

2009 NSBA Committee Reports

President's Message, Marilyn Grossman

There is power in numbers. It is time for NSBA to grow its membership. If each member brought in only one new member each, it would double our membership. Sue Loftus has designed a new brochure to use as a tool to interest Saanen breeders in joining our association. These brochures are available to all members at no charge. You can grab some from the NSBA booth in the vendor area or request some from Sue Loftus at (402) 733-1519 or at goatkeepers@juno.com Please do your part and solicit new members from your area. It takes all of us working together to keep NSBA strong.

We are in a time where we need members to step up to the plate to take on some of the association's work. Our web site editor, Joyce Lazzaro, has asked to be replaced. Joyce has been doing our web site since its inception in 1999. Joyce is willing to help the new person until they are comfortable taking over the site. Our newsletter editor, Sue Estrada, will finish out 2009 as editor, and we will need a new editor for the 1st Quarter Saanen News. Sue has been editor since 1993. Many thanks to both Joyce and Sue for their many years of service. Our communication through the web site and the newsletter is the tie that binds an association. We owe much of NSBA's success to these ladies.

The following positions are already vacant:

- 1) Fund Raising Chair – this committee organizes and runs fund raising events.
- 2) Recognition & Awards Chair – this committee considers nominations for NSBA awards for service and breed accomplishment and makes recommendations to ADGA for Historic Herds.
- 3) Total Doe and Total Buck Chair – this person accepts applications and tallies results for the Total programs.

Please contact me at KICKADEE@aol.com or 304-965-1095 for more information on any job that you may be interested in filling.

Transaction Financial Report: NSBA

Credit \$7,076.83
Debit \$2,411.68

Transactions Between 10/1/2008 and 9/30/2009

NET \$4,665.15

DESC	Credit	Debit	# Transactions
BEGINNING BALANCE 2008	\$4,576.33		
ADS, SAANEN NEWS	\$40.00		4
ALL-AMERICAN	\$36.00		5
BREEDERS LISTINGS, SN	\$560.00		55
CO-OP AD UCN	\$50.00	\$200.00	6
DONATIONS (NS, FARAD)	\$5.00	\$275.00	4
DUES	\$1,185.00		80
HONOR AWARD		\$50.00	1
LA	\$139.50		16
DISPLAY TABLES (NS, CONV)		\$175.00	2
PAYPAL		\$23.28	15
POSTAGE		\$395.31	4
PRODUCTION AWARD	\$41.00	\$15.47	12
REFUND from ADGA	\$100.00		1
SAANEN NEWS		\$485.12	5
SHIPPING		\$40.00	1
SPECIALTY AWARDS	\$300.00	\$670.00	12
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$4.00		1
WEB HOSTING		\$82.50	1
WEB LINK	\$10.00		1
WEB SITE	\$30.00		2

District 1 Director Ellen Gould

Dear NSBA Board and members, District 1 encompasses the New England states Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont as well as the New Brunswick, Ontario, and Quebec provinces in Canada. I am only able to attend shows in a few of these locations(MA, NH, VT) due to distance and animal health regulations of various states, but the majority of shows I have attended have very few Saanen herds represented and rarely have the numbers to make a show official. The Saanen breed definitely deserves better representation out there on the show circuit. I believe that attending ADGA shows, working with 4-H youth (our future breeders), and displaying my goats at agricultural community events, has helped to renew local interest in this breed. This local outreach model can be leveraged through increased participation by our members across District 1. We should work together to inject some enthusiasm for the Saanen breed amongst various youth groups like 4-H. I hope to continue to promote the breed in this manner along with continued distribution of our NSBA brochures and by promoting the programs our association offers.

District 2 Director Janice Kessler

Greetings from District 2. Breeding time has already started for most and soon for others. I think of this time of the year as the start of a circle that ends this time next year with our breeding program hopefully showing improvements. This year The Pennsylvania Farm show in Harrisburg, PA will be on January 15, 2010 starting at 8am. What a great time to come and enjoy a nice show and socialize with other breeders. Everyone is Welcome .

I am a big supporter of DHIA Testing and Linear Appraisal. I believe using these programs are great tools for improving your herd. Hope you will think about participating in these programs. Congratulations to all who had GCH's this year at shows. I only go to a few shows a year but the shows I attended had some beautiful Saanens there. It's been a pleasure serving as Director this last year and look forward to next year. If you have any concerns feel free to call or e-mail me.

District IV, Director Sheryl Clifton

It has been a quiet year for me in the show department. I was too busy selling Goat milk Soap to make it to any shows this year. The largest fall fair I attended had 70,000 people in two days! Next year however I plan on attending at Least five Goat shows. I will be handing out the NSBA brochures at those shows. And hopefully that will bring in some new members. I do know quite a few Saanen breeders in my showing area. We did have another successful and learning appraisal session in 2009. I hope to participate in LA every year as I always learn so much. With these tough economic times, it is more important than ever to cull our herds hard. And LA is just the tool to help make those decisions. This will lead to the betterment of our herds in the long run. Thinking ahead to next spring, it may be time to add a smashing New herd sire from a top herd, to help get those sales of spring kids. And promote the Regal Saanen she really puts out the milk for the dollar of feed. I Hope everyone has a successful breeding season!

District 7 Director Karen Butler

The NSBA board has discussed and acted upon issues affecting the club during the 2009 year. This being my first year on the board, I am impressed with the open communication and quick response from the board on the issues presented. The internet is a wonderful method to secure an overview decision from the directors across the country representing a varied number of opinions. A great group to work with.

Web Site Editor Joyce Lazzaro

Financial impact of the website is limited to the cost of website hosting, with partial offset of hosting costs generated by NSBA personal web pages. The figures for both are included in the Treasurer's Report.

NOTE: NSBA personal webpages will no longer be offered as of September 2009. Members currently subscribing to NSBA generated websites are being notified that we will no longer be offering this service.

As always NSBA members are encouraged to submit Saanen news and events as well as personal items and articles for inclusion on the website (and to Sue Estrada for the newsletter). NSBA officers, committee chairs, and directors should also think about submitting current (between newsletters) news and updates to the website as well as the Saanen News Quarterly. Also, please remember to include the website editor when submitting program updates and results for publication.

Display Board Chair, Betty Henning

The Boards were updated for the National show and transported to and from by Frank Jones. They are being updated with new photos of this year's National Show winners as well as top ten photos. They will be shipped to Buffalo for this year's convention. Current plans are for transport to next year's National Show by Marilyn Grossman and subsequent transport (or shipping) back to Arizona for updating ahead of next year's Convention in Tucson.

Linear Appraisal Recognition Program Chair Janice Kessler

Congratulations to all of the participants that submitted their entries. The 2008 had the largest amount of entries since I have been working on this Program. This will be my ninth year chairing it. There were 20 Participants who submitted 216 entries, 21 Supreme Dams **WOW**, 56 Adult Does Excellent, 61 Adult Does Very Good, 6 Supreme Sire, 10 Adult Bucks Excellent, 12 Adult Bucks Very Good, 16 Young Stock Does Excellent, 30 Young Stock Does Very Good, Young Stock Buck Excellent 1 and Young Stock Buck Very Good 3. Thanks again to all who participated and I hope that everyone who L/A this year will please submit their entries. I believe using ADGA's Linear Appraisal Program is a great tool for improving your herd.

National Show Scrapbook Chair Judy Snook

National Scrapbook is in the process of being updated. I didn't realize that the binder was damaged on the inside as well and the pages fell out. I am in the process of putting them back into chronological order and adding the current years as well. Due to my illness and now my husbands, I am making progress, but not as quickly as I had hoped. Again, if anyone has anything to add to the book, please send it to me.

One Day Test Program Chair Teena Spear

2008 was the tenth year for the One Day Milk Test Recognition Program. We recognized 6 individual animals from 2 different owners. The top animal for 2008 was Old-English Tilly 3*M with 24.5 points. Victoria is a daughter of Old-English Jack's Son *B, and is owned by Carol Mann of Chino Hills, CA.

For 2008 the criteria has remained the same. As of today's date, September 13, 2009 I have received 1 entry. Any and all members who have participated in an official one day test are encouraged to enter your qualifying does for recognition.

Production Awards Chair Karen Butler

As the 2009 year of Production Awards comes to a close with a report at Convention, the year is showing a decrease in the number of animals presented for NSBA Production Awards. There have been 80 awards presented to 24 animals. Although there was this small decrease in participation for 2009, 2010 could be the year to highlight your herd's production records. It is an added expense to test each year with many herd owners electing to not test because of this very fact. So, if you are on test, take the time and effort to get your herd noticed by submitting records to your breed club, NSBA! The Saanens are out there, just take the few minutes to copy their individual DHI record, pedigree, and fill out the application. Just three little copies to show pride in your Saanen. The records continue to be impressive – Saanens do milk! Lets have an increase in participation in 2010!

Show Champions: Yearly Saanen Grand Champion, Best in of Breed, and Best in Show Reporter Joyce Lazzaro

We owe Lisa Shepard a huge thank you again this year for generating a list of the 2008 Saanen show champions directly from the ADGA database. Lisa's efforts provide us with a complete and accurate list of Grand Champion, Best of Breed and Best in Show Saanen does and bucks for all 2008 ADGA sanctioned shows. Congratulations to all the 2008 Saanen Grand Champion, Best of Breed, and Best in Show winners!

Specialty Shows Chair Cheryl Landeck

Years Summary: This year 7 districts had a Specialty Show.

Committee Action for the year: Lisa Shepard will be directed to issue refunds to Districts 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9. District 3 was contacted and their photos and reports will be in the mail soon.

Future Goals for Committee: It is the goal of this committee to promote the Specialty Show so that all 8 districts are represented in 2010. It is necessary for the chair to communicate this throughout the districts in order to achieve this goal. This communication should emphasize the need to return specialty reports in a timely manner and return quality photographs so that the marketing ability of this show is used to its full potential. Cost effective, yet professional awards will be obtained for these shows. We had to extend the deadline for Specialty Show applications to get more districts to apply. I did contact as many breeders as I could via email and posting to various Groups online in order to obtain more applications. That proved quite successful.

Committee Expenses: Deposits equaled \$350. Reimbursements to be awarded to districts total \$175. Awards invoice was forwarded directly to Lisa Shepard and I don't have that figure. My shipping of awards and result photos and reports I still am in the process of compiling but should have that to Lisa in the next week.

Note from Specialty Chair: I have enjoyed my second year as Specialty Chair. Micki Hill still assisted me if I had any questions. I hope to start promoting that applications be made early and my goal is to have a Specialty Show in each district. Joyce Lazzaro gets results and photos posted on the web site unbelievably fast and then sends the information on the Sue Estrada for the newsletter. Marilyn Grossman suggested I include NSBA brochures in the shipment with the plaques to the show chairpersons and I just received them from Sue Loftus. I think that is a great idea. I also welcome suggestions from members on how to better communicate and promote the Specialty Shows. Respectfully submitted.

Top Ten Scrapbook Chair Teena Spear

I started the Top Ten Scrapbook in 2002. Since that time I have collected a majority of the Top Ten lists and many pictures. I am still missing the following records: 1 thru 10, 30, and 32. Please, if anyone has these records, send me a copy for the scrapbook. You may email them to me at: tspear@omnicityusa.com, or by regular mail at: 2923 S 700 E, Glenwood, IN 46133. I am also missing many pictures. If you have pictures of any of these top ten does, please make me a copy and forward it on to me.

Total Doe and Total Buck report by Marilyn Grossman

Although we only had one entry for 2009, she is a worthy recipient of the Total Doe Award. She is SGCH Tradewinds RL Veronica 6*M owned by Cheryl Landeck of Illinois. Veronica appraised 5-03 92 (EEEE), has an ME 3207 94/2.9% 95/2.9%, was 31 times Best of Breed and 24 times Best in Show. Congratulations to Cheryl for breeding and managing such an excellent doe!