

**Illinois Meat Goat Producers  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 1, 2007**

The phone teleconference was called to order at 10am. Those present included Jen Miller, Jodie Boen, Dave Frueh, Roy Morrell and Mike Taylor. Absent were Burt Walker, Chris Fleming and Vicky Wetzel. Absent members had previously sent items to Jen to be brought up for discussion.

**Secretary's Report (Burt)**

Minutes of the September meeting were read by Jen, there were no additions or corrections, so the minutes were accepted as presented.

Correction of July minutes made via email: (top of page two) Illinois Bred and Owned class be limited to *Illinois Residents* that bred, own and are exhibiting their own goat.

**Financial Report (Dave)**

As of December 1, 2007, our account holds \$3139.64

Dave has turned in the request for our \$1000 in sponsorship from the Highland show to the national manager of Hubbard Feeds.

**Advertising/Promotion (Burt & Mike)**

Jodie reported that McKinley Rogers & Betty Hazel volunteered at the IMGP booth at the Peoria Farm Show. Jerry Tibbs was kind enough to let us use part of his booth at the show.

It was recommended that we set our schedule and list it in the *Goat Rancher* Calendar of Events.

**Website (Vicky)**

No Report

**Newsletter (Burt & Nan)**

Jen reported that the newsletter is now being mailed to all members. It was recommended that the updated membership list be sent out with each newsletter. Also, we will send the newsletter to U of I Extension agents as well as out-of-state goat organizations.

**Show Committee (Dave and Vicky)**

The Highland Show had 79 animals representing 3 states. The competitors were very pleased with the judges, especially the personable nature of Beth Walker. It was recommended that she be invited back next year.

It was discussed that since the Fairfield show is in Southern Illinois, that the Midwest Goat Producers may be interested in running/assisting with the Fairfield Show.

Skyler County Fair: Thursday July 3, 2008. Interested in our help – Roy will contact Clause Miller and the Fair Board to see if they need financial and/or physical help.

Vicky will create a classlist and rule sheet for all IMGP sponsored shows. These will be posted on the IMGP website and mailed to all members in early 2008. Dave recommends that IMGP and each show superintendent have an open working relationship during the planning stages of a show.

Meat goat classes at IMGP shows have been very lightly entered. Motion by Dave to discontinue the meat goat classes at IMGP sponsored shows, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roy, motion carried unanimously.

A Youth Points Program was suggested. The Board felt that it would put too much work onto the program chair. Focus will concentrate on the current Youth Wether Programs.

There was concern about the cost of Dennis Sparks to MC the shows. If there is enough sponsorship money, the cost should be covered. However, if there is someone that would like to volunteer to MC & has equipment, we are open to other options.

#### **Youth/Education (Jodie)**

No Report

#### **Production (Jen)**

*Buck Test* – the WIU buck test is scheduled for buck arrival on May 31 and concluding on August 29. Bucks must be born between January 9 and March 9, 2008. A sale of the test bucks and consigned does in addition to a seminar is planned for August 30.

#### **Old Business**

- Goat vets, 4H judges and markets have been added to the newsletter. Vicky should be adding them to the website soon.
- The IMGP Fall Seminar was held on Saturday November 3 at the Arthur Sale Barn. Mike Neary of Purdue University reviewed alternative feed sources and Richard Hungerford of the USDA NRCS reviewed grazing systems. Both topics were well received given the scarcity and expense of hay this year. Discussion was brought up about moving the sale a few months earlier to attract more sellers/buyers. Jen will contact Ruth at the Sale Barn to make this suggestion. Discussion continued with some concerns that IMGP would get a bad name if lower quality goats went through the sale barn. In our advertising, it is made known that this is not an IMGP sale, just a seminar. Also, IMGP would have little control of what people would bring to an IMGP sponsored auction; therefore, it was felt that we should continue to have a Fall Seminar in conjunction with the Boer Goat Sale in order to educate goat producers.
- The Kankakee Extension meeting that was sponsored by IMGP was a success. James Theuri brought Richard Browning, Jr, Ph.D. and Maria Liete-Browning, DVM up from Tennessee to speak. Richard reviewed his ongoing research at

Tennessee State University on Boer, Kiko and Spanish goats and Maria reviewed goat diseases from A to Z. Andrew and Jennifer Miller held a FAMACHA training session for producers. Our IMGP booth was set up and we handed out member lists and application forms, in addition to other handouts.

- The Fun Member Meeting is still in the works. Members are encouraged to hold fun get-to-know-each-other meetings in their local areas. IMGP can help facilitate this.

## **New Business**

### *1. Annual Meeting*

#### Agenda

10:00 am	Welcome
10:10 am	Question and Answer session General goat topics-moderator Andy Miller
Noon	Lunch
1:00 pm	Mark Hoge, Western Illinois University – Buck Test Tom Mueller – slaughter goat buyer National Goat Association reviews by Vicky Wetzel (ABGA), Andy Miller (IKGA) and Betty Hazel (AMGA)
2:00 pm	IMGP Annual Business Meeting Welcome Minutes of 2007 Annual Meeting Year in Review –Jerry Tibbs Peoria Farm Show, volunteers at shows, seminars and farm shows. Recognize show sponsors: ShowMaster, ShowRite and Hubbard Feeds Awards (see below) Encourage member participation – MC volunteer County representatives – volunteers needed Q&A and voting - general Youth wether program (predetermined payout or based on number of entries) Youth 4H/FFA wether program (\$50 grand/\$25 reserve payout, \$100 state fair), previously our “Jackpot Wether Program” Keep the three IMGP sponsored shows Volunteers for Cayuga meeting Feb 9 IL bred and owned class Buck test (private treaty or auction sale) Voting on Board Candidates
4:00 pm	Adjournment

Registration

Will have copy of membership list and folks will initial next to their listing. This will allow them to proofread their listing. Will have separate list for non-members, plus membership forms.

#### Awards

- Honor Foundation Members: certificates to founding members. Get a group photo & set up a webpage.
- IL Bred and Owned Class: certificate and saw blade to winner (Richard Cook)
- Wether Program: certificates and checks for the youth that won
- Buck Test: certificates to all participants and a saw blade for the winner

#### Board of Director Candidates

Three people (McKinley Rogers, Vicky Stitch and Drew Earles) have expressed interest in running for the board, but none have submitted letters of interest to Jen for printing in the next mailing.

#### Raffle

We will try a new idea at the annual meeting. Members will be instructed to bring a new or gently used item to be donated for a raffle. Tickets will cost \$5 for 6. Winners will be drawn at random and will be able to choose their item.

2. *Create Ethics Committee* at the first meeting of the BOD in 2008
3. *LSU Meat Goat Guide* – look into bulk rate cost & see if we can get a copy for each member. The booklet is currently being revised and is unavailable.
4. *County representatives* – Member Tammi Sutter brought up the idea of County Representatives. The reps would be contacted by the BOD to disseminate information in their local area. Also, the reps would report back to the BOD with suggestions from members & the public. She volunteered for her area of St. Clair, Monroe and Randolph counties. Roy and Dave volunteered for their respective areas. More volunteers will be solicited at the annual meeting.
5. *Dues* – Dues costs were discussed. With mailing out all newsletters and the possible elimination of a show, costs are increasing while income may decrease. Dues will be kept at \$35 for 2008. Members do not have to be Illinois residents.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.