Minnesota Dairy Goat Association

Board of Birectors Meet the Candidate

KIRSTEN ZOELLNER

I've enjoyed my time on the board and as secretary since 2023.

I serve on the Public Relations/Marketing committee as social media manager for the association and its show and as webmaster. I assisted with public outreach with the new logo, merchandise, and promotions at the state fair and the conference. I currently head up the Production Awards Program and serve as historian. I love this organization and what we're working towards, to build on the past and improve things for the future.

At Liten Dal Farm, we raise a closed herd of Nubians and our daughter's beginning herd of two Saanens. Our farm operates as a micro-dairy, producing both breeding stock and on-farm dairy, directly marketed to consumers. We teach classes related to raising goats, homesteading, and traditional skills, and we raise and market pastured poultry, Highland cattle, organic produce, and other products on our farm.

We participate in the 4-H dairy goat project and I serve on the Dairy Goat Project Development Committee for our county. We've shown in ADGA-sanctioned shows since 2018. Along with four other MDGA members, I serve on the Caprine Collective as organizers for the Bluff Country Dairy Goat Show. Our herd participates in linear appraisal and enrolled in milk testing in 2025.

When not farming, I homeschool our children, three of six still at home, operate Odyssey Homeschool Association, lead Driftless Dreamers 4-H Club, am active in church, and work freelance as a journalist. I thank the members who allow me to serve this association and I will continue to through various committees whether or not on the board. I highly encourage others to get involved!