

***ANDDA*tabase**

2010 Spring Newsletter

February 2010

Letter from the President

Dear Members,

It has certainly been an interesting year for the ANDDA. There have been a lot of changes on the board due to various resignations. The ANDDA is like a family. Like most families, sometimes people just don't get along. People argue and quibble over small things. We are fortunate in the ANDDA that we have breeders who are so committed to the breed and to this association.

Your Board of Directors is active and committed to the success of the ANDDA. We have a new energy and are focused on how to improve the association and make it more member friendly. With elections coming up soon, we need volunteers to offer to run. Why not consider running for an office in your association.

We have approved \$300 to go towards National Show awards, \$150 to ADGA and \$150 to AGS. This continues the support that the ANDDA has provided to the National shows. Thanks in part to our encouragement; Nigerians will be exhibiting in the ADGA National show in 2010! This is an exciting time for us as breeders, and I encourage you to try to attend the National shows if you are at

all able to do so.. even if it is just to watch.

There has been a long debate over the measuring devices that ANDDA said they would provide to ADGA judges as part of the acceptance of Nigerians into ADGA. In order to end this discussion once and for all, a formal request has been sent to ADGA to request a final decision on if ADGA will expect these to be purchased. It was the feeling by the many on the board that since no "Mutually" agreed upon device was chosen, and since ADGA does not require any "specific" device to be used, and with the amount of time that has gone past, this should be a moot point and considered no longer needing to be offered. We hope to hear back from ADGA soon.

Donna Neill has volunteered to be our new AGS Liaison. We are thrilled to have a source of updates from the American Goat Society and look forward to hearing more of what is happening within AGS. Thank you Donna!

I would like to welcome Katie Lewis as our new Newsletter Editor. Sue Rucker has offered to help as needed and I know will be a huge support to Katie. The lack of a newsletter has been an issue for many members. We sincerely

apologize for the lack of a newsletter, and the board will be more proactive on making this a priority! I think we will all enjoy the enthusiasm that Katie will bring on board!

I would also like to welcome Christina Jones as our new Secretary/Treasurer! Barbara Brown had requested to step down, and we truly appreciate her years of service and dedication to the association. Barb is working closely with Christina for a smooth transition!

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Sue Rucker and Tom Rucker as an ANDDA Honorary Members! This honor is bestowed upon individuals who have had an impact on the breed, and as well as on the ANDDA. The Ruckers have been active members in the ANDDA and we look forward to having their historical aspect regarding the association.

2010 should be an exciting year for the Nigerian Dwarf as a breed, as well as an exciting year for the ANDDA!

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Ken Feaster-Eytchison
President, ANDDA



Baby Goats Make Great Valentine's Gifts!

Goat's Milk Fudge

2/3 cup fresh goat's milk
3 cups sugar
3/4 cup butter
6 oz package chocolate chips
7 oz jar of marshmallow cream
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup chopped nuts (optional)

In a medium sized, heavy saucepan, add the first three ingredients. Bring to a full boil then reduce to medium heat for 5 minutes and continue stirring.

Remove from heat add chocolate chips, vanilla, marshmallow cream, nuts and stir until well blended. Pour fudge into buttered 9 x 13 glass baking pan, let cool. Cut into 2" square pieces and serve.

Refrigerate, keeps up to one week.



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Want something for nothing? How about some free advertising?

The board has voted to create a set of display notebooks that are being used at conventions, conferences and shows such as the ADGA/AGS Nationals and other events where an ANDDA display table might be set up. These notebooks (one for each region) consist of a single herd display page for each ANDDA member. What is requested for the books is a single 8 ½ x 11 page that highlights your farm/herd. Your page can contain your herd information, contact and web information, some text and photos, however NO ADS are allowed since the intent for the note books is informative and not a for sale type of display. We are asking interested members to send their information by the end of March, 2010 so books are ready to display at events this show season. If you need some assistance in creating a display page or have any questions, please contact Ken Feaster-Eytchison. email to: eytch_a_sketch@hotmail.com or snail mail to: 2852 Sagebrush Lane Homedale, ID 83628



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are due May 1 for the 2010 ANDDA Elections. Up for election this year are President, Vice-President, Director at Large and one each of the Eastern and Western Director seats (see page 2 for incumbents). To be eligible to run, a person must be an individual Member, in good standing for at least 90 days and at least 18 years of age. In order to avoid potential conflicts of interest, a Director may not serve as an officer or director of another national Nigerian Dwarf goat breed-specific organization (registry, association or club) during his/her ANDDA term. *According to current by-laws, right-ins are not eligible. Send your nominations to:

Election Committee Chair, Jane Bailey

If you'd like to serve, nominate yourself!

Mark Your Calendars!

2010 Total Performer Program deadline March 1st

All American Program deadline March 1st

2010 ANDDA Membership Dues by March 31st

JuJu Awards Program deadline April 1st

Board Nominations — May 1st—see notice above

AGS National Show — June 8 - 12

ADGA National Show— June 19 - 26

Newsletter Changes!

**Katie Lewis will be resuming the duties of Newsletter Editor,
with Sue Rucker assisting with setup and electronic distribution.**

Please send newsletter submissions to:

Katie Lewis @ kekelani2003@yahoo.com

Photo Page

Share your favorite goat photos



Hannah Wilder & Apricot Jam 2009
Double SunDog Ranch



Anthony Neill & Apollo '2008
Wrangleboro Farm



Sydni Witham & Zoey 2009
Fair Skies Farms

Your Photo could
be here
Next Newsletter!

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January Goat Blues....

by Katie Lewis

The Holidays are long past; the show season seems much too far away. The milk room has been empty for 2 months. Babies are scheduled but no kid watch yet. I have started out my New Year with doubts about raising goats for another year. I know that six years of blood, sweat and tears have not happened without many successes. The doubts are mentally listed. Hay is much too high, price of gas ridiculous, too old to wrestle clipping goats, shows too far away from home, never enough money to spend.

I feel that I am a lone goat lover, sitting on an island where normal people are off on vacation to amazing destinations. Those people drive cars, not trucks. Their dreams are different; their aspirations would never cross my mind. I read my goat magazines, order all my necessities from goat catalogs, make lists of goat pairings, read list after list of goat group's postings. Peruse goat websites, study pedigrees, sign up for performance programs, and pay dues to how many clubs? My internet goat friends and extended family members are uncountable.

Today is February first. I have just returned from DHI certification with twenty plus goat crazed people. I could see the excitement in their eyes as we talked milk weights, awards, verification tests. We discussed upcoming shows, which doe had the biggest bellies in our barns, kids that had already arrived.

I must have just swum back from my island and have found my excitement. Babies are jumping in my barn, clippers are sharpened for show season, tattoo kit dug out of a dusty trunk, my show whites are hanging in the closet ready to be thrown in the trailer. Phew!!**.... Glad I had my reality check. Yes, I do love my goats. Yes, I am a hopelessly, happy goat breeder who just recovered from the January blues. See you at the next show!! Happy kidding season!!

2010 CHANT

*I WILL OFFER TO HELP WHERE I AM
NEEDED. I AM RESOURCEFUL AND
CAN MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE
IN THE WORLD.*



INTRODUCING ANDDA

The American Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Association (ANDDA) was formed to promote the recognition and improvement of Nigerian Dwarf goats as a productive dairy breed and to help breeders increase their understanding of dairy conformation and their expertise in the care and management of miniature dairy goats. Of course, Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats make wonderful pets. Breeders and pet owners alike appreciate their small size, neat, colorful appearance, and docile, affectionate temperament. However, functionality and reproductive vigor are the twin cornerstones of intelligent breeding programs for any species or breed of domestic animal; which means, for Nigerians, striving toward the all-important goal of excellence in dairy character and conformation. All breeders who share this concept of the breed do not necessarily routinely milk their does. The ANDDA aims to serve the needs of anyone who has a serious interest in the milking potential of Nigerian Dwarf goats, who would like to learn more about dairy conformation and dairy character in the "scaled-down" versions and/or who simply appreciates the beauty, elegance, and reproductive soundness of a dairy-proportioned Nigerian Dwarf goat. ANDDA was instrumental in getting the Nigerian Dwarf recognized as a true dairy breed by the American Dairy Goat Association. ANDDA acts as the breed representative to ADGA and AGS. The club sponsors advertising to promote the breed and provides educational/promotional materials to introduce the breed to newcomers to Nigerians and to provide newcomers with information on the breed. ANDDA sponsors All-American and Total Performer programs to provide recognition to excellence in breed programs and sponsors Nigerian Dwarf Specialty competition at dairy goat shows. Your membership includes a newsletter with discounted advertising for members and a listing on the club's web page at <http://www.andda.org>. ANDDA's Yahoo group provides a venue for Nigerian Dwarf goat breeders to share information with other club members

(anddamembers@yahoo.com)

ANDDA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$15 (U.S. funds) for an Affiliate Membership or for the first Individual Membership in a household, \$5 for each additional Individual Membership in the same household.

Yes! I want to join ANDDA. Enclosed is my check or money order for \$_____ (\$U.S.) made payable to ANDDA. **Send to: ANDDA •** Christina Jones PO Box 142, Oolitic, IN 47451

Membership Name: _____

Additional Individual Members (if any): _____

Herd Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Website: http://_____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Referred by _____

YES, I would like to be included in the online Breeder's Directory.

Please list any contact information that you do NOT want posted on the web:

What services do you offer? (Circle all that frozen semen apply): kid sales — adult sales — stud service —

Check here if you prefer to only receive your newsletter online: _____

Constitution Change Recommendation

Rationale/explanation:

Pros: The ANDDA Board meets online. It is important that the Constitution be updated to reflect this. Procedures (bylaws) will follow that will spell out more clearly how online meetings are organized. This wording is taken nearly verbatim from the Bylaws of a US incorporated group that meets exclusively online and has functioned under these rules for several years. **Cons:** None were noted.

REPLACE Article VIII (Meetings of the Board of Directors), sections 1, 2,3, 6, and 7 with the following

Section 1 Regular Meetings (On-going Meetings)

On-going business will be conducted through Internet discussion mailings or via other Internet-based communication applications. While normal meeting procedures and rules will be used in regard to quorums, votes, and motions, these meetings will not be "called to order" nor "adjourned." In some special emergency situations, the on-going meeting may be adjourned, with a specific date/time set for a new call to order.

Section 2 Special Meetings

The Board may elect to have a face-to-face meeting annually. Whenever possible, this meeting will be held at a national event such as the ADGA Convention.

Section 3 Quorum for Meetings

A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the members of the Board of Directors. Except as otherwise provided under the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or provisions of law, no business shall be considered by the Board at any meeting at which the required quorum is not present. In the case of online meetings, members shall be deemed to be present unless they have notified the Board of Directors or the President, of their absence.

Section 4 Conduct of Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be presided over by the President, or in his or her absence, the Vice President, or in the absence of each of these persons, by a Chairperson chosen by a majority of the Directors present at the meeting. The Secretary of the Corporation shall act as Secretary of all meetings of the Board, provided that in his or her absence, the presiding officer shall appoint another person to act as Secretary of the Meeting. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Board of Directors in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any other special rules the Board may adopt. The issue in all voting of the Board of Directors shall be determined by a simple majority of the votes cast.

Section 5 Action Without Meeting

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board, individually or collectively, consent in writing to that action. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. Notice of such written consent or consents will be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the next subsequent meeting of the Board.

**Join the ANDDA Member's Yahoo Group by emailing:
ANDDAMembers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com**

**Watch the Board Action by emailing:
ANDDAboard-subscribe@yahoogroups.com**

BALLOT

I approve of the Constitution change to replace Article VIII as stated.

I do NOT approve of the Constitution change

Signed _____

Member Name: _____

Ballots must be received within 30 days of the postmark of the mailing of the ballot.
Deadline for this ballot is March 5th, 2010.

Mail to: ANDDA Secretary, Christina Jones PO Box 142, Oolitic, IN 47451

PREFERRED TATTOO LETTER FOR 2010

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IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO GO GREEN BY SAVING A TREE, WHY NOT CONSIDER ONLY GETTING
YOUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE! CONTACT THE SEC/TREASURER AND JUST SAY:
I WANT TO GO GREEN!

The 2010 Membership Directory is available online:

<http://www.andda.org/membership.html>



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TO: