

**Illinois Meat Goat Producers  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 20, 2008**

The phone teleconference meeting was called to order at 7:30 am on April 20, 2008. Those in attendance were Burt Walker, Jen Miller, Vicky Wetzel, Drew Earles, Jay Hofer, Beth Ellerbrock and Donnie Montgomery. Those absent were Mike Taylor and Jodie Boen.

**Secretaries Report**

There were no corrections or additions to the March minutes. Beth motioned to accept the minutes, Jen 2<sup>nd</sup> and motion carried unanimously

**Financial Report**

Vicky has not received the checkbook from Dave F. She is looking into opening the IMG P account at Wood Forest Bank (inside Wal-Mart's). Burt will contact Dave again so the old account can be transferred.

**Production committee**

Ty Olsen (Hubbard Feeds) provided us with the Buck Test feed discount information:

- \$60/ton discount on the main feed which is Tradition Goat Finisher R25
- \$40/ton discount on Doelicious which was used as a transition feed at the start of the test
- Estimating off of last years test of 104# consumed/goat and 30 goats on test:  
    \$256.20/ton of Finisher @ approximately 2828 lbs = \$362.27  
    \$389.60/ton of Doelicious @ 10 bags = \$97.40  
    total= \$459.67

The board was asked for ideas for the Buck Test Seminars. Proposed were Mark Hoge presenting the 2008 test results, Hubbard feeds giving a general goat nutrition talk, a FAMACHA training session, a grazing/pasture maintenance talk, a foot trim demonstration, a fecal egg count wetlab (provide Intervet chart), Jen will pursue these ideas.

**Ethics Committee**

No report

**Youth Committee**

Burt proposed that IMG P draft a letter to the governor & state officials regarding the lack of funding to Extension programs (including 4H). Nan was volunteered to draft the letter.

**Show Committee**

Vicky is expecting 100-150 head for the Fairfield show. Cash awards are as follows for the Junior show: \$400 allocated to the wether show, plus entry fee payback at 100%; \$600 allocated to the Junior classes, with \$250 for overall grand, \$150 for reserve and

Buck/Doe/Percentage overall \$125 and reserve \$75. Remaining dollars will be divided among the remaining placing animals.

The rules for the IL Bred & Owned Program were clarified: an exhibitor can register his/her goats for the show & send in the fees, and *can* have an agent show the goat(s) if the exhibitor sends an agent letter.

Beth volunteered to help with the Skylar Co. Fair, but the fair officials have not contacted her for help.

The Rock Island County Fair is the third week in July. Currently, it is a non-sanctioned show. IMG P members will contact the fair superintendent and suggest that a sanctioned show may get better attendance.

We are continuing the Jackpot Wether Program where kids can pre-register with IMG P and if they win Grand Champion Wether at a County Fair, they will win \$25 if they submit the "Winner Verification Form." We will rename the program so there is less confusion about it.

#### **Advertising and Promotion Committee**

Burt recommended that we get a new banner for IMG P because the old one has our old website on it. Drew will help design it (3' x 5'). Motion made by Jay to get a new banner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth and motion carried unanimously.

#### **Newsletter Committee**

Please send in articles for the newsletter! Nan will set permanent deadlines for article submission.

#### **New Business**

Drew recommended that we try to have a fun seminar in September/October 2008. Jen will contact Dale Aupperle and see if we can set up a goat meat taste testing at Montgomery's on the Square in Monticello.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40am by Jen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth and motion carried unanimously.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, May 20 at 8pm (phone)

Tuesday June 17 at 8pm (phone)

Tuesday July 15 at 8pm (phone)

Friday, August 8 at 4pm (at State Fair) **tentative**