

**Annual Meeting of the Illinois Meat Goat Producers  
Diamond's Restaurant, Springfield, IL  
January 15, 2011**

President Greg Thompson called the Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois Meat Goat Producers to order at 10:50 am. Board members present included Greg Thompson, Deric Wetherell, Lesa Namchick, Jay Hofer, Chad Showalter and Mike Taylor. Absent was McKinley Rogers. There were 58 people present at the meeting.

**Secretaries Report**

Deric Wetherell read the minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting. There was a motion to accept the minutes as read by Clause Miller and 2nded by John Rowley. The motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report**

Lesa Namchick gave the treasurer's report and a breakdown of 2010 finances was made available. Betty Hazel moved to accept the treasurer's report and was 2nded by Mary Ellen Knack. The motion carried unanimously.

**2010 Year in Review (read by Deric Wetherell)**

- Terry Hutchens (University of KY extension) gave a presentation at the annual meeting
- 77 pieces of canned food was collected for a local food pantry
- \$228 collected and donated to Heifer International for purchase of goats
- January – sponsored goat/sheep seminar in Kankakee
- March – Wether sale for members
- New IMGP shirts and hats available for sale
- May – USBGA Youth Day and Show
- Sponsored 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern IL Sheep & Craft festival in Waterloo, IL
- July – 2 ABGA shows held in Princeton with pen sales offered and a goat BBQ meal prepared by Chad Showalter followed by a presentation by Fred Homeyer
- August – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual IMGP Scholarship awarded to Sarah Dean
- September – 2 ABGA shows held in Springfield with sales offered.
- IMGP website was kept up to date including calendar items, free classifieds for members and the current member directory
- Quarterly newsletters were published and mailed to members that included the current member directory and helpful information

**Presentation on WIU Buck Test**

Deric Wetherell gave a power point presentation on the buck test held at Western Illinois University. There were also questions and discussion around the topic.

**Awards (presented by Deric Wetherell & Lesa Namchick)**

- 2 jackets were given to the Thompson family for the Reserve IMGP Exhibitor and Breeder Award
- 2 jackets were given to Dave Thomas for the Champion IMGP Exhibitor and Breeder Award

### **Old Business**

January 29<sup>th</sup>, Goat & Sheep Workshop to be held at Kankakee Community College.

Scholarship applications are available for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual IMGP scholarship. Must be postmarked by May 1.

Participation in pen sales is encouraged. It is not only for show animals. Some people may be looking for commercial does to use as recipis.

### **New Business**

- Schuyler County Fair show will be Saturday July 2nd
- All goat sale to be held in Kewanee the last Saturday in March
- Morgan County Fair Open Jr show will be held July 8th
- 47 pieces of canned food was collected for a local food pantry
- \$216 was raised for the scholarship fund with the raffle of slightly used items

### **Election of Directors**

Nominations were taken from the floor for Jay Hofer, Joe Schmidt, Eric Murphy, Scott Blakely and John Rowley. Motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup>ed to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for all nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3 yr terms ending in 2014 – Jay Hofer, Scott Blakely and Joe Schmidt
- 2 yr term ending in 2013 – Eric Murphy
- 1 yr term ending in 2012 – John Rowley

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

During lunch, the new BOD elected officers. President Greg Thompson, Vice President Chad Showalter, Secretary Deric Wetherell, Treasurer Joe Schmidt.

Following lunch, guest speaker Coni Ross from Blanco, TX spoke to the group. Handouts are available under the “education” tab online.