

**Annual Meeting of the Illinois Meat Goat Producers**  
**Diamond's Restaurant, Springfield, IL**  
**January 17, 2009**

The Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois Meat Goat Producers was called to order by Vice-President Jodie Boen at 10:15 am. Board members present included Jennifer Miller, Jodie Boen, Vicky Wetzel, Jay Hofer, Beth Ellerbrock, and Mike Taylor. Absent were Burt Walker, Drew Earles and Donnie Montgomery. There were 49 people present at the meeting.

**Secretaries Report**

Jennifer Miller read the minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting.

Motion to accept: Jay Hofer Second: Jen Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report**

Vicky Wetzel reviewed the finances of IMGP. Beginning balance 2008 \$4,300, ending balance 2008 \$5013.39. Vicky noted that ABGA will no longer be funding ABGA sanctioned shows.

Motion to accept: Greg Thompson Second: Clause Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Membership bucks program for recruiting new members
- Mark and Shannon Adams are willing to do embroidering for IMGP members
- Buck test
- Shows – Fairfield spring and fall shows, Peoria
- New look to website by Drew Earles
- Still selling cookbooks as fundraiser
- New banner
- 4H Can Make a Difference program at State Fair

**Awards (presented by Vicky Wetzel)**

- Youth Points Program: Belt buckles and \$25 IMGP coupon awarded to Hunter and Sierra Thompson
- Youth participants in shows: \$25 IMGP coupon and feed pan awarded to Michael and Mikayla Wetherell, Cameron Sutter, Kristen Wetzel, and Shelby Schaudt
- Breeder/Exhibitor awards: Overall Pete and Vicki Stich, Reserve Richard Cook

**Election of Directors**

Nominations were taken from the floor for Greg Thompson, Deric Wetherell, Betty Hazel, Jodie Boen and Vicki Stich. There were 3, 3 year terms open and 1, 2 year term open (because of the resignation of Donnie Montgomery).

Election results: three year terms – Greg Thompson, Deric Wetherell, Jodie Boen; two year term – Betty Hazel

**Old Business**

- IMGP sponsored shows – expand to include more shows if there is enough help

- Commercial classes – suggested to try them again, and perhaps combine some age classes so there is more competition

### **New Business**

- Buck test – recommended to add a soundness score and conformation score on test animals
- Land of Lincoln – we should be paying dues to LOL
- IL Bred and Owned – IMGP members only vs any goat bred by IMGP member vs any goat born in IL
- Consider having pen sales after any IMGP show
- Consider a food stand at IMGP events
- Try not to have big events/sales in spring and fall since a lot of our members also crop farm and will be planting/harvesting – July/August is good
- Upcoming shows: Fairfield spring show May 9 & 10 (Coni Ross); Fairfield fall show Sept 26 & 27
- We could add the Rushville show on July 3
- More networking
- Farm shows – reasonable exposure at Farm Progress show and Peoria show in 2007, but few if any new members gained. How can we make these shows work for us better?
- Have a business card collection from members. We can take their cards to shows & events and display them for visitors to take (free advertising for our members)

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at noon with a motion by Andy Miller, seconded by Derek Bruno, motion carried unanimously.

During lunch, the new BOD elected/appointed officers. President Jodie Boen, Vice President Jay Hofer, Secretary Deric Wetherell, Treasurer Vicky Wetzel.

### **Committees**

- **Advertising & Promotion Chair** *Deric Wetherell*, members Sheila Wetherell and Tom Miller
- **Newsletter Chair** \_\_\_\_\_, members Nan Walker, Rosalee Weber and Karen Woods (can help with assembly)
- **Website Chair** *Deric Wetherell*, members Sheila Wetherell and Beth Ellerbrock
- **Show Co-Chairs** *Jay Hofer and Beth Ellerbrock*, members Don St. John, Rich and Sandy Cook, Vicky Wetzel, Theresa Thompson
- **Youth/Education Chair** *Greg Thompson*, members Betty Hazel
- **Commercial Production Chair** *Burt Walker*, members Jennifer Miller and Cathy LeRoy
- **Marketing Chair** *Mike Taylor*
- **Food Stand Chair** \_\_\_\_\_, members Steve and Karen Woods and Rosalee Weber

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

Following lunch and door prizes, Paul Miller discussed the evolving AMGA – Midwest Buck test at Western Illinois University. The afternoon concluded with a general discussion expanding on ideas brought up in the Annual Meeting.