

**Illinois Meat Goat Producers
Board of Directors Meeting 10-21-06**

The meeting was called to order at 1pm at the home of Dave and Donna Thomas in Bloomington, IL. Those Board Members present included Clause Miller, Roy Morrell, Dave Frueh, Penny Hamell, Jodie Boen and Jennifer Miller. Absent were Chris Fleming and Bernard Swank, with one vacancy.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved with no additions or corrections.

Financial Report (Penny)

Beginning Balance	\$3695.77
Deposits	\$2197.00
Withdrawals	\$2579.47
Final Balance	\$3313.30

Dave F. motioned to accept the minutes, Jen 2nd, and the motion was passed unanimously.

DuQuoin Show

Premiums were just sent out to winners (ABGA show hosted by Bruce Sanders)

State Fair

Penny will contact Durinda Kirby about the Sale of Champions (bringing the wether sale price closer to the other sale animals), becoming a Land of Lincoln show, overcrowding in the barn, premium money and substitutions of goats in classes.

Jackpot Wether Program

Kristen Wetzel won the Marion County Junior Fair with “XXL” and Brady Fleming won the Warren County Fair with “Slick.” Each will receive a \$25 check from IMGP.

Website/Computer

Our webmaster, Vicky Wetzel, is willing to input information into the computer program at our shows. She requested that IMGP purchase a printer to be used at the shows. Dave F. motioned to have IMGP purchase a printer for use at shows. Jen 2nd the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Spring Fling

Laudermans in Macomb, IL has not returned Clause’s inquires about hosting the Spring Fling. (see below for more on the Spring Fling)

Meat Goat Focus Group

Clause was contacted by the University of Illinois about a meat goat focus group. This fall the University wants to have a focus group with current producers. The information from this meeting would be used in a Spring Seminar hosted by the University. Clause

will tell the University that we are interested in participating and that perhaps the Spring Seminar could be held in conjunction with our Spring Fling Show.

Arthur Fall Seminar (Jen)

Tessa Marshall, DVM of the U of I College of Veterinary Medicine and her interns/residents will speak at our November 4 Seminar in Arthur, IL. She will be bringing a projector and screen for a PowerPoint presentation. Topics include parasites, common diseases, vaccines, husbandry and a Q&A session. ADM will have a representative to discuss goat nutrition. The seminar is from 9am until noon and Marvin Miller's auction will start at 1pm.

The Seminar flyer has been sent to all University Extension agents, all 4H county officials and has been posted on SheepNet. It will be forwarded to the State FFA office and to Vicky for placement on the IMG P website. Jen received permission to place an ad in the Thrifty Nickel about the Seminar. Roy received permission to spend up to \$250 for advertising.

Production Committee (Jen)

Jen has been in touch with Mark Hoge of Western Illinois University. He is willing to oversee a grain-based buck test in the spring of 2007 at the ram test station. Paperwork from the 2006 test will be re-written for goats by Jen and sent to Board Members for review. After review, it will be sent to Mark for his approval.

Jen is trying to reach Daniel Considine about a goat pool.

Upcoming events that members might be interested in are the Heart of America Grazing Conference January 24 & 25, 2007 in Mt. Vernon, IL and the Bi-State Sheep and Meat Goat Seminar April 27, 2007. More information will be posted on the IMG P website.

The informal meeting of meat goat breeders in Toulon, IL offered suggestions for IMG P like having more links to other good goat websites, info on rations, more on sheep and goat marketing, and listings of smaller meat packers (i.e. Rabbers in Peoria).

Support of Interstate Meat Sales – Currently, the sale of state-inspected meat (sheep, goat, beef, poultry, and pork) across state lines is prohibited even though these products meet or exceed federal regulations. There is legislation introduced in Congress to remedy this situation. Jen is going to draft a letter to our state senators and representatives to recommend their support for this legislation. The letter will be available for others to copy if you contact Jen.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is Saturday January 20, 2007 at Shakey's Pizza in Springfield, IL. Our tentative program is as follows:

10am	Get to know one another, plus, Jen to talk 10 minutes on drug residues
	State Fair – Barb Adams

4H/FFA representatives
 Noon Lunch
 1pm Main Speaker (Jodie will contact Paulette Wohnoutka of
 Tri-Quest)
 Candidates for Board of Directors to speak
 Business
 Year in Review/Thank you to sponsors/Jackpot Wether
 winners

We will also provide our Schedule of Events for 2007. Tentatively, it is:

Production/Wether Sale	March 31
(Bi-State Sheep & Meat Goat Seminar)	April 27
Buck Test - start	April
Spring Fling	April or May
Buck Test – Field Day	May or June
Pontiac, IL Show	July 21 & 22
Buck Test – end & sale	July
Highland, IL show (State Fair)	July 28&29
(DuQuoin)	
Highland, IL show	September 21&22

New Business

- Dave F. wanted to know if IMGPA had any rules regarding how to handle disgruntled showers. No specific rules have been set forth. It was discussed that Board Members present at the show should assess the situation and make decisions in the best interest of the show.
- Cindy Wade emailed suggesting having a professional fitter for a seminar. The board feels this could be done in the Spring so 4H kids would be prepared for the show season.
- Cindy Wade emailed that she is helping at the Heartland Fun Day 4H event in Bloomington, IL. Clause will contact her about IMGPA brochures.
- Penny will look for her brochures on Healthy Wethers.
- James Theuri and Allan Phillips of the U of I Extension are interested in setting up a video seminar for Spring 2007. Jen will contact James about IMGPA helping with the event.
- We will need more ribbons for the Meat Goat classes for next year.
- Clause has been designated the Regional Coordinator for Illinois for the American Meat Goat Association.
- Current prices for goats: 50 cents/lb in WI, \$1.05/lb in Ripley, MS, \$1.03/lb Kent Korte, about \$1/lb at the Arthur Sale barn.

The meeting was adjourned at 4pm. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday November 18 at 10:30am at the Thomas Residence in Bloomington, IL. The December meeting is tentatively set for December 16 at Shakeys in Springfield.