

**AMERICAN DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION
MEXICAN LIAISON TASK FORCE
YEAR END REPORT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2003**

Committee Chairperson: Philip Cassette

Committee Members: Charlotte Sankey, Allen Bitter, Joan Dean Rowe, Lisa Shepard

1. STATEMENT OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR:

- A) Establish contacts with the Mexican registry and/or Breeder Organizations.
- B) Draft a Memorandum of Understanding (Agreement) between ADGA and the Mexican Registry to provide training and on-going support in a mutually beneficial arrangement.
- C) Recommend a training program described in a Memorandum of Understanding to the Board for approval.

2. SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE WORK AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

- A) Established contact with Luis Portilla who agreed to be the interpreter.
- B) Committee discussion on items to be included in the agreement - generally agreed to a basic agreement covering appraiser and judges training. Concerns raised included our appraisers working in Mexico from liability and government regulation perspectives.
- C) Daniel Considine identified an organization who can provide liability insurance for approximately \$5,000 per year.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT - COMMITTEE EXPENSES:

None.

4. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED:

- A) The major problem is the lack of a response from Luis Portilla. After the initial contact via e-mail he has not responded to specific questions regarding the actual organization, its relationship to the National Registry Association, and other basic questions. He has corresponded with Sheila Nixon and Allen Bitter Chairman of the Linear Appraisal committee.
- B) Lack of understanding of the rules regarding US citizens working in Mexico and liability issues associated with this work.

5. DECISIONS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION:

None.

6. WORK TO BE COMPLETED BY NEXT YEAR'S COMMITTEE:

Draft an agreement acceptable to ADGA for approval by the Board.

None

Chairperson's signature: *Philip Cassette*