

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

The phone teleconference meeting was called to order at 8pm. Those present were Burt Walker, Jodie Boen, Jen Miller, Vicky Wetzel, Drew Earles, Mike Taylor, Beth Ellerbrock and Donnie Montgomery. Absent was Jay Hofer.

Secretaries Report

The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and one correction was made. Vicky motioned to accept the corrected minutes, Mike 2nd and the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Fairfield show expenses = \$ 4328 and income was \$4390

Our current balance is \$4800

Vicky was unable to secure an account at Wood Forest Bank and is looking into Regions Bank. She is trying to find a bank with numerous branches throughout Illinois so future treasurer changes can be made easily.

Youth

Since the Governor released Extension funding, there was no need to draft & send the letter

Production

Currently there are 12 bucks entered in the Buck Test. Mark Hoge is willing to extend the deadline to encourage more participation. There will be a private treaty sale of bucks after the test. Proposed seminar schedule is
10am Welcome, Mark Hoge – review 2008 test
11am Hubbard Feed – goat nutrition
noon <lunch>
1pm FAMACHA
3pm adjourn

Burt will ask Chris Duemler, DVM to speak as well. Jen will contact Mark with the tentative schedule.

Ethics

No Report

Website

Drew is adding minutes and newsletters to the website. If you have a newsletter that is not posted, please send it to Drew. We will post the last years worth of Minutes on the site. As a new set is added, the previous years will be deleted. He will add the membership form and a link to the WIU Buck Test homepage.

Advertising and Promotion

Jen will email info to members on the Schuyler County Fair. The info will also be posted on the website/newsletter calendar of events. A larger ad can be purchased if desired.

Newsletter

The next deadline is June 15, 2008

Membership

Vicky will notify all BOD members of new IMGPMembers so the website can be updated and a recent newsletter sent to them.

The Flemings weren't sure if they sent in their 2008 dues. None of the BOD had received a dues payment from them, so Vicky will have them send in payment.

Show

Fairfield show: about 140 head the first day; about 60 head for the USBGA show; about 50 for the youth show, and 26 wethers. Vicky will post points on the website in 1-2 weeks.

A suggested modification for next year's Junior Show is that bucks 12 months and up can be shown by someone else.

There will be an IL Bred and Owned class at Peoria, it's just not listed on the schedule.

Highland Show – sponsors are needed; judges selection will be sent out soon.

State Fair – Vicky will be out of town on work during the State Fair. Drew volunteered to take her spot in working with State Fair officials. There were some mistakes with the Premium Books. The Junior classes will be corrected. However, buck classes will stand as printed for the open show “Bucks 0-3 mos” and “Bucks 3-9 mos.”

Old Business

Jen will contact Dale Aupperle again to see if he is interested in helping set up a fun meeting.

Jen motioned to adjourn at 8:44pm, Beth 2nd and motion carried unanimously.

Next meetings:

Tuesday June 17 at 8pm (phone)

Tuesday July 15 at 8pm (phone)

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