve if elected.

As stated in the by-laws, nominees for the offices of President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President must be commercial meat goat producers.

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