

**Annual Meeting of the Illinois Meat Goat Producers**  
**Diamond's Restaurant, Springfield, IL**  
**January 16, 2010**

President Jodie Boen called the Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois Meat Goat Producers to order at 10:33 am. Board members present included Jodie Boen, Jay Hofer, Deric Wetherell, Greg Thompson, Lesa Namchick, McKinley Rogers and Mike Taylor. Absent were Burt Walker and Vicky Wetzal. There were 45 people present at the meeting.

**Secretaries Report**

Deric Wetherell read the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting. There was a motion to accept the minutes as read and the motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report**

Due to absence of the treasurer the treasurer's report will be posted later.

**Year in Review (read by Jodie Boen)**

- Sponsored a wether show at the Illinois State Fair
- Free classifieds for members
- A goat meal was served following a show along with a presentation from Anton Ward
- Shows – Fairfield spring and fall shows, Princeton
- Website was kept up to date with meat goat events from around the state
- A facebook page for the organization was created
- Membership list published in the newsletter
- Reward program for IMGP members that finished in the top 3 at the buck test

**Awards (presented by Deric Wetherell)**

- Youth Points Program: Belt buckles were awarded to Siera and Hunter Thompson for Grand and Reserve for the Sr. Division and Michael Wetherell and Tyler Wetzal for Grand and Reserve for the Jr. Division
- Deric and Sheila Wetherell were awarded \$50 for their 2<sup>nd</sup> place ranking in the buck test
- Breeder/Exhibitor awards: Overall Randy and Beth Ellerbrock, Reserve Pete and Vicki Stich

**Election of Directors**

Nominations were taken from the floor for Becky Curtis, Chad Showalter, Mike Taylor and John Rowley. Vicky Wetzal was also nominated but declined the nomination.

Election results: three year terms – Becky Curtis, Chad Showalter and Mike Taylor

**Old Business**

- Clause Miller mentioned the Schuyler Co Fair show will be held July 2<sup>nd</sup> and asked if there would be interest in IMGP hosting it.

**New Business**

- Adams County Fair will hold a 2 day show on July 31 and August 1
- A wether sale will be held in conjunction with the Illinois Club Lamb Association
- A \$500 scholarship will be given to an individual by September 2010
- 77 pieces of canned food was collected for a local food pantry
- \$180 was raised for the scholarship fund with the raffle of slightly used items
- \$228 was collected to donate goats to the Heifer International project

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Following the meeting, Ann Getzelman, Shannon Adams and Dave Thomas shared what was working for them with their goats. Dave Thomas was presented with a plaque for the Pioneer Award.

During lunch, the new BOD elected/appointed officers. President Jodie Boen, Vice President Greg Thompson, Secretary Deric Wetherell, Treasurer Lesa Namchick.

Following lunch, guest speaker Terry Hutchens, from the University of Kentucky Extension, gave a presentation to the group

#### Committees

- **Advertising & Promotion Chair** \_\_\_\_\_, members Lesa Namchick and Tom Miller
- **Newsletter Chair** Lesa Namchick, members McKinley Rogers
- **Website Chair** Deric Wetherell, members Sam and McKinley Rogers
- **Show Chair** McKinley Rogers, members Beth Ellerbrock, Cathy LeRoy and Siera Thompson
- **Youth/Education Chair** McKinley Rogers, members Deric Wetherell
- **Commercial Production Chair** \_\_\_\_\_, members Ann Getzelman
- **Marketing Chair** Mike Taylor, members John and Debbie Rowley
- **Food Stand Chair** \_\_\_\_\_, members

The board will appoint the vacant chair seats at their next meeting.